



# The Voyager



February 2018

*Immaculate Lady Council, No. 5208 Glyndon, Maryland*

## Grand Knight Report

Dear Brothers et al,

I trust everyone had a Merry Christmas, safe and enjoyable New Year, and a relaxing week in between.

To lead off I want to thank several Knights for going above and beyond to support non-planned endeavors recently. First, Chris Kilgalen and Ron Spohn for organizing a dinner on January 19th for those who attended the March for Life rally in Washington DC. Second to Tom O'Donnell (PGK), Tom Schwarzeller and Mario Zamora for helping the Home School Association with their bingo fundraiser on February 2nd. Both of these efforts illustrate how the Knights can come together on short notice to help people in the parish.

Second, I want to take this opportunity to give the council an update on our financial status which was of great concern this past fall. You may recall that, to address these concerns, the council met, discussed the situation and agreed on several cost saving and money raising efforts. Principal among these were printing the Voyager every other month, cost management of the casserole program, focus on sales of the state car raffle tickets (of which the council gets a portion of each ticket sold), and seeking temporary, targeted sponsorship of the casserole program.

Through the hard work of many in the council and the generosity of our supporters we ended the (calendar) year in the black and are positioned to remain so into the future; but a great deal of work lies ahead – both financially and organizationally.

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## Rosary

*Before each meeting, 7pm*

Come pray the rosary every First and Third Wednesday at 7pm before the meetings in the West Room. Everyone is invited, not limited to Knights.

## Father/Daughter Dance

February 24<sup>th</sup>

Contact Rick Siebert

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## *Council Activities*

### *Grand Knight Report (cont.)*

On Wednesday, January 31st the officers met to discuss the remainder of the council year and plans going forward. Listed below are the major endeavors of the council for the remainder of the council year (info on the new programs in the Council Activities section):

- *Father/Daughter Dance, 2/24:* We need someone to learn this event from Rick Siebert. Help him this year, form a team to run it in the future.
- *Easter Egg Hunt, 3/17:* There is an opportunity to greatly expand the footprint of this event.
- *New Member Welcome Dinner, April:* Family dinner to welcome and introduce new members of the council. Contact Joe Maher to assist in this. More information coming *in March.*
- *Crab Raffle to benefit Casseroles, April-June:* Being organized by Joe Maher, all funds after prizes go to the Casserole program. Again, more information coming in March.
- *Rosary/Ice Cream Social, May:* See Chris Kilgalen to assist this effort.

Vivat Jesus,

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### *Upcoming Council Schedule*

Council Meeting – Business	Wednesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>
Council Meeting – Social	Wednesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>
Father/Daughter Dance	Saturday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>
Council Meeting – Business	Wednesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>
Council Meeting – Social	Wednesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>

### *Father/Daughter Dance*

*Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>*

The annual Father Daughter Dance is scheduled for Saturday, February 24 in the school gym. We need a multitude of workers to help set up the gym & west room that afternoon along with serving food & drinks during the dance in the evening. If you are able to help, contact Rick Siebert at [ricksiebert@comcast.net](mailto:ricksiebert@comcast.net). Spouses, kids, friends and neighbors are all welcome to help with this activity.

As communicated in last month's Voyager, I will be relocating out of state due to my job so a new chairman is needed for this dance if it is going to continue in future years. Contact Rick Siebert if you are interested in taking on this very fulfilling role.

***New endeavors planned for the spring 2018***

- *New Member Welcome Dinner.*  
This Council event is intended to welcome the men and their families who have joined the council in the past several years, and to provide them an opportunity to meet the families of current members. While this event is still developing, the plan is for the council to attend an evening mass on either Saturday or Sunday, followed by a dinner at which the council will provide the main course, drinks, etc., and but members bring side dishes and desserts (similar to the Council Christmas Party). Contact Joe Maher, PGK to help in developing this event.
- *Crab Raffle to Benefit Casseroles.*  
The Casserole Program illustrates what the Knights are about. However, it is a large financial drain on the Council (~\$225/month, down from close to \$300). This greatly limits the resources available for the council to do other good deeds. The intention is for this to be a yearly fundraiser to fund the casserole program. We will print 200 tickets for sale at \$20 each. Five prizes will be offered; one crab feat (or \$300 cash prize), and four \$50 prizes. The tickets will specifically state that all funds (minus the prizes) will go directly to support the Casserole Program. Selling will start in April/May with the drawing in June. Contact Joe Maher, PGK to help in developing this event and selling tickets.

***Blood Drive***

***Request***

PDGK Chris Rodgers is seeking someone to take over the Parish Blood Drive. (For those who do not know, Chris entered the seminary in Emmitsburg this past September.) Typically, there is a January blood drive in the parish. Chris would be more than happy to guide you in setting it up and running it, he just does not have the ability to be here. If you are interested, please contact Chris at general719@hotmail.com.

***February Anniversaries***

2 Years Ron Spohn	24 Years Msgr. Lloyd Aiken Tom Butler Chamin Tarcis (20 yr cont)	34 years Terrence Almon John Kmiecik Bill Ment Jerry Sellman
13 years Mark Grebosky Joe Hynson	25 years Louis Squicciarini	40 years John Horak
21 Years Celestine Amadi	33 Years Ed Hogan James Kordonski	58 Years PGK Mel Serio
22 Years Gary Seiler		

***Casseroles for Our Daily Bread***

***Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm***

Every fourth Tuesday in the West Room.

## Pro-life Dinner

## Report

On Friday, January 19 our Council was blessed with the opportunity to host and serve a meal for the March for Life group when they returned from Washington, DC. They were very happy for a warm meal after being gone all day.

The Knights that served had on their Council shirts and everyone knew that the Knights of Columbus were furnishing the meal and the fellowship. At the event, we met Leo Flynn, a returning Knight who has applied for reapplication to our Council. Let's welcome Leo back when we see him.

Thanks to Lucille Spohn (92 years old), Suzanne Spohn, Ron Spohn, Sam Collins, and Chris Kilgalen for pulling this together so well with little notice.



## Pro-Life Report

### **A GOOD CATHOLIC MUST BE PRO LIFE.**

Lord God shower us with your grace and help us to respect life from womb to tomb.

On Friday, January 19, Sacred Heart Parish again sponsored a bus to the 45th annual March for Life in Washington. We did not share the bus with any other parish. and the bus was full. On the last day a few people didn't show up because of sickness, but we still did have enough parishioners to fill the 55-seat bus. We had 4 brother Knights on the bus, the weather was wonderful, in the 50's a great change from some of the very cold days we had a few days before the march.

Even though the media never mentions the March much less how many people are on it, it seemed to me that there were more than in the past. Everything seemed to be slower. We had to wait a lot, but that was OK because we got time to meet the people who come from across our nation. A highlight of the rally before the march was a video of President Trump who spoke live from the Rose garden with a great Pro-Life message that was warmly received by the loud Pro-Lifers. This message can be seen on the EWTN Facebook website. There were a few first-time marchers on the bus who really enjoyed the experience which one can only get by going to the March. If you haven't been there, come next year.

We still can use brother Knights or anyone to help us pray at the abortion facility on every Saturday morning at 7:15 AM

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St. Michael Prayer

*St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

Chaplain Report

When Jesus goes to His home town to preach, the people are astonished at His wisdom. Then they remember He grew up in Nazareth and He was one of their own. They began to question Him saying that He's just Mary's son, the carpenter. That He's no different, no better and just like everyone else. They ask question after question and raise objection after objection and eventually take offence of Him. Jesus leaves Nazareth amazed at its lack of faith.

It's not wrong to question God. If children never questioned their parents they would stunt their maturity. If students never questioned their teachers they would short change their education. And if we never questioned God our faith will never reach its potential. It's after a question that we hear an answer.

So, it's ok to question God. It's even ok to be angry and yell at God as long as the goal is understanding. As long as our goal is to draw to a closer, deeper relationship with God.

The people of Nazareth were trying discredit Jesus. They didn't want to admit that Jesus is important and what He has to say should change their lives. We have that problem today. Too many People question God with the intent of discrediting Him. Their questions are not expected to have an answer, they are asked to make a point.

Jesus did not perform mighty deeds in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. When people "try to question" God away, it becomes difficult for them to see God working in their lives. When we ask God for help, for understanding or for support, we are opening ourselves up to the grace of God and it's through grace that God performs mighty deeds in our lives.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Deacon Jim Nuzzo

Catechism Corner

Lord God, we can never thank You enough for what You have given us; please, Lord God help us to draw closer to You in our daily lives by prayer and fasting during this Lent.

We are all created by God and can never thank Him enough for what He has done for us and what He gives us. Our gifts from God begin at conception when He creates each one of us into unique individuals, one of a kind. And we are born into a world also created by God. What we do



with God's gifts or talents is our choice because of our free will. God also gives us the Catholic Church with all the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance to forgive all our sins and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist which is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ who suffered and died on the cross for us all to open the Gates of Heaven.

Here are a few paragraphs from the Catechism regarding our Thanksgiving to God.

**224** *It means living in thanksgiving:* if God is the only One, everything we are and have comes from him: "What have you that you did not receive? "What shall I render to the LORD for all his bounty to me?"

**226** *It means making good use of created things:* faith in God, the only One, leads us to use everything that is not God only insofar as it brings us closer to him, and to detach ourselves from it insofar as it turns us away from him:

My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from you.

My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to you.

My Lord and my God, detach me from myself to give my all to you.

**227** *It means trusting God in every circumstance,* even in adversity. A prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus wonderfully expresses this trust:

Let nothing trouble you / Let nothing frighten you

Everything passes / God never changes

Patience / Obtains all

Whoever has God / Wants for nothing

God alone is enough

**1167** Sunday is the pre-eminent day for the liturgical assembly, when the faithful gather "to listen to the word of God and take part in the Eucharist, thus calling to mind the Passion, Resurrection, and glory of the Lord Jesus, and giving thanks to God who 'has begotten them again, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' unto a living hope":

When we ponder, O Christ, the marvels accomplished on this day, the Sunday of your holy resurrection, we say: "Blessed is Sunday, for on it began creation. . . the world's salvation. . . the renewal of the human race. . . . On Sunday heaven and earth rejoiced and the whole universe was filled with light. Blessed is Sunday, for on it were opened the gates of paradise so that Adam and all the exiles might enter it without fear.

### *District Deputy Report*

Brothers All,

As I sit here happy the Patriots Lost to The Eagles, I cannot help but think of our patriotism in the Knights of Columbus. No, I did not watch much of the game, maybe the first 10 minutes, but just to spend time with Celeste. Not watching gave me time to reflect on more important things.

We are blessed to be Knights, we have the chance to change lives, protect life and save lives. That's what we do with our charitable outreach and our membership drives. We change lives through "Into the Breach" booklets, helping the parish and communities. We protect lives and save lives with all we do towards Pro-Life from conception to natural death, both in person and our lobbying of congress. You all have made me proud over my term as your District Deputy.

We have a lot going on in the last five months, between Admissions degrees at Westminster (2/6) and St. Bart's (2/22) and the Formation Degree at Westminster (2/20) to all of the events coming up for Lent that you all will be supporting for your Parishes. I look forward to reading the reports.

The state conventions is the first weekend of May and the State will host the Supreme convention in August. We will need volunteers for August, so go to the state webpage, kofc-md.org and sing up.

We will have brought nearly 20 new members District wide by the end of February. This is great, I encourage all of you to get the Booklets "Into the Breach" and read it, get several copies and hand them out or ask you pastor to have a discussion group. This is life changing for Catholic Men, and will help with the younger men looking for a guide into the faith. Who knows, it may help you get new members.

Lastly, pray, in the morning, at night and as often as possible throughout the day. Pray for the world, our country, our brothers and our families. A rosary in our hands strengthens us all.

Vivat Jesus,  
Bill Adams-DD21

### *From the Desk of the Benefits Advisor*

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It is my honor to serve as your licensed fraternal insurance counselor. I am at your service. Talking with me never involves any obligation or fee. It is a benefit of brotherhood. My name is Mike Hurley. My cell number is 410-913-7835 and my email address is Michael.hurley@kofc.org. Vivat Jesu.

### Father/Daughter Dance

This is our largest event each year. Please contact Rick Siebert at [ricksiebert@comcast.net](mailto:ricksiebert@comcast.net) to help out. The date is February 24<sup>th</sup> and he needs help in the afternoon to set-up and in the evening in running the event.

### Membership

Know anyone who you think would make a good Knight? Not sure how to approach them or what to say? Contact Chancellor Ron Spohn at [Suznron@Aol.com](mailto:Suznron@Aol.com) or 443-629-0777. Ron will work with you, even contacting the person directly. Let us help you help the council grow!

### New Members...

If you have joined the council in recent years expect a call in the near future. We all joined the Knights for various reasons, but a common to all is the desire for fellowship while helping the community. We have opportunities for you and will contact you in the near future.