

The Voyager Immaculate Lady Newsletter



June, 2019 Grand Knight's Message

Brothers All.

The Fraternal Year for the Knights of Columbus is coming to an end this month. It was my honor, my pleasure, and my challenge, to be the Council's Grand Knight for the past year. We accomplished a lot this past year, the likes of which have not been seen in years. It was all accomplished by the Brothers that came out to support the Council Officers with all of our new Socials. We also opened most of our social events to Sacred Heart Parishioners, in order to engage them and become a more visible presence in our Parish. The Socials were to help bring us all back into the brotherhood of charity, unity and fraternity. When we come together as a Brotherhood and help one another we can accomplish more than any one of us can alone. We had a successful year because of Brothers giving of their time and effort to work together. We all had a good time being together and seeing what we set out to accomplish together turn into reality that was really enjoyed by those that participated. I would like to thank all those that worked with me this past year and those of you that didn't you missed the joy and fraternity of our Council's comeback.

This past month in May, I was much honored and humbled to be nominated by the Council's Officers and those present at the May Business Meeting to be the Grand Knight for another year. I thank you for your trust that you place in me to be the Grand Knight of our Council. However, heading up the Council and the socials takes more than one person. It takes a Team. I am asking you to become part of the TEAM this coming fraternal year. A TEAM can accomplish and achieve even more. We came together as a Team for our Fifth Sunday Mass and that made a difference in our Council. I thank you for that.

If you're not sure how to help or get started as an active member, start by wearing your name Badges to Mass, to the socials, to the meetings and to Parish events. By doing so it has really enhanced our visibility as an active organization. Be PROUD to be a Knight of Columbus. The next step will be easier to take. The Order is still true to its <u>founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity</u>.

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Spokn

Grand Knight, Immaculate Lady Council #5208

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Brothers in need of our Prayers

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Council #5208 Name Badges/Council #5208 Shirts

A versatile alternative to Council shirts is the Council name badge to show you belong to the KofC Organization. Everyone received a badge – *gratis* – upon becoming a Knight. Name badges are still available. They also fit nicely in most shirt pockets and they now can be purchased with a magnetic clip if you don't have a pocket. If you need to replace yours, or perhaps want to purchase an extra one for each of your jackets, please contact PGK Sam Collins (email SamuelCollins12341@comcast.net; or phone or text 443-690-4537).

If you need a replacement name badge, this is what it looks like, in case you don't remember ⇒⇒⇒

Wearing your name badge is important so that the Parish will know our Council is an active organization. Visiting the Sunday, Mass, besides the Council Officers I come across Brothers helping to promote our Council by proudly wearing their name badges. If I saw you without your name badge don't expect to show up here!





If you would like to buy a new Council shirt, please contact Ron Spohn (call or text 443-629-0777; email suznron@aol.com).

Second, Fifth Sunday Mass June 30 By Ron Spokn

Brothers, a reminder that YOUR Council's Fifth Sunday Mass on June 30 at the 9:00 am Mass is soon approaching. Make plans to be at this Mass in prayer with your fellow Brothers in our RESERVED PEWS on the left side of the Main Church. If you can help with the Mass, Brother Charlie Klein the Head Usher of SHG Church is looking for ushers and a Knight's family to take up the gifts during the Mass. The Council is asking your support for this Mass to show the Parish we have a Knights of Columbus Council here at SHG. Please wear your Name Badge or Council shirt to the Mass to show that we stand together. Fellowship after the Mass in the Mother Seton Room of coffee, tea and donuts will be served to all at the 9:00 am Mass

District Formation Degree Information

Brothers take advantage of these Degrees that are coming up the month of June.

Knighthood Degree (Third Degree)

June 7, Patapsco Council, Catonsville, 7:30 pm, Candidates at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Council Activities June

KofC Parish Flea Market	June 1	Ron Spohn
KofC Altar Server Award Certificate and Meal	June 2	Ron Spohn
KofC BJ's Membership Cards (Sell membership & renewal)	June 2	Ron Spohn
KofC Praying the Rosary in the Little Church	June 5	Mark Grabenstein & Robert Wagner
KofC Business Meeting	June 5	Ron Spohn
KofC Business/Social Meeting	June 19	Ron Spohn
KofC Columbian Club Meeting	June 19	Joe Maher & Ron Spohn
KofC Casserole Night	June 25	Ron Spohn & Dave Clement
KofC Fifth Sunday Mass Main Church at 9:00 am, fellowship in Mother Seton R	June 30 m. to follow serv	Ron Spohn ice.

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April 24 Wills, Trust, Advance Directives, Long Term Care

By Ron Spokn

The Knights of Columbus Benefits Advisor Michael Hurley presented this one and a half hour Social with FREE Ice Cream and fixings for all those that attended. Mike had two experts in the field. Attorney Nicholas Proy a Brother Knight at our Council #5208 and KofC Insurance Agent Robert Marlowe. Listening to this presentation I thought it would be like going to the dentist and having a tooth pulled but the material was covered with handouts that can really pay off in your future. It was well received by those in attendance with a questions and answer period were the questions were answered to everyone's satisfaction. Oh, did I mention that there were DOOR PRIZES. In attendance to help with the setup and



clean-up were Warden Dave Clement, Tom & Cyndi Harwell, First Lady Suzanne and GK Ron Spohn.



Back by Popular Demand, oh yeah, spell that P-O-P-U-L-A-R demand. Well what was our Council to do? The West Room had an opening in April after Easter, so let's do it again Brothers. This is a Family Social for the Brothers, the parish community, and their families to come together and have a good time at a family price. The food was prepared by the Knights and was a welcome treat for our guest. After the evening was over we were all considered hero's by those in

attendance for a job well done.



KofC Signature Funnel Cake, MMM, mmm good.



KofC Gift Card Bingo, players asked when our Bingo would be back!



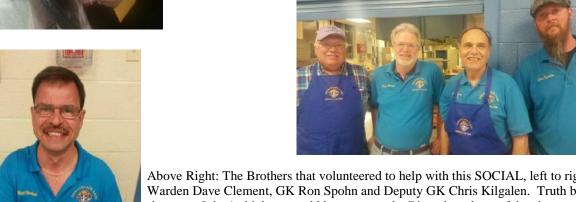
Spinning the Lucky 45 Money wheel.



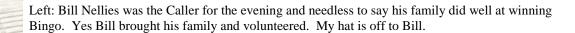
Left: Lucky winner of the Lucky 45 Money Wheel, Kathy Beardsworth. Kathy donated her winnings back to the Knights of Columbus for the great socials we have done this year. Thank you Kathy



Above: Volunteers from the Ladies side of the families, Lady Jackie Warner (George A. Warner), Lady Cyndi Harwell (Tom Harwell) and First Lady Suzanne Spohn. You were a BIG HELP, without you the Knights were in trouble. You Ladies are a blessing to us.



Above Right: The Brothers that volunteered to help with this SOCIAL, left to right, Mario Zamora, Warden Dave Clement, GK Ron Spohn and Deputy GK Chris Kilgalen. Truth be told if Chris had not shown up I don't think we could have gotten the Bingo board out of the closet to even play Bingo tonight. We all wore different hats tonight to make the Bingo work. Thank you Brothers for helping with this Council and Parish Social.



Maryland 121st State Convention May 3, 4, 5, 2019

By Ron Spokn

"Are we packed and ready to load up the car, Suzanne?" With a nod and a yes I was packing up the car for this 3.5 hour drive to Ocean City to the *Princess Royale Hotel*.

I wanted to leave no later than 12 noon but we got an early start (for us) by leaving about 3 pm in the afternoon. When we arrived at 7 pm that same day I felt like we accomplished something. Sure am glad we made reservations. Quick thinking on my part with the reservation date and we arrived a day ahead of time. We were not late.





Left: *Princess Royal Hotel* as seen from the parking garage.

Friday started off with Registration and the Grand Knights \$1000 Olympics for Charity. Last year Sam Collins filled in for our PGK and he did quite well at the games. This year it was my turn at the bat and I just hoped I would not let the District down.



DD Charlie Kohler watches me toss the basketball. The only thing going through my mind was please let me at least hit the board.



Another game we played was hockey. We all got 3 'pucks' (actually tennis balls) to slap shot into the net. I was a lot luckier at this game I got all three balls into the net. Hey!



In case you don't know what that corn hole game is anymore here is a picture.

My best game was the Corn Hole. No pictures but I was the first Grand Knight to get five out of five bean bags into the hole. Where was the camera when you really needed a picture – Suzanne was out shopping the outlets. Later after the GK Olympics we gathered for a Mass and the Opening Session of the Convention at 7:00 pm. No cameras allowed.



Left: after the opening session was over the Hospitality Rooms in the Atrium were open for fun and relaxation. The Hospitality Rooms are judged every year and District 21 was planning on being in the running this year.



There was music & dancing if you were so inclined.

Left: Can you guess our theme? L to R are Stephanie and Tony Marero. Definitely '70s.







Left L to R: First Lady Suzanne and GK Ron Spohn with State Deputy Dale Trott and First Lady Linda Trott. Saturday Morning was the Grand Knights March. It was a show as to who was there as well as receiving an award for Participating in the Faith in Action Program for your Council. I accepted the award from State Deputy Dale and Linda Trott.

After the GK March and the awards were given out it was time again for the Second Session of the State Convention which led up to the Convention Banquet Dinner.

Left: District 21 Grand Knights with State Deputy Dale Trott, District Deputy Charlie Kohler and District Warden David Love accepting the First Place Prize Check for being the WINNERS of the Grand Knight Olympics Games. We won \$500 to give to a charity of our choosing, and we selected Tender Care in Westminster. In case you don't recognize your GK I am the one all the way on the left (a little self-promotion).

Later that evening it was once again open house for the Hospitality rooms.





Left: Stephanie and Tony were just like the Eveready Bunny these guys never slowed down, they were ready for another BIG night of action and dance.

Sunday morning came around fast and it was off to Mass and the Third & Closing Session of the Convention. Again no pictures. Secretive guys. After the last session we were offered tacos for lunch because it was Cinco de Mayo. No one wanted a picture of themselves eating tacos. Wow it's getting late we better be leaving for home and beat the traffic but wait. Stop the cameras. First Lady Suzanne wants to go to Delaware and do some outlet shopping. The weekend is not over yet.

2019 KofC May Procession

By Ron Spokn

This year's Living Rosary and Ice Cream Social was changed to reflect the significance of Praying the Living Rosary in May, the month of our Virgin Mother. Our Council has renamed it to KofC May Procession.







Leading the KofC May Procession was the 4th Degree Color Corps. Color Corps Commander Chris McGraft, GK Ron Spohn and Warden Dave Clement took part to make this the special ceremony that it is. The Children were eager to

participate as their parents and guardians looked on. Those in the Procession walked along with their children and by themselves as we sang praises to the Blessed Mother. When the Procession reached the Virgin Mary Statue the Color Corps saluted as First Lady Suzanne Spohn Crowned the Virgin Mary Statue. Side note: this statue was a gift to the Parish from Immaculate Lady Council #5208.







Brother Bob Wagner led us in praying the Rosary. The Children with the help of Alex Daly turned on the bulbs of the Living Rosary one by one as the decades were prayed. Our Council supplied a Free Rosary to anybody needing one. A special "Thank you!" goes to Alex Daly, who brought the Icon of the Lady of Fatima, the Banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Living Rosary, and a team of volunteers, as she has for many years. Chairs were put up by the Knights for those that wanted seating.





Denise Nellies played guitar, led the singing and supplied the song books for all to use, as she has for many years. Music is praise to God, and our Council thanks Denise for leading the singing that made our May Procession so successful. When the Rosary and the singing were complete we still had our customary Ice Cream Social for everyone. We had about 15 Council members attend this social and there were about 50 participants in total for the KofC May Procession. Everyone that I talked to really liked the new format. I would like to thank all those that helped to make this May Procession possible and to all those that came to offer prayers and singing to the Blessed Mother. Brothers, when we joined as Knights we were given a rosary to pray to the Blessed Mother on a regular basis. This was an evening to show our devotion to her.

Monthly Membership Anniversaries

3 YearsGodalex Ezeani

10 Years Eric Sundell

13 Years
Chris Beiling

14 YearsAlexander Santos

18 Years

Fr. Sylvester Kim

37 YearsTom Harner

45 YearsNGK Nick St. Amant

June Business Meeting Nominations/Elections of Officers By Ron Spokn

Wednesday, June 6, we will have the last of nominations for Council Officers and will elect the next Fraternal Year Council Officers. If you did not like the direction or what the Officers accomplished this year please come to the meeting and nominate yourself or someone else to fill the Officers Chairs. If you like what we did this year by all means let us know that also. Without some input from you, you cannot expect us to do everything you may want us to do. This is your Council that you JOINED so let your voice be heard. As of now this is the roster for the Council Officers.

Grand Knight Ron Spohn
Deputy Grand Knight Dave Clement
Chancellor Derek Anderson
Warden Michael Ford
Inside Guard Roy Ford

Outside Guard Brian Bogdanski

Financial Secretary Joe Maher

Recorder *Open*

Treasurer Sam Collins

Trustee Quentin Sedney

Trustee John Etoh

Trustee *Open*

If you would like to run for any of these chairs, we are still accepting nominations up to the voting on June 6. We still need nominations for a Recorder and a Trustee. If you can help the Council fill out our chairs please nominate yourself or someone else. We work together as a team.

The Annual Crab Raffle is underway

The proceeds are designated to benefit the Council's Our Daily Bread casserole nights.

ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD, so the chances of winning are pretty good! The drawing will be held on June 30 2019.

The winner receives all of the fixins' for a crab party -- or -- \$300 cash.

- Bushel of large crabs
- 5 lbs. large steamed shrimp
- 1 case of soda
- 1 case of beer

4 additional people will win \$50 each!

Tickets are \$20 each. Please give Joe Maher a call or email if you would like to purchase a ticket (or two or three), but more importantly we need SELLERS of tickets. Let Joe know how many tickets you need to sell to family and friends to benefit our great program.

As an added bonus, Blue Point Crab House in Owings Mills and Cherryvale Liquors have included coupons for buyers to use at their convenience, for \$5 off crabs and 10% off wine and liquor.

Please help the council in any way you can.

For tickets or information contact Joe Maher: 410-598-4463 or jtmaher@comcast.net

Fellowship Opportunities and Other Events

Saturday, June 1, at 7:00 am brothers are needed to help set up the SHG Flea Market. The Flea Market is open for customers at 8:00 am. Our Council will have a canopy there with FREE coffee and donuts for everyone that stops in and says Hi. Clean up will begin at 12 noon if you can stop by and help.

Sunday, June 2, at 1:00 pm we will be Celebrating the Alter Servers and their Families with a certificate and a lunch for all they do through the year for our church. If you can come out and help set up and clean up after the luncheon please by all means volunteer.

Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 pm is Casserole Night where we make 50 casseroles for our Daily Bread. The more volunteers the faster we finish. Lite food and beverages are served after the casseroles are finished.

Sunday, June 30, at the 9:00 am Sunday Mass we will once again be holding our Council's Fifth Sunday Mass. Your participation is encouraged. The District Color Corps will be there, and we are asking the Brothers to be the Ushers for this Mass and for their families to bring up the Gifts. We will have RESERVED SEATING for the Council on the LEFT SIDE of the Church. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a Council and show our faith to the community of SHG. FREE that's right FREE coffee and donuts will be served in the Mother Seton Room after the Mass and all are invited to our fellowship. You're going to Mass anyway on Sunday why not join the Council for our Fifth Sunday Mass.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

August 3, 2019

at St John's Portico

6:30 pm to 10pm

Sponsored by Westminster Council #1393
Steamed Crabs, Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey, Fried Chicken, Italian Sausage,
Maryland Crab Soup, Salad, Veggies, Beer & Sodas and more

\$45 per person

Catered By Atlantic Caterers

For Tickets or Information Call: Chris Hoffman 410-365-7990

Catechism Corner

Lord God shower us all with Your graces, especially those of us who are in most need of Your mercy.

The homosexual act is a sin as defined in both the Bible and the Catholic Catechism. It is one of Satan's attacks against mankind and the family which is a building block of society. Homosexuality has become a very powerful political correctness tool and is accepted by the majority of the media. The world has forgotten the Church's teaching that any sexual activity outside marriage is a sin. Besides being a violation of the sixth commandment, it is a violation of the natural law which is engraved in the soul of every person. Pray for all homosexuals, especially within our Church who are involved with this deviation. Pray as much as you can.

Here are a few paragraphs regarding this topic from the Catholic Catechism which you should buy if you do not have.

1954 Man participates in the wisdom and goodness of the Creator who gives him mastery over his acts and the ability to govern himself with a view to the true and the good. The natural law expresses the original moral sense which enables man to discern by reason the good and the evil, the truth and the lie:

The natural law is written and engraved in the soul of each and every man, because it is human reason ordaining him to do good and forbidding him to sin. . . But this command of human reason would not have the force of law if it were not the voice and interpreter of a higher reason to which our spirit and our freedom must be submitted.

2357 Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

2333 Everyone, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity. Physical, moral, and spiritual difference and complementarity are oriented toward the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life. The harmony of the couple and of society depends in part on the way in which the complementarity, needs, and mutual support between the sexes are lived out.

A GOOD CATHOLIC MUST BE PRO LIFE

Lord God, please help us respect all life, from womb to tomb, especially those in most need of Your mercy and protection.

Pennsylvania Democratic Representative Brian Sims live streamed two videos on May 2 which he had taken of himself denouncing and insulting an older woman, 3 teenagers and a man who were praying at an abortion facility. Shortly after these videos were released blogger and speaker Matt Walsh (whose parents are parishioners at Sacred Heart) called for a rally through a series of twitter posts. More than 1000 Pro-Lifers were present on May 10 for a public demonstration against Brian Sims, who was unavailable for comment and attempted to justify his videos. Matt Walsh, Abby Johnson, author of the book "Unplanned" and Lila Rose of Live Action, three Pro Life notables among a variety of other Pro Life leaders were present and spoke at the rally.

Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed a bill banning abortions of babies whose heart beat can be heard court on the 6th week after conception. The State Senate passed the bill on Thursday, May 23, 2019, with a 24 - 10 vote which creates a law which bans abortions after a baby's heart beat is detected. Alabama also signed a bill making it illegal to perform abortions under almost all circumstances to be a law on November 15, 2019. It is expected to be blocked by a lower court and go to the Supreme Court where hopefully it will be passed.

There are 1800 abortion facilities in this country and almost 3500 pregnancy resource centers. The number of abortions is dropping. Encouraging signs but keep praying because all Pro Life actions are fought and need our prayers and support. Pray constantly.

We still pray every Saturday morning at the abortion facility in Owings Mills at 100 Painters Mills Road, the second light from Reisterstown Road, at 7:15 AM and can always use another voice to help us pray.