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**Chaplain  
Father Paul Sparklin**

It may begin with a vision, a question, an unwillingness to accept or be satisfied with, or even an outright refusal. What would happen if . . . ? How come this is what it is . . . ? Is there a healthier, more constructive, more loving way to deal with . . . ? What would happen if I said no — and what would I do differently?

And so, a dream takes shape.

And that dream compels the dreamer to look for a source of light, of direction, of insight: a star, a star that illuminates the dreamer's eyes to see both the possibilities for realizing the dream and the obstacles to its fulfillment. The "star" may be a sage or prophet who can point the way, a pilgrim who has already traveled that road, a saint who dreams the same dream.

And the star sets the dreamer on the journey: the road to fulfilling the dream, of making the hope a reality, of creating a new and better place for justice and peace and reconciliation to thrive. There will be discoveries along the way, changes in direction and understanding — even re-imagining the dream itself. Watch for unexpected turns and detours; steel yourself for confrontations with more than a few

Herods: those who seek to derail the dreamer and destroy the dream for their own ends.

But, if the dreamer keeps faith with the dream, if the dreamer follows the right star, if the dreamer perseveres on the journey, the dreamer will eventually reach his or her Bethlehem.

A dream, a star, a journey: the story of the magi's quest for the Christ Child mirrors our own constant search for meaning and purpose in our lives. Every human life is a journey through the time God has given us, a journey marked by signs of God's love in our midst. Mirroring our own journeys, the story of the magi challenges us to consider the "stars" we follow in the course of our lives: Do we navigate by the "stars" that lead us to wealth, to power, to prestige — stars that will eventually flame out of the sky altogether? Or do we fix our lives on the great "star" of God's Christ: peace, compassion, mercy, justice, forgiveness? On our journey through this New Year, may we recommit ourselves to following the "star" that leads us to a sense of meaning and hope as we seek to transform our own Bethlehems and Jerusalems in the dream of the kingdom of God.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy, New Year.



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



## Grand Knight's Report Bill Sapero

Brother Knights, another year begins. Here's hoping that you and yours had a fantastic Christmas and safe Happy New Year. I do not know where the first 6 months of the Fraternal Year went. January 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of a new year. It is the unofficial halfway point of the Fraternal Year. We re-evaluate what we have done during the past six months and start to look ahead to the next six month. In January we start with the First Friday Mass and Mini-supper at 5:30 PM on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Our presider will be Fr. Scott Holmer.

Right out of the box, the State Mid-Term seminar is planned for January 5<sup>th</sup>. January is also the month for the Bull and Oyster Roast where we honor the top Police Officer, Fire Fighter, EMT and the top Catholic educator. You won't want to miss this premier event scheduled for Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

During the past month the Children's Christmas Party reached new heights of enjoyment and participation as former First Lady Sharon Paternoster put on a truly memorable event. We had more than 50 children and their parents attend this event. We even had Santa Claus stop by to meet with the children. The Council Christmas party was a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones in the comfortable setting of the Knights Room.

Coming in February is the Valentines 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

My brothers All, We made it through another year! I want to welcome you all to 2019 which will be yet another bustling year for the council. One of the thing that we do is make New Year's resolutions that usually only are followed during the month of January and then forgotten. I challenge you all to make a resolution for us all to go out and recruit good members for the council. As the Knight of Columbus ages so does its membership. *Tempest Fugit Memento Mori*, we are not going to be around forever. Go to your churches and actively recruit good members that can help stabilize the growing decline in the knight membership. We will be going out to the churches in January and holding membership drives. Please get out with your brother knights during these drives and help with the recruiting efforts. Thank you all for your anticipated efforts and Godspeed.

And to quote Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz : God grant me the courage not to give up what I think is right even though I think it is hopeless.

### Sick or Recovering Brothers

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

### Sick or Recovering Relatives

Karen Tallmadge, Wife of Don Talmadge, 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)**

**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)

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

Sometimes, you've got to pay attention to the small stuff. For the Gabriel Network (GN) that has meant that the facility from which they operate was seriously in need of a makeover. Taking the time to assess the endeavor was Tiffany Farley a GN Service Coordinator. Owing to a long-established partnership, the Council became engaged in the project by offering both fiscal and physical support. PGK Rob Van Rite purchased painting supplies and with the aid of brother Knights Steve Dobrosielski and Mike Mitchell moved office supplies to an off-site warehouse; moved furniture; and painted the GN offices. The entire endeavor was chronicled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Life Activity Report to the State entitled: *Networking with the Gabriel Network*. Looking forward, the Council will once again host a pro-life student group from John Carroll University from Cleveland, Ohio. As the 46th March for Life will be Friday, January 18, 2019, they will be arriving on Thursday night. Upon arrival, they will be welcomed by Grand Knight Bill Sapero and treated to some late-night snacks from the kitchen of Chef Robef. Several Knights will stay overnight so that they will be on hand and ready to provide an early morning breakfast for the travelers. If any Knight would like to participate in supporting this 10<sup>th</sup> year of Council sponsorship, they need only call PGK Van Rite for details. Hope everyone has a marvelous 2019! Vivat Jesus!

**300 Club  
Committee Chairman  
Bill Cartney**

Happy New Year to everyone. I want to thank all those that participated in the 300 Club. We have finished the 2018 year with the final drawing held at the Grand Knights Christmas party on December 15, 2018. The complete list of winners is posted at the hall. .

I want to congratulate the grand prize winners: \$1000 – Lee Veri, \$400 – Lee Veri, and \$100 – Harry Canter. Your checks and all the other winners should be receiving checks shortly if you haven't already.

We will start the first of the 2019 300 Club in March. You should be receiving your letters in February. We still have numbers available, if you are interest in numbers please let me know [billycart1@verizon.net](mailto:billycart1@verizon.net)

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Activities  
And  
Upcoming Events  
[www.kofc2577.org](http://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**

Everyone makes New Year's Resolutions. The most common resolutions are: get more exercise, help the community, and meet new people. We have a way you can do all three by doing just one thing, volunteering to help at Bingo. You get to walk around the floor to get your exercise, check. All the money you collect goes to help the community, check. You get to talk with your team mates, the Bingo players, and you will meet new people, check. So come out and work Bingo, get your resolutions done.

We have three jobs you can do.

You can help in the kitchen. That job starts at 5 and you finish around 9. You do not need to know how to cook. We need people on many of the crews to serve the food and take the money.

You can help by selling sign ups. You arrive around 6 PM, sell the sign-up tickets and are done around 9 PM. The tickets are easy to sell. The pace is quick. If you can count to 20 you can do this job.

The third job is being a floorman. You show up to do the job around 7. You sell the specials on the floor and pick up the used paper. At the end of the evening you take the trash to the dumpster and help with the recycling. You are heading home by 11.

These jobs are easy to do and help the Council to raise money for our charitable endeavors. Please consider helping with Bingo. We can use help every week. If you can just show up a week once in a while, please do so. Every time we get an hour or two of your time, we can turn that time into help for those who need help.

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

January 1: Team 3, Mike Mitchell, Cancelled due to New Year's Holiday

January 8: Team 4, Bruno Seppi

January 15: Team 5, Kevin Carroll

January 22: Team 1, Bill Cartney

January 29: Team 2, Jack O'Malley

February 5: Team 3, Mike Mitchell

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](mailto:joemassi@comcast.net).

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

I am hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday season and has hope for the New Year.

The start of the year also marks the halfway point of our Fraternal Year. We have done some amazing things so far this year; let us continue the hard work for a dynamic finish.

The one thing I would like to see happen more is communication between the Councils in our District. Each Council has their events but we haven't intermingled.

If you have an event coming up, share with the other Councils, it may give them ideas of an event they can try.

Maybe we can do a Bingo night. All 5 Grand Knights gather together at a table with other officers and members, and play Bingo together.

Sacred Heart # 2577 has Bingo every Tuesday night, so if you want to try that, let me know.

As always, thank you all for the work that you do.

Vivat Jesus



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### Fourth Degree News St. John Neumann Assembly #1763 Rob Van Rite, FN, PGK (301) 910- 4524(Cell) [JTCoulton@gmail.com](mailto:JTCoulton@gmail.com)

Worthy Sir Knights, there are a few updates I would like to acquaint you with. I hope the Color Corps continues its admirable record of service in 2019 after closing out the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen with extensive participation in the Veneration of the Incorruptible Heart of St John Vianney. This four day event at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was supported by attendance at the Basilica's Sunday Mass and during the week serving as Honor Guard for the reliquary. Another update is that the Wagon of Cheer was raffled off at the Council Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The winner was Council Chancellor Duayne Driscoll. Unfortunately, this may be the last time the wagon will be rolled out as PFN Luther Holley is passing the baton. PFN Holley has served as the project chairman for this event since I was a young boy, and will indeed be sorely missed. Though we finished the calendar year in the black, supporting our Assembly charities will be greatly aided by Sir Knight Lee "Bud" Dumais, Faithful Comptroller, who mailed out this year's membership dues notices. Finally, please be aware that on 21 February 2019 the Assembly will be conducting its Renewal of Obligations ceremony. Officers are to wear the social baldric and tuxedo for this special event. Brother Sir Knights are invited to do the same. Master of the Fourth Degree Micheal Thumm will be conducting the ceremony. Last year, only one Sir Knight was present to renew his obligations. I am going to go out on a limb here and say that I would like to double our participation this year. Finally, the Archdiocese of Washington District will conduct its second Exemplification of the Fourth Degree ceremony in April. Plan now on recruiting new members. The Assembly meeting this month is on 17 January 2018. If possible, Sir Knights are invited to greet the pro-life students arriving at Boswell Hall for later Knights a blessed and joyous New Year! participation in the March for Life on the National Mall the following day. I wish all my Brother Sir

Vivat Jesus!



### Please Pray for Those Serving US Today

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