



Mother Seton Council 64th Installation of Officers



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Grand Knight Report



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Greetings Brother Knights and Friends.

I am Ephraim Eke, an entrepreneur and father of four, originally from Eastern Nigeria. My background is rooted in the automobile and automotive spare parts industry, following trade school education completed in both Nigeria and Seoul, South Korea.

My international journey began with a move to South Korea in 1994, followed by our relocation to the United States with my wife in 2006. Professionally, I transitioned from working at the Sheraton hotel in Crystal City to driving for Uber. I have been a member of the Knights since 2013.

Congratulations to the immediate past grand knight and his team on a successful fraternal year. I look forward to working with all our members and friends in achieving similar success.

We look forward to rejuvenating some popular programs of the past like the Soccer Shootout and recommitting to some of the new Faith in Action programs.

I pray that our combined efforts will be fruitful and effective as we strive to maintain the values of the order – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

May God bless you and your family for all you do in his name.

Vivat Jesus



Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27

The new fraternal year proposed budget has been prepared and is being reviewed. Following a review, the membership will vote to approve the final budget at the first meeting in August 2026. The summarized draft copy is presented below.

Income	2025-26 Actual	2026-27 Budget
General Membership	\$2,760.00	3,000.00
Paid Membership	\$2,760.00	\$3,000
Total Fundraisers	\$89,194.74	81,600.00
Total Events	\$39.00	0.00
Total Other Income	\$6,924.99	20,256.00
Total Income	\$98,918.73	104,856.00
Expenses	2025-26 Actual	2026-27 Budget
Total Assessments	\$1,999.25	2,975.00
Total Administrative Expense	\$87,067.20	88,131.00
Total Church Activities	\$1,000.00	3,000.00
Parish Holiday Food Basket Donation (LOC/STM)	\$500.00	1,000.00
Total Community Activities	\$500.00	1,350.00
Expenses	2025-26 Actual	2026-27 Budget
Installation of Officers (Light Refreshments)	\$707.00	1,000.00
Total Council Activities	\$3,718.00	4,400.00
Family-of-the-Month Program	\$0.00	\$50
Total Family Activities	\$843.00	\$950.00
Total Youth Activities	\$350.00	650.00
MD State Car Raffle-40%	\$0.00	400.00
Total Charity Expense	\$3,000.00	2,900.00
Total Advertising Expense	\$285.00	500.00
Total Expenses	\$98,762	104,856
Net Gain	\$156	0



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



Seton note



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Family Activity

Family of the Month

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Our recent family of the month for awardees have been:

May 2025 - Xavier Cherisca

June 2026 – Cosmas & Kathleen Nwokeafor

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

Jason Sotelo

We commemorate the following feast days and saints:

Aug: Alphonsus(1), John Vianney(4), Ded. of Mary Major(5), Transfiguration(6), Dominic(8), Lawrence(10), Claire(11), Jane de Chantal(12), Maximillian Kolbe(14), Assumption BVM (15), Bernard (20) , Pius X(21), Queenship of BVM(22), Bartholomew (24), Monica (27), Augustine(28), Passion of JTB(29)

Sept: Gregory(3), Nativity of BVM(8), Peter Claver(9), Exaltation of the Cross(14), OLSorrows(15), Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian(16), Matthew(21), Ss Cosmas & Damian(26), Archangels MGR(29), Jerome (30)

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Community Activity

The Northwest Stadium season has begun.
We look forward to increased volunteer participation.
Contact Sony (202-413-1066) or Don (240-481-0622) for more info.
Football season starts with a preseason game on August 14. The regular season opener is on September 27.

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.*

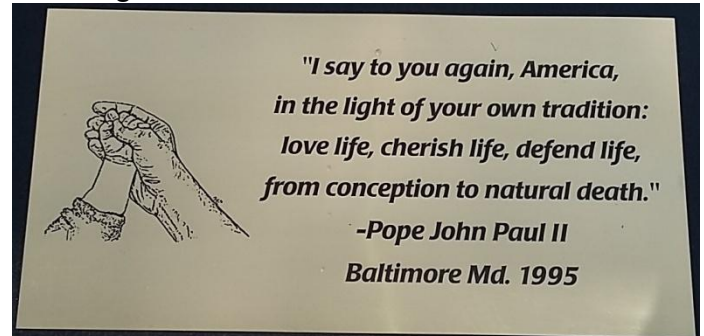
*Through her example and prayers
May we learn to express our love for you
In love for our fellow men and women.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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: 10
NET: 9
Every day is a new opportunity

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Catholic Corner

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for Aug/Sept 2026



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

August

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.



Cathedral of the Transfiguration
Markham, Ontario, Canada



Sick and Recovering

Brothers

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

Relatives/Friends

Melba Adams
Michael Aitcheson
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

Knights of Columbus Offers Veneration of Major Relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

17th century French Nun and Mystic Visionary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



People venerate the major relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque at St. James Cathedral in Orlando, Florida, June 12, 2026. The Knights of Columbus brought the relics of St. Alacoque, a French nun and mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart, to the United States for a multi-city tour. (Photo by Paul Haring)

The Knights of Columbus have announced a veneration schedule for major relics of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a cloistered, contemplative nun known as the Apostle of the Sacred Heart. St. Margaret Mary's relics traveled to the United States under the custody of the Knights of Columbus for the U.S. Catholic bishops' June 11 consecration of the nation to the Sacred Heart in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The day following the consecration was the Catholic observance of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Thousands of faithful venerated the relics at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, and later at Orlando's St. James Cathedral.

Enclosed in an ornate reliquary, the first-class relics will be [available for public veneration at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center](#) at 1 State Street in New Haven, Connecticut, from Wednesday, June 24 through Saturday, June 27. The McGivney Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free admission and parking.

During the week of Independence Day, the relics will visit two cities significant to America's 250th anniversary. First, they will visit the nation's capital, where they will be available for veneration Monday, June 29, through Wednesday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and from Thursday, July 2 through Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC.

On July 5 and 6, the relics will visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (commonly known as the Baltimore Basilica), 409 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD, the nation's first Catholic cathedral. Public veneration will begin on Sunday, July 5, beginning with a 10:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop William Lori, and continuing until 7 p.m. On Monday, July 6, the relics will be available for veneration from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Baltimore Basilica.



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The relics will return to the McGivney Center for veneration in New Haven, July 8-11 and July 15-18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Relics are either the mortal remains or possessions of holy persons. From the earliest period in Christianity, such earthly remains have been venerated (prayerfully honored) in respect for the saintly people associated with them. The practice has continued for two millennia with people praying devoutly before relics for their own earthly needs or those of loved ones.

St. Margaret Mary was a member of a religious community known as the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary. Beginning in 1673, at her convent in France, she experienced multiple visions of Jesus during which he stressed his divine love for humanity and revealed devotion to his Sacred Heart. At Jesus' instruction, and with the assistance of her priest spiritual director, the Jesuit priest St. Claude de la Colombiere, the nun introduced the series of spiritual practices to the world which continue to be observed today. She was canonized as a saint in 1920.

Additional opportunities for veneration will be announced once they are confirmed.

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Post Installation reception in Friendship Hall – July 19, 2026

Deacon Davis, Fr. Casimir Nyaki, GK Eke, Vivian Eke, Fr. Avelino, Julius Unamba, PGKs Ken Osuji, Sylvester Ikpi, James Agboli.



Maryland State Council News



MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

John F. Winfrey, State Deputy



A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

"United In Service - we are reminded that we accomplish our greatest work when we move forward together. Every council, every district, every family, and every Brother Knight has an important role in advancing the mission of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Whether we are helping a family in need, welcoming a new member, supporting parish life, or standing together as witnesses to our faith, we demonstrate the powerful and positive impact of the Knights of Columbus."

John F. Winfrey, FM - State Deputy

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Fourth Degree Report

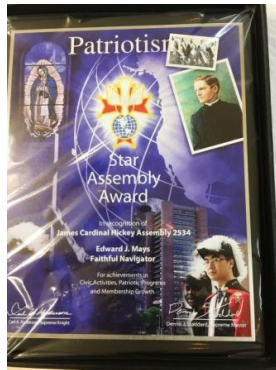


Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly No. 1548

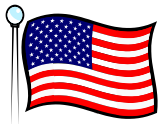
Meets on the 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm at Father Michael Kidd Council, Holy Family Church, Mitchellville, MD

Next scheduled meeting is Aug 10/ Sept 14 @ 7PM

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION



ADW Website (www.awddistrict.org)



Official Flag Days in the USA



Aug/Sept

Aug 19 – National Aviation Day

Sept 7 - Labor Day

Sept 11 - Patriot Day

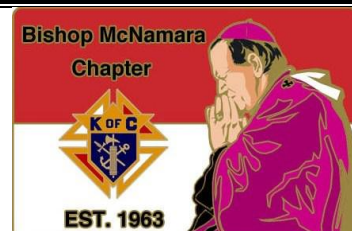
Sept 17 - Constitution Day

Sept 18 – POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept 27 – Gold Star Mothers Day (Army)

Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights Maryland State Council

Upcoming Chapter Meetings



	Aug 19, 2026	Monthly Meeting	
	Sept 16, 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 AUG-SEPT

Council

August

1. Donahue A Aitcheson PGK
2. Frank H Bauer
3. Kenneth Osuji PGK
4. Dea Alton Davis Jr
6. Augustine Frazer
8. Sylvester O Ezeani
11. Bede Nnebedum
Anthony O Nnorom
13. Michael J Lewis
Bernard A Zempolich
15. Jose A Barahona Roldan
Ignatius O Ekekwe
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Henry O Mbah
20. Everett L Lallis
21. Leonard N Garcia
Matthew R Pelfrey
22. Thomas A Wolf
24. Ramon A Lomosbog
25. Serafin Avitia Iv
28. Moises Merino-Perez
31. Arthur P Ejimakor

September

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12. Larry H Martin II
13. Bernard C Carrick
15. Robert G Worthington PGK
Felipe Garcia
23. Mr Kingsley Mbachu
24. Theophine T Nwosu
26. Cosmas U Nwokeafor
Mr Festus Udejiofor
27. Justin Oratokhai
Festus E Sowho
28. Ronald Millville
30. Mr Michael Nfon Sama
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HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!!!



Ladies Auxiliary

Seton notes
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Upcoming Council Events Calendar

August 4	Council Meeting – 8PM
August 13	KoC Monthly Virtual Rosary by Zoom
August 18	Council Meeting – 8PM
September 1	Council Meeting – 8PM
September 10	KoC Monthly Virtual Rosary by Zoom
September 15	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.