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**Chaplain
Father Paul Sparklin**

“There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come and say, ‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’” **Luke 18: 1-8**

If only someone would see . . .

He sits in the back of the classroom, carefully following the teacher’s lesson. He loves school, but everything else in his life is a struggle. His exhausted mom is raising him and his brother alone, and money is tight — he works a part-time job that helps keep the family afloat from month to month. He’s naturally shy and feels intimidated, surrounded by kids from families far better off than his, so he tends to stay in the background. He’s a bright kid, with potential to do great things — if only someone would see him.

She works hard in the office. She’s been there for a while, making a little more than minimum wage. But truth be told, she makes the place work: she picks up the slack when someone messes up; she’s learned to think three and four steps ahead, often solving a problem before it starts. The manager and sales team have come to depend on her — they just don’t realize it. Her organizational skills are terrific; her generosity of spirit and her ability to deal with people with

patience, empathy and focus have won her the respect of all. She could and should be on the management track — if only someone would see her.

Then there are those who work hard not to be seen. Some are here legally, with limited visas; many are not. They work the farms at harvest; they crew fishing and crab boats. Except for a few dollars for their few expenses while here, they send their earnings home to the families waiting for their return. But many have come to consider them enemies, thieves — and worse. But they just want what we all want for our families: food, shelter, clothing and security. Why can’t we see that?

This little gospel passage challenges us to see the “persistent widows” in our midst: to recognize their struggles and the gifts they possess that we overlook or discount. The widow of Jesus’ parable lives among us: she is the poor, the struggling, the ignored, the forgotten; she is the mother and father, the daughter and son, the fellow Knight, the family and friend of the suffering and dying who work for a cure so that other families may be spared what they have suffered through; she is the victim of injustice whose sense of her own dignity enables her to fight on. Christ promises that the Father hears the worthy prayer of the Gospel widow in her many guises and that her perseverance in faith will one day be rewarded — and Jesus challenges us to put aside our obliviousness and self-absorption and see her. In her many guises, she is Christ in our midst.

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





Grand Knight's Report Matt Warehime

My brothers all,

Shortly before his own Passion, our Lord Jesus wept tears with Mary and Martha upon the death of Lazarus. In the midst of this sorrow, he told Martha: "I am the Resurrection and the Life: whoever believes in Me, though he should die, will come to life".

Jesus raised Lazarus from the tomb to teach us that death is not the end for those who believe, but rather a glorious beginning. Upon leaving this world, the faithfully departed begin their journey toward a heavenly dwelling place, prepared for them by Christ who rose from the dead.

The passing away of our earthly life, therefore, is a transition to a new life, in which "every tear is wiped from our faces" and sickness, pain and suffering are no more.

Every Knight of Columbus is entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of God. We carry the Rosary as the sign of our dedication to her and to her Son. Confident in her motherly love for us all, we entrust the soul of our Brother Knights to her, so that she may present them to her Son.

This Month is the month that we will honor our brothers who have passed and gone on to live with Jesus and the Lord our God. I ask that we each take some time to remember and reflect on those who have passed before us. We will be holding a Necrology mass this month at the hall. I will send out an email to advise when once the details have been settled. Vivat Jesus



Tempest Fugit, Memento Mori



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

Facing an unexpected or crisis pregnancy is a difficult challenge. Gabriel Network is here to help you with the **Church-Based Angel Friend Volunteer Teams and Maternity Homes**. We have assisted thousands of women in the past 20 years with material, emotional, and spiritual needs just like yours. You don't have to go through this alone. You don't have to be afraid. Call us and let us walk alongside you. **The first step is to call the help line at 800-ANGEL-OK (800-264-3565 ex.1), Monday-Friday 9 AM to 5 PM.**

Volunteers and staff are waiting for your call. If you call after business hours or while we are on the line with another caller, please leave a detailed voicemail. We regularly return voicemails within one to two business days. Vivat Jesus!

MOTION OF INTENT was made by the Deputy Grand Knight Chris Keplinger to give \$500 dollars per a quarter over the remaining 3 quarters of the year to the Gabriel Project Foundation. This motion will be voted on at the November Business Meeting





Supreme Chaplain

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

November 12, 2017

I think about who makes up the Knights of Columbus and all that it does in service of others, and I ask myself, "How can I promote the good of the Order?"

Left to my own resources, I can't adequately answer that question, for the good of the Order cannot be reduced merely to my opinions. The same is true of every Knight of Columbus. The Order we joined is not a debating society, nor is it an arena where we play out a contest of wills. Rather, it is an organization rooted in charity, which expresses itself in genuine unity of mind and heart and in a brotherhood of service. In fact, our ability to do great good for our members, our Church and our world depends on our willingness to preserve and strengthen this solidarity.



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Calendar of Sacred Heart Council Activities And Upcoming Events

www.kofc2577.org

Mass Times for Local Catholic Churches in Sacred Heart Council

www.kofc2577.org/masses.htm

Sick or Recovering Brothers

Roger Jamison
Bruno "Rocky" Seppi
Bill Sheehan, HLM, PGK
Jerry Scheidhauer

Sick or Recovering Relatives

Joyce Edgington, Wife of Dennis Edgington
Regina Smigielski, Widow of Frank Smigielski
Mary McEligott, Wife of Ron McEligott, PGK
Lorraine Sotack, Wife of Steve Sotack
Kitty Vaughan, Widow of Dudley Vaughan

**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.org)
so that we may include them in our prayers.**

In Memoriam

Mary Rayner Wife of John Rayner
Died September 19, 2019

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**Fourth Degree News
St. John Neumann Assembly #1763
Bill Sapero FN, PGK**

Here it is November already. Thanksgiving is right around the corner. One thing we have to be thankful for are our new Sir Knights. Our Exemplification was held October 19 in Washington DC and Assembly 1763 has 5 new Sir Knights. Please welcome Jack McCabe IV (LJ), Jack Carey, Ron Blocker, Jonathan Collum, and Joshua Longworth into our ranks. Our next meeting is November 21 come and join us in welcoming our new Sir Knights.

Also coming is our Patriotic Breakfast on November 9. Beginning at 10 AM we will have made to order omelets and a fantastic program to include the Archdiocese of Washington District Choir and our Keynote Speaker Jill Harris from Wreaths Across America. The cost will be \$10.00. Please notify me or our Captain Mike Mitchell. Let's all attend this worth while program and support our men and women in uniform. If you purchased a \$1000 raffle ticket, the winner will be drawn at the Patriotic Breakfast.

I ask you to support our Assembly in its endeavors and do your best to help some Catholic gentlemen join the Knights of Columbus in our beliefs that we remain united in our Faith and continue to display our Patriotism for all to see.

Hope to see everyone at the hall.



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

Brothers, we have completed our first 4 months of the Fraternal Year. I want to thank you all for working so hard to get the ball rolling on what I think will be a great year. Of course we have to keep the momentum rolling. We have got to keep bringing in new members especially to help us in our goals and to lighten the load for our Brothers who always seem to step up when needed.

October 26th is our Annual State Fall Meeting where the District Deputies, District Wardens, Grand Knights, along with the State officers go over what we have accomplished and where we need to go.

After we get back we meet with the membership to relay the message.

The main focus for November besides membership will be our Memorial masses. The following message is about the Annual State Memorial mass which will be held at one of our own District Parishes.

It is open to all members and their families. I would ask that you please attend. It is a great occasion for us as Brothers to pray together.

It will be celebrated by Fr. Joe Jenkins, which is always an added bonus. His homilies are always amazing.

All members of the Maryland State Council Family, including spouses, widows and guests, are cordially invited to attend the Annual State Council Memorial Mass which will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Sunday, November 17, 2019. The church is located at 12010 Woodmore Rd., Mitchellville, MD 20721. The necrology will be read at 2:00pm followed by Mass which will be celebrated by State Chaplain, Father Joseph Jenkins. A reception with light refreshments will immediately follow the Mass in the parish hall.

Several times a year, the Maryland State Council family comes together to participate in the celebration of Mass and become one in the Body of Christ through the Holy Eucharist. The State Council Memorial Mass further affords us the opportunity to recognize and honor our deceased brothers and ladies (wives of brother Knights or members of Ladies Auxiliaries) with whom we have been blessed to work with in service to our Lord. Please notify Memorial Mass Chairman, Jim Duryee, by November 9, 2019 via email (j_duryee@hotmail.com) if you will be attending the Mass and reception so that proper arrangements can be made.

I hope to see many of you at this Mass.

Let us all remember to give thanks and pray this Thanksgiving. This world of ours right now is a very turbulent place, with many mixed messages and hatred. But, I am a firm believer that prayer works. Vivat Jesus,



Bingo

Joe Massimini, PGK, PFN, PCP, FDD
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Bingo is doing well, but we need your help. If you can come on a Tuesday night any time from 6 until 10, we can use you, even if it is only for an hour or two.

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

November 5: Team 1, Bill Cartney

November 12: Team 2, Jack O'Malley

November 19: Team 3, Mike Mitchell

November 26: Team 4, Kevin Carroll

December 3: Team 1, Bill Cartney

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.

300 Club

Bill Cartney, Chairman

300 Club: We have sent out the letters for the Fall 19 session. If you haven't received your letter or would like to have a number please email me at billycart1@verizon.net and I'll be glad to set you up with a number. We plan on starting the drawings in October and will finish in December.

Here is what the 300 Club is all about. It is a simple fundraiser for our organization. Each number is only \$20.00.

The numbers drawn in each session will be awarded as follows: the first number is drawn \$50.00, the second \$35.00 and the third number \$25.00. The winning amounts for the final session are \$1000.00, \$400.00, and \$100.00. For individuals that are not aware or want clarification, 3 numbers are drawn in each of the 20 sessions. In total, 60 winning numbers are drawn from the cage throughout the season. During each session, the drawn number is NOT returned to the wheel until all three numbers for that session have been drawn. They are then returned to the cage for the next session.



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“The Nation Which Forgets Its Defenders Will Be Itself Forgotten.” - Calvin Coolidge

Michael McGivney PRAYER FOR CANONIZATION

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Micael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

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.





administration of justice can and must never completely remove those divine qualities from your service and your calling.”

Archbishop Wilton Gregory

Addressing a congregation that included Supreme Court justices and law students attending the Oct. 6 Red Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C., Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory encouraged those involved in law to reflect God’s justice and mercy.

“Justice is a divine characteristic of God Himself. Whether we are Christian, Jewish, or Muslim in heritage – we all believe that God is perfectly just and always merciful,” Washington’s archbishop said. “And those of you engaged in the

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Meet every Thursday at 10:30 AM

Lunch at 12:00 PM



“Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order’s first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights. It is the tangible way that we live out that spirit of fraternity and “missionary discipleship” to which Pope Francis has called us.” - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

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