

September 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

My 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.

Family Fishing Derby and Picnic: The Knights of Columbus St. Francis Xavier, the Missionary Council sponsored a "Fishing Derby & Picnic 2020" on a Saturday in August to support our community. We had 12 expert contestants from ages 5 to 13 who created a lot of action on the pier that afternoon. The cloudy and slightly rainy day gave us the perfect weather to inspire the fish to bite and for families to enjoy a relaxed day of fishing and chatting at our local St. Clements Community Beach. Three were tied for 1st place at the end of regulation time each caught nine fish. At the end of the 5-minute fish off, Aaron Vines finished 1st with Matt Roman 2nd and Paisley Varesko 3rd. Temperance Austin caught the biggest fish measuring 9.25 inches. Twenty children, eleven knights, and ten other adults contributed to helping with the derby and the picnic that followed. Sir Knight James Morgan ran the grill and prepared lunch. Others provided chips, sodas, and side dishes or dessert. Although the day was overcast, everyone left with a big smile on their face!

Faith and Reason Peter LaPorte our Lecturer, finished a very successful group discussion group *on* Faith and Reason. They met

weekly online (using Zoom) on Saturday at 7:30 am. The group looked at issues and current events that have an impact on our religion. They will transition into the full TMIY program as it resumes on 12 September.

Installation of Officers Ceremony

We are planning for the ceremony on 27 September with the ceremony held in the Church with family and friends watching in the hall. Our plan includes Fr. Rob to provide a blessing to the new officers. We will host a small social following the installation in the Hall considering social distancing and limiting contact. We will hold a dry run after our business meeting on 22 September.

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 partnerships 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.

Family of the Month

The Arthur Farrell family has and continues to make significant contributions to St Francis Xavier parish. He performs church and hall maintenance as well as maintains the driveway year-round. Arthur is a key Usher and took collection at the 4PM Mass for many years. He also cuts grass and church ground maintenance. Mrs. Farrell was coordinator and program scheduler for the parish hall. Arthur also served on the St. Mary's County Fair Board of Directors for many years. He attends Sunday Mass and when called on He assists Fr. Rob and the parish. Please congratulate Arthur when you see him.

Upcoming Events

Most events have been canceled outright and others have been rescheduled. Most remain TBD. They 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 Postponed and will be held virtually this year in October.

Confirmation, September 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM at SFX 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 it online. They have established additional dates and times to advance or join remotely. These are all on-demand now.

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.



Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
SK Michael DeManss, Grand Knight
Council #10957



Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

While I was away this week, I was able to read Bishop Thomas Olmstead's Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic, *Into the Breach*:

<https://www.archspm.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/INTO-THE-BREACH-ROMAN-CATHOLIC-DIOCESE-OF-PHOENIX.pdf>

I can't recommend it highly enough to you. As we begin this new year in 'That Man is You!' amidst very challenging and unprecedented times, I find Bishop Olmstead's exhortation all the more timely, compelling and inspiring.

This month, I'm asking all of the Knights to join me in reading this pivotal and thought-provoking document. It won't take you very long to read, but hopefully the message will stay with you for many years

to come. Share it with your sons and grandsons and any man who you think would be open to reading this.

Then after you read it, please let me know your thoughts. Corner me after Mass, call or send me an email. Or better yet, invite me to talk with you over a cup of coffee or a beer. We need to keep the conversation going. We need to engage in the battle that is raging all around us. We need to support and encourage each other as men of God. We need to step into the breach.

Faithfully, in Christ,
Father Rob

St. Francis Xavier Church News

Looking ahead:

Join us on Fridays after the 8:00 AM Mass for Adoration. Facial covering use and social distancing must be observed.

That Man Is You! (TMIY) resumes Sat, Sep 12 This year TMIY will be offered both in person (at the Parish Hall) and virtually on Zoom, from 6-7:30am. The videos will have a fresh, new multi-speaker format, featuring eight new speakers and new topics.

A new RCIA class is now forming, to begin this September, with options for in-person and virtual classes. If you or someone you know might be interested, encourage them to call or email Father Rob, 301-475-9885, SFXparishmd@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday!!

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

Seth J. Ervin	Sept 10
Douglas Aud	Sept 10
Louis "Sonny" Guy	Sept 12
Michael C. Demanss	Sept 19
Joseph J. Krafty	Sept 19
Edward L. Perraut	Sept 27

“Always Remember”



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thanks to all who came out to help with the Fishing Derby,
If you missed it, you missed a very good event!



Father Andrew White Assembly #377
Faithful Navigators Message

(In Service to our Clergy and Veterans)

September is remembrance month, always remember 9/11.
On July 25, we added 5 more Sir Knights to our Assembly, In a
Virtual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. That's 9 new members
in the last 2 months.

Our Worthy Master Joe Feakes, said the Exemplification of the
Fourth Degree scheduled on October 17, 2020, will be a virtual
ceremony. We are actively seeking candidates from each of our
councils to participate.

I found out on Saturday, August 8, that our Assembly was awarded
the Assembly of the Year 2019-2020, SK Paul Zimmerman was
Awarded the Color Corps Commander of the Year and I received the
Color Corpsman of the Year. Thanks goes out to SK Dave Adams,
PFN and his guidance as Faithful Navigator. What an Honor!

The next Assembly Meeting is on September 17th, at St. Francis
Xavier Church Hall, in Newtowne, at 7:30 PM.

God Bless America!

Bob Bowles, PGK, FDD
Faithful Navigator
Father Andrew White, Assembly 377



District Deputy's Report

My Brothers – Can you believe two months have already passed by in this fraternal year? We now stand at the beginning of our fall season. We are just receiving our Car Raffle tickets, and hopefully looking for places and ways to sell them. You will have until Founders Day, March 21, of next year, before the car is raffled off, and it will be a 2021 Mustang, This program is a “win / win” for all involved.

The “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities”, or Tootsie Roll Program, which supports those with intellectual disabilities, will also be starting up and as soon as they arrive, I will distribute the cases of Tootsie Rolls to the councils. Hopefully everyone has thought of places to safely distribute them. Always remember to wear your K of C name badges, shirts, hats etc. when you are or participating in any Knights of Columbus event.

By now you should have completed your first quarter program activities and started on your reports. Please have them to me on or before Thursday, September 10th, as I need time to review and sign them and get them to the State Program Director. Remember there is a new way to complete this process and the form is now on the Supreme website.

Membership recruitment has been light during the past 2 months in our district. Councils should be recruiting now, use the on-line exemplifications by Supreme and now the new on-demand Exemplification. If you need help, invite our state growth team to your council meeting. Our State Deputy asked that every Council be membership active by September 1st, only a few of the councils, in this district have made the call. Every member of every council has someone that they can ask to join our order, it is easier now than ever.

Please remember to continue the Leave No Neighbor Behind Program, the need is still out there.

In both July and August there was a lot of training sessions sent out by our Supreme Regional Training Director, Steve Cohen, and also

from our State Training staff, I hope you took advantage of this great opportunity.

Thanks for all you do, please continue the great job you are doing!

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

Vivat Jesus,

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

THE MARYLAND STATE NEWSLETTER

The State Newsletter is available on line using this link:

<https://kofc-md.org/newsletters/>

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



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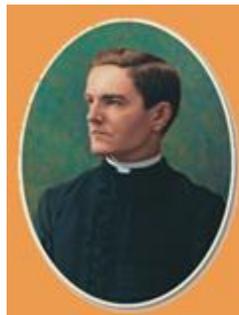
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Father McGivney

His Beatification is set for October 31

Remember

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September is a great month to remember and observe our Freedoms and the Responsibilities that accompany those freedoms. If you don't fly your flag everyday, please fly it on these days.

Patriot Day, 11 September



Designated in memory of the 2,977 killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. On this day, the American flag should be flown at half-staff. also, Americans should observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 AM (Eastern Standard Time), the time the first plane struck the north tower of the World Trade Center. I believe it should also stand as a reminder to us that there are people who want to take away our freedoms and way of life.

Constitution Day, 17 September



This is the 233rd anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution by our Founding Fathers on 17 September 1787. Constitution Day is a national commemoration of the rights guaranteed to all U.S. citizens. It provides an opportunity to celebrate our freedoms and serves as a reminder of our responsibility to protect those rights and freedoms. This is especially important with the current assault against our freedoms. Take some time to read the Constitution.

POW / MIA Remembrance Day, 18 September



The National POW / MIA Remembrance Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday in September each year. Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are still missing in action, and their families. The United States flags and National League of Families of POW / MIA flag, which symbolizes the nation's remembrance of those who were imprisoned while serving in conflicts and those who remain missing, are flown on this day and joint prayers are made for POWs and those missing in action. The National League of Families' POW/MIA flag symbolizes the United States' resolve to never forget POWs or those who served their country in conflicts and are still missing

Fishing Derby August 15th St. Clements Shores





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Coming Events

September 2020

- 9/04, 11, 18, & 25- **Friday Adoration**
- 9/05 & 06 - **First Sunday Rosary's**
- 9/07 - **Labor Day***
- 9/08 - **K of C General Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- 9/11 - **Patriots Day***
- 9/12 - **TMIY, start up, SFX & Zoom 6 AM-7:30 AM**
- 9/12 - **Confirmation, 10:00 AM, SFX**
- 9/12 - **Installation of Assembly 377, SFX 4:00 PM Mass**
- 9/15 - **Family of the Month (August) Due**
- 9/15 - **First Quarter Reports are due to State**
- 9/17 - **Constitution Day *(233rd Anniversary)**
- 9/16 - **GK Chapter Meeting, 8:00 PM, Bowie**
- 9/17 - **Assembly Meeting (SFX, 7:30)**
- 9/18 - **Remembrance Day POW/MIA ***
- 9/18 - **US Airforce 73rd Birthday**
- 9/19- **Installation of McNamara Chapter, St. John the Evangelist, Clinton.**

- 9/22 - **K of C Meeting (Installation Practice)**
- 9/27 - **Installation of Officers SFX, 11AM Mass**
- 9/28- **Financial Secretary Training, (TBA)**

