



CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, PATRIOTISM



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Grand Knight Report



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Greetings Brother Knights and Friends.

We have come to the end of another successful fraternal year. Thank you to all the members and benefactors who made invaluable contributions through their time and talent. Special recognition to those who volunteered at Northwest Stadium during the season. As a result we were able to provide over \$38,000 in tuition scholarships to the Academy of Saint Matthias alone.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the 2026-27 fraternal year. I pledge my support for smooth transition and success for the new year.

In this month of June, we extend best wishes to all fathers for a Happy Father's Day.

Continued Blessings to you and your loved ones now and always.

Vita Jesus
Cosmas Nwokefor



District Deputy Report



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Congratulations to our brother knights who have recently achieved their 3rd Degree. These exemplary members have demonstrated the core principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. These accomplishments reflect our new members' dedication and commitment to the values of our order.

Respective Grand Knights are strongly encouraged to involve new members in the scheduled events and programs of their council and assembly. Participation in these activities fosters a sense of belonging and empowers new members to contribute more effectively to supporting their church, parish, and the wider community, that speaks to the mission of our organization.

Grand Knights and their staff and program directors should make a conscious effort to acknowledge and leverage the business expertise and aspirations of new members identify where they can best fit within the organization. A collaborative approach ensures that everyone's talents are recognized and put to good use. These unique talents can enhance the council in promoting growth and success for the group as a whole. New members should also be encouraged to become involved in their council's Faith in Action programs, ongoing projects, and other activities as soon as possible. Early engagement helps foster a sense of community and ensures the continued success of the council. Special attention should be given to making new members feel welcomed and valued as integral parts of the organization.

As we rapidly approach the close of the 2025-2026 fraternal year, councils by now should be well into the process of nominating qualified candidates to fill their slate of officers for the July 2026-June 2027 fraternal year. Respective Grand Knight-Selects should coordinate with their respective council chaplain to identify a date to install their new Council Officers between July 1, 2026, and August 15, 2026.

Since this will be my last article for your respective councils' newsletter before I conclude my term as District Deputy of District 2 on June 30, 2026, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Grand Knights, executive staff, and members of the following councils: Prince George's Council 2809, Mother Seton Council 5381, St. Mary's of Landover Hills Council 10046, St. Hugh Council 10885, and James C. Fletcher Council 11422. It has been an honor to work alongside all of you, and I am deeply thankful for the remarkable teamwork, support, and friendship that have marked my time in this role.



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The cooperation and support extended not only to me but also to my District Warden, Hyacinth Uzoma, have made my tenure as District Deputy a truly enjoyable and memorable experience. Your willingness to work together and your dedication to our shared mission have been invaluable. I kindly ask that you extend the same level of cooperation and kindness to my successor when he assumes the role of District Deputy on July 1, 2026. Your continued support will ensure a smooth transition and ongoing success for District 2.

In closing, I ask all my brother knights to continue to support one another and make a concerted effort to always make a difference in someone's life.

Vivat Jesus

ELECTION RESULTS **FY 2026-2027**

Election of Officers was held as prescribed by the council by-laws at the 2nd meeting in May, May 19, 2026.

Additional nominees were nominated from the floor.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

Grand Knight: Ephraim Eke
Deputy Grand Knight: Geoben Oleru
Chancellor: Felipe Garcia
Warden: Juan Sotelo
Treasurer: Emmanuel Amanyeiwe
Recorder: Juilus Unamba
Advocate: Robert Worthington. PGK
Guards: Bob Groelsema & James Kalshoven, PGK

Trustees (3yr): Cosmas Nwokeafor. IPGK
Convention Delegates/Alternates (2): Emmanuel Ajayi, PGK; Charles Briscoe, PGK



LET US PRAY

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*).

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Queen of The Knights

Our Lady, *Queen of the Knights, *bless all the activities of our Order. *Keep us true to the pledge * to extend the kingship of thy Divine Son on Earth, * Through Thine intercession, * win for us the grace* ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, * the virtues which should characterize* those specially dedicated* to the service of the heavenly court. *Make us always aware *that as your Knights* we are constantly observed, *our faith judged* and our Order appreciated. *Accept, O Mary, *this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion* of thy servants, *the Knights of Columbus.

AMEN



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Family Activity

Family of the Month

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Our recent family of the month for awardees have been:
April 2026 – Innocent (Bob) & Florence Nwadije

Thank you all for your service to the Council, Parish and Community. We pray for God's continued blessings for you and your family.

Faith Activity

Geoben Oleru

We commemorate the following feast days and saints:

June: Justin(1), Charles Lwanga & comp (3), Boniface(5), Barnabas(11), Solemnity of the Sacred Heart(12), Immaculate Heart of Mary(13), Aloysius Gonzaga (21), Nativity of John the Baptist (24), Cyril (27) , Peter & Paul (29)

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Community Activity

The Northwest Stadium season has begun. An international soccer game was the opener in March. We are now in the concert period. Football begins with the preseason in mid-August and ends in Jan 2027. We look forward to increased volunteer participation. Contact Sony (202-413-1066) or Don (240-481-0622) for more info. Council members participated as ushers at Elizabeth Seton High School graduation on May 26. This has been an annual tradition for over 40 years.

Prayer to Mother Seton

Lord God,

*You blessed Elizabeth Seton with gifts of grace
As wife and mother, educator and foundress,
So that she might spend her life in service to
your people.*

*Through her example and prayers
May we learn to express our love for you
In love for our fellow men and women.*

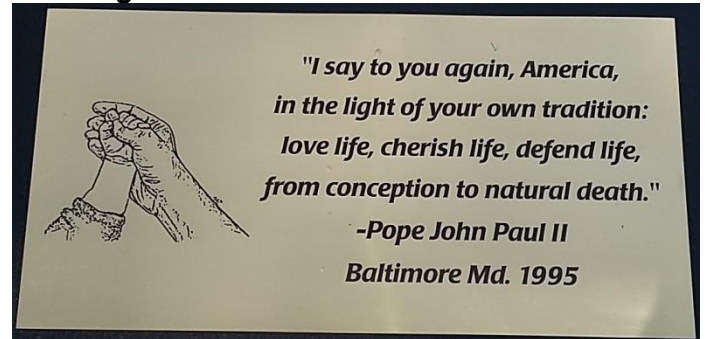
*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

James Kalshoven, PGK Pro - Life Activity



We continue to Defend Life from Conception to Natural Death.

Defend Life - Support the Ultrasound Program



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"Make It Personal and Ask"

Checker:
2025-26 : GOAL: 9
NET: 6
Every day is a new opportunity

www.kofc.org/join



Catholic Corner

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for June/July 2026



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network invites all to join in the Holy Father's June/July 2026 prayer intention:

June

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

July

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Daily Offering Prayer

God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with the Heart of Jesus, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, Who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to your love. With Mary, the mother of our Lord and the Church, I pray for all Apostles of Prayer and for the prayer intentions proposed by the Holy Father this month. Amen.



Uganda martyrs Basilica Namugongo in Uganda



Sick and Recovering

Brothers

Christopher Agboli, PGK
 Kevin Butler, PGK
 Deacon Alton Davis
 Nicholas Kniska, HLM
 Everett Lallis
 Rodney Oak, PGK

Relatives/Friends

Melba Adams
 Stephanie Corson
 Helen Dziduch
 Eugenia Ikpi
 Gay Magruder
 Margaret Mary Opalski

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy,
 may your healing hand rest upon me,
 may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body
 and into the depths of my soul,
 cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness
 and **strength** for service in your Kingdom. Amen



If you know a Brother Knight or a family member who is sick, recovering or recently deceased, please contact us so that we may pray for them. Your help is needed to manage this list (Editor: aitcheson@hotmail.com.)

Father of goodness and love; hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering, may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this though the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Editor's Pen

If there is a special request for a copy of the Seton notes by mail, let us know. Please send all newsletter related issues to Don Aitcheson at aitcheson@hotmail.com (240-481-0622). The deadline for article submission is the 20th of each month. The email edition will be sent on or about the 1st of each month. Please feel free to give us feedback. Copies are available in the pamphlet rack at St. Matthias, back of Saint Matthias Church and on the website at www.stmatthias.org



Supreme Council News

Statement from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

In recent days, many Catholics and other people of goodwill have been deeply disappointed by the disparaging comments directed at Pope Leo XIV by the President of the United States. The Successor of Saint Peter is not a politician — he is the Vicar of Christ, entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel and shepherding souls.

The Knights of Columbus has always stood in solidarity with the Holy Father, recognizing in him a spiritual father who calls the world not to division, but to unity, not to conflict, but to peace. In this moment, we reaffirm that commitment with clarity and conviction.

At the same time, we recognize that faithful Catholics can and do engage vigorously in the public square, and that nations have a right and duty to safeguard the security of their own people — always in accordance with the demands of justice and the pursuit of peace. The Church does not ask Catholics to withdraw from civic life, but to engage with and elevate it — bringing to our civic dialogue the light of truth, respect for the dignity of every human person, and a steadfast concern for the common good.

Pope Leo XIV has consistently called for peace, dialogue, and restraint in a world marked by war and suffering. The Holy Father's words are not political talking points — they are reflections of the Gospel itself. Whether one agrees or disagrees with particular policy judgments, the Holy Father's prophetic voice deserves to be heard with respect and engaged seriously.

As Knights, we are called to be men of unity, as followers of Christ and patriotic citizens. I encourage all Knights of Columbus to pray for the Holy Father, to pray for civic leaders, and to pray for peace and those working to achieve it. And let us recommit ourselves to charity in our public discourse. May we be known not for echoing the divisions of our time, but for healing them. In a moment of tension, the path forward is not louder conflict, but deeper fidelity — to truth, to charity, and to the Gospel.



Maryland State Council News



State Deputy Anthony Salvemini



Maryland State Council 128th Convention Awards Program

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM AWARDS Faith Activities

Division "B"

- 3rd St. Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290 Grand Knight – Douglas Koch
- 2nd 2-Way Tie Long Green Valley Council No. 8736 Grand Knight – Thomas P. Rowan, Sr. James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422 Grand Knight – Harold Sanders, Jr.
- 1st Mother Seton Council No. 5381 Grand Knight – Cosmas Nwokefor

Sign up new members online

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Fourth Degree Report



Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly No. 1548

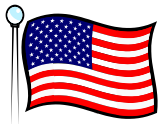
Meets on the 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm at Father Michael Kidd Council, Holy Family Church, Mitchellville, MD

Next scheduled meeting is June 8/ July 13 @ 7PM

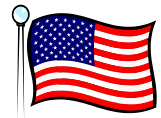
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION



ADW Website (www.awddistrict.org)



Official Flag Days in the USA



June/July

Jun 14 – Flag Day

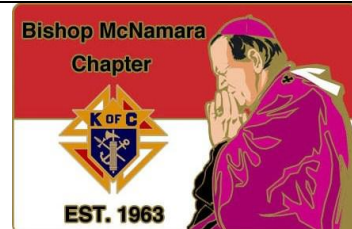
Jun 21 - Father's Day

Jul 4 - Independence Day

Jul 27 - Korean Armistice Day

Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights Maryland State Council

Upcoming Chapter Meetings



June 17, 2026 Monthly Meeting

Jul 15, 2026 Monthly Meeting

Come hear about all the exciting events and activities that are planned for the year. The Chapter encourages not only Grand Knights to attend, but also Deputy Grand Knights and Council Program Directors. The Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month except for December. The location varies.



BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE-JULY

Council

June

Ciro Andres 06-05
 Ferdinand A Ibebuchi PGK 06-06
 James L Connor Jr 06-08
 Kingsley Chineme 06-11
 Desmond J Obinna 06-12
 Augustine I Ezuoke 06-14
 Olukunmi Anthony Makanjuola 06-14
 Emmanuel Okumah 06-19

July

Julius C Unamba 07-01
 Kebe E Ikpi 07-05
 Joseph R Slert 07-06
 Divine M Njodzeka 07-10
 Demian Hyman 07-14
 Charles L Johnson 07-18
 Chukwunomso G Okonkwo 07-19
 Nicholas Onwumere 07-19
 Albert L Hayling 07-20
 Muted Fofung 07-22
 Chukwuebuka Ofoduru 07-24
 Frank A Demma 07-30

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!!!

June

Melba Adams 06-29



Ladies Auxiliary

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Upcoming Council Events Calendar

Jun 2	Council Meeting – 8PM
Jun 11	KoC Monthly Virtual Rosary by Zoom
Jun 16	Council Meeting – 8PM

Council meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Hughes Center at Saint Matthias Parish, Lanham, MD unless otherwise posted.

Council meeting dress code now in effect.

**Note: Dress code is in effect for meetings. Jacket & ties are acceptable.
Relaxed Summer dress code may be observed.**

NO Shorts, Sandals or Tank tops, please, at any meeting.