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**Chaplain
Father Paul Sparklin**

The sick were healed by merely touching the tassel of Jesus' cloak. Don't you wish sometimes that you could do the same? I don't think that there was anything magical about that tassel. However, touching it was a demonstration of the faith of the person.

People often ask, "Why does God heal some folks and not others?" I don't have the answer, but I have a few comments. First, I don't believe that healing is withheld because we didn't pray hard enough, lacked faith, or didn't give enough. We need to be open to the healing God wants for us—however that happens.

Secondly, God doesn't usually heal spontaneously. We can't expect God to do for us what we can do for ourselves.

Most healing comes through doctors, medicines, or our own healthy choices. Chapter 38 of the Book of Sirach in the Old Testament describes the role of doctors, pharmacists, and herbs in God's plan for healing.

Finally, sometimes we need to get at the root cause of our illness. If it is produced by stress, anger, bitterness, or un-forgiveness, for example, then first we need to make the changes necessary to receive emotional or spiritual healing. If we do, surprisingly, the physical symptoms may disappear as well. Try the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It may be good for the body as well as the soul. Who knows? It may be as effective as touching the tassel of Jesus' garment.



**THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL YOUR
GRACES AND BLESSING**



Grand Knight's Report Bill Sapero

Brothers, we've turned the corner on a new year--2019--and that gives us a new start, a chance to follow through with your new year's resolution. To do better, not only in our personal and spiritual life but in our Knights of Columbus activities as well. If you're not a regular at our meetings, maybe you can resolve to attend at least two or three this year. If you don't often participate in our activities, maybe you can try to make it to two or three of them this year. Help is greatly needed with our weekly bingo. If you have ideas for things our council can do to be more useful and helpful, come and share those ideas. It would be great to have you involved. If you haven't yet paid this years dues please pay soon the deadline is drawing near. Let's do our part to help our council be of greater service to the Church, seminarians, families, and the community.

Coming in February is the Valentine Day Dinner/Dance Italian Style. There will dinner, dancing and good Italian food. More information will be forth coming.

If you have and questions or concerns about what is happening at the council, please do not hesitate to contact me. Peace and Blessings to all.



Deputy Grand Knight's Report Matt Warehime

February has quickly approached and March is slowly closing in. Which brings one of our most popular events, St Patty's Day!!!!!! We will have live music and of course corned beef and cabbage We will again co-host this event with the Ancient Order of Hibernian's on Sunday March 17th 2019. I ask that all brothers come down to the hall and enjoy great food, beer, music and comradery. I will have an email come out from the Grand Knight in reference to start and end times. We will also have The council Website updated to include the event as well.

And to quote General George S. Patton : Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

Sick or Recovering Brothers

David Snellings
Wally Hobart, HLM
Roger Jamison
Bruno "Rocky" Seppi
Bill Sheehan, HLM, PGK
Robert Simpson

Sick or Recovering Relatives

Karen Tallmadge, Wife of Don Tallmadge, HLM
Regina Smigielski, Widow of Frank Smigielski
Mary McEligott, Wife of Ron McEligott, PGK
Sean Mihaly, Son of Steve Mihaly, HLM
Martha Seppi, Wife of Bruno Seppi, HLM and Mother of Bruno "Rocky" Seppi
Valerie Sedwick, Daughter of Bruno Seppi, HLM
Lorraine Sotack, Wife of Steve Sotack
Marlene Rocca, Wife of Al Rocca, HLM
Kitty Vaughan, Widow of Dudley Vaughn

We ask that these Brothers and Relatives be kept in your prayers.

If you know of a Brother Knight or his family who is sick or recently deceased,

Please e-mail [Webmaster kofc 2577](mailto:webmaster@kofc2577.com)

so that we may include them in our prayers.

Also, we need your help managing the sick and recovering list.

So when someone has recovered or you wish to remove his or her name, please give George Vincent a call at (301) 249-6399 or e-mail [webmaster@ kofc 2577](mailto:webmaster@kofc2577.com)

**Pro-Life (Culture of Life)
Committee Chairman
Rob Van Rite, PGK, FN**

Unfortunately, the pro-life marchers from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio (the group the Council has sponsored for the last 10 years) were unable to make the trip this year. Notwithstanding this, the Council had a number of Life Activity successes during which many were aided and the pro-life cause advanced. The Gabriel golf tournament, named for PGK Dave Grabowski, was a rousing success with many thousands of dollars raised to support many Gabriel Project initiatives. The Council was also on hand to provide logistical support during the Gabriel Project office refurbishment: Knights moved furniture; made warehouse runs to store pro-life supplies; purchased painting supplies and painted the “Projects” office space. Knights stood vigil at several area abortion clinics and a well-attended pro-life rosary was offered at Boswell Hall. The efforts and many others have significantly changed the pro-life landscape. Still, there is much to be done as the promotion of death is big business in the United States, with thousands of people making their living killing unborn babies. It is not compassion for a distressed mother, but money that is the driving force. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which performs more than one-third of all abortions in the nation, is abetted in its grizzly business by the federal government, having received \$544 million of taxpayer money. Not to end on a downer, we are reminded that we are called to develop a societal reverence for life. With prayer and faith and with Our Lady’s intercession to her Son, the nation’s culture can change, for as Our Lord assures us, “with God, all things are possible.”

Vivat Jesus!

**Calendar of Sacred Heart Council
Activities
And
Upcoming Events
www.kofc2577.org**

**Mass Times for Local Catholic Churches
in Sacred Heart Council
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Fraternal Benefits Report

Since its addition to the Order’s product portfolio in 2000, long-term care insurance has provided the Order with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. And every Knights of Columbus long-term care policy comes with an added value. That added value is in the form of a service called “Provider Pathway,” a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.



**Bingo Report
Committee Chairman
Joe Massimini, PGK, PFN, FDD
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February is the month of love. We have Saint Valentine's Day. We exchange cards proclaiming our love. We have a lot of people who love playing our Bingo every Tuesday evening. We will help them out this month with a gift for attending. Chances are, it will be red. Just like a Valentine's Day Heart.

If you would like to help out at Bingo, the schedule for February is as follows:

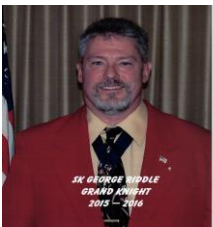
- February 5: Team 3, Mike Mitchell
- February 12: Team 4, Bruno Seppi
- February 19: Team 5, Kevin Carroll
- February 26: Team 1,

this month. We can always use more help. Bill Cartney

March 5: Team 2, Jack O'Malley

If you work on a Bingo team we ask you to bring along a buddy to help

If you want to help, just show up on a Tuesday evening. Or if you would rather contact someone, you can reach me at 240-997-0402 or joemassi@comcast.net.

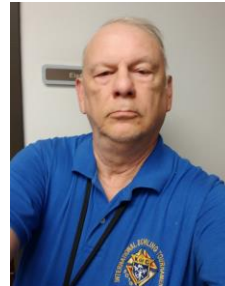


**District Deputy Report
George T. Riddle, PGK, DD**

Beginning in the second half of the fraternal year, the main focus for us will be membership. Although we are 100% membership active in the District, our numbers are down. Our church is facing hard times right now and now more than ever it needs the Knights of Columbus. I found myself asking what I can do. So I decided to change in my Usher badge at my parish to my Knights of Columbus badge. It is obvious I am an usher at mass but now I get asked about my badge. So that is one thing we can do. Wear our Knights badges and pins to let the people know the Knights are there to support OUR church.

The one thing I have loved about becoming District Warden, and now District Deputy, is going to the different Councils and hearing all the great ideas that come up. At a recent meeting it was suggested that the Knights pick a mass a month and all go together in their Council jackets and sit together for mass. I love the idea. I think every Council should give it a try. It is a great way to show we are there for the Church. Maybe change up the mass times every month.

I am very excited for 2019 and finishing up our second half of the Fraternal year strong! Vivat Jesus



**Fourth Degree News
St. John Neumann Assembly #1763
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The Assembly fared well throughout 2018 with attendance at meetings up; successful fundraisers; and Color Corps participation at an all time high. The new year presents an opportunity for all Sir Knights to renew their obligations to the Order on 21 February 2019. Officers are to be attired in a tuxedo with all other Sir Knights requested to wear coat & tie. The Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree, Colonel (Ret.) Micheal Thumm will be the convening officer. Please make every effort to attend this ceremony. It will begin at 7:30pm in Boswell Hall. Vivat Jesus

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*"The Nation Which Forgets Its Defenders Will Be Itself
Forgotten." - Calvin Coolidge*

The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the Following
PRIZE in a contest:

Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400
In your private account for your use.

However, this prize has Rules: The set of Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend It.
4. Each morning upon awakening, The bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that Day.

5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, Game Over!" It can close the account

And you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally Do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ...

YES!

Shocked ???

Each of us is already a winner Of this *PRIZE*.

We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to Receive 86,400 seconds As a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at Night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that Day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever Gone.

5. Each morning the account is Refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time **WITHOUT WARNING...**

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much More than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than You think.

So take care of yourself, be Happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful And beautiful day. Start spending....!

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