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November and early December have been a busy time for the Council. As charity is the primary mission of the Knights, the council has gone all out during the time to fulfill our mission. As it is said "A picture is worth a thousand words" so in the "Recent Events" section of the newsletter there are pictures of the various events telling the story of brothers in action helping others.

Also included in the "News" section is a call by the Maryland Right to Life organization for help in their effort to stop any change to the Maryland Constitution that would make abortion and euthanasia constitutional rights in Maryland.

First, a few pictures.



Memorial Chalice and Paten



Presentation to Fr. Riche

St. Francis De Sales Council #3489

Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 P.M. Basement St. Francis DeSales Church

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With News from:

Msgr. Mickle Assembly #378

Meetings 2nd Thursday, 7:30 P.M., Basement St. Francis DeSales Church

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Chaplain	Fr. Emanuel Riche	Outside Guard	James Levadnuk
Chancellor	TBA	Inside Guard	Lee Novotny
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Treasurer	Kevin Deehan	Trustee (2year)	Howard Pusey
Advocate	John Losonczy	Trustee (1 year)	Charles Ripple Jr.
Recorder	Charles Doherty		

Calendar –Dec. 2023/Jan. 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Dec. 1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Business Meeting Council 3489 @7:30	8	9 Rosary after 5:30 Mass St. Francis de Sales
10	11	12	13	14 Fourth Degree Assembly 378 @7:30	15	16
17	18	19 Serving meal at Halo 5:30pm	20	21 No Social Meeting this month	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Jan. 1	2	3	4 Business Meeting Council 3489 @7:30	5	6



News

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brother Jim Novotny has a broken shoulder.

Brother Tom O'Connor

Please send prayer requests to: newsletter@kofc3489.org

You Can Be the Difference



As a Knight we defend the right to life for the unborn. The Maryland Right to Life (MDRTL) organization is looking for help to defend against any Amendment to the State Constitution that would make abortion a “constitutional right”. Please read the following brochure from the MDRTL detailing their effort and asking for help.



YOU CAN BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER IN THE FIGHT FOR LIFE

The time is now. The battle has already begun.
Please join Maryland Right to Life TODAY.

- MDRTL opposes any **Abortion Amendment** which would enshrine abortion through birth as a "constitutional right".
- MDRTL opposes **Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS)**, or "Death with Dignity" which puts the sick, elderly and disabled at risk of suicide.
- MDRTL monitors all new bills pertinent to LIFE matters in Maryland and **supports ProLife legislation and amends or opposes pro-abortion legislation** through expert legal and medical testimony and lobbying efforts.

Your voice matters! Say NO to a culture of Death.

Here's How in THREE easy steps:

1. Join us! **Sign up** for MDRTL email updates and advocacy action alerts at MDRTL.org. We will tell you the right time to TAKE ACTION. (Right before a vote!)
2. Go to the **TAKE ACTION** tab at MDRTL.org and select a campaign to email a prewritten letter or make a scripted phone call to your representative.
3. Share this with your ProLife contacts and ask them to join MDRTL today!

It's easy and takes only a minute! When you enter your address, your elected officials will automatically be pulled up. Messages will be tallied as coming from YOU, the constituent. Phone calls are most effective and are typically answered by legislative aids who will only ask if you oppose or support the legislation. You will not be engaged in debate. With your help, we expect to send over 50,000 pro-life messages that will change hearts and minds.

When we are a voice for the voiceless, lives are saved!

Recent Events

Serving Meals - Hope and Life Outreach

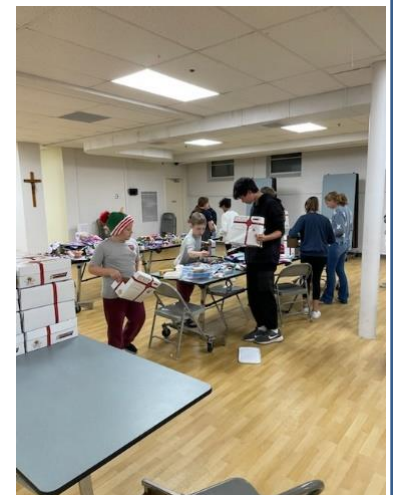
Third Tuesday each month brothers help at meals for the homeless at HALO. HALO ministers by providing meals, shelter, and case management in the spirit of the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to help please email Charlie Ripple at: ripplejr34@comcast.net

Seton Center Food Drive



Boxes of Joy with the School



Memorial Mass and Banquet



GK Jon Stafford



Paul and Brenda Sample
(Brother and wife of Tom Sample)



Sandy Kadera
(Wife of Richard Kadera)



Red Kettle Campaign



Christmas Party



Santa Social Pancake Breakfast



Joseph House Toy Distribution



Upcoming Events (from GK Jon Stafford)

If you are interested in helping and or participating in these events please email
newsletter@kofc3489.org.

First Bull Roast Planning

First Bull Roast planning meeting next Thursday 12/14 at Hoppers (located down next to the college) at 7pm. This is a joint project with the HSA.

Wreaths Across America

Will be on December 16th at Parson's Cemetery . Starting time is 9:30 am.

Coming Soon



Reports and/or Comments

Grand Knight Report (Jon Stafford)

Worthy Brothers,

Last night we held both an Exemplification and a business meeting. We welcomed Zane Rigler into our Council, and we are happy to have him! The business meeting was short as we are at the end of the year and there is not much left to do, which is nice because we've been really busy. I will highlight below what was discussed:

For the Grand Knight Report, I mainly thanked everyone for all their support with the events we helped make successful over the last month and a half. We served over 350 pancake breakfasts during the Santa Social, we covered three days of bell ringing with the Salvation Army, we're supporting the Joseph House in handing out toys to needy families later this month. We had a wonderful Christmas party as well as Memorial Mass reception. It has been truly a blessing to see us come together and support all these things and I can't thank everyone enough.

Coming up we are going to do our first Bull Roast planning meeting next Thursday 12/14 at Hoppers (located down next to the college) at 7pm. This is a joint project with the HSA so there will also likely be some HSA folks there to offer their insight as well. My wife, Cathy, is the head of the committee on the HSA side. The way I envision it is that the Knights will focus on the gaming side like we normally do, help with set up/clean up, some kitchen help, and see what we can do to find donations for food/drink similar to what we did for the Crab Feast. The HSA will worry about decorations, musical entertainment, selling the tickets, etc. I'm hoping that the partnership between our two groups will work well.

I read an email from our Seminarian, Harrison, he will be serving at the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Francis, if you see him introduce yourself. He also may attend our business meeting in January which would be cool. He also mentioned in his message to me that he has had some unexpected financial expenses at the seminary and was wondering if we'd be able to provide any additional financial support for him. We talked about it last night and voted to send him an additional \$250.

Howard Pusey brought up that Wreaths Across America will be on December 16th at Parson's Cemetery. I'm posting the link below, it says start time is 9:30am with wreath laying immediately following the ceremony. As a 3rd degree we are sponsoring 2 wreaths and our 4th degree is also sponsoring 2 wreaths.

During the Good of the Order John Losonczy brought up that he was at the saying of the Rosary after the 5:30 mass on the 2nd Saturday in November and only one other Knight was present. He'd like to see us make a better showing at these second Saturday Rosary prayers as we are the sponsor. Brother Tom Cypher has done an excellent job in leading this initiative. If anyone can make it, this Saturday December 9th is the second Saturday and the Rosary will be said after the 5:30pm Mass.

The last thing I will say is I hope all of you have a wonderful Advent/Christmas season with your families and friends. If anyone needs anything or has any questions or concerns please reach out to me at 667-380-3116 or on this email. I may not get to respond immediately but I will respond.

Vivat Jesus,

Jon

Additional Information

Council #3489 Web Site / The Franciscan: www.kofc3489.org

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Contacts



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How to pray the Rosary: www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary

Archives (coming soon to our website)

2023

- January no newsletter
- February www.kofc3489/public/archives/Feb-23.pdf
- March www.kofc3489/public/archives/Mar-23.pdf
- April www.kofc3489/public/archives/Apr-23.pdf
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- November
- December

Opening Ode

Sing ye his praises loud and long,
And let the unenlightened know,
In ev'ry echo of your song,
The great deeds done, tho' long ago,
By Columbus of the valiant soul,
Who first old Neptune has controlled,
Despite of envy, intrigue, gold,
In the dim past of long ago.

We have a mission great,
With vessels three o'er stormy sea,
He thrilled the world of long ago,
While wisdom linked with destiny,
In justice scales its weight did throw.
We are his heirs; we spread his name;
We boast his deeds; we spread his fame;
Our Order is the shining flame,
That lights the gloom of long ago.

Closing Ode

Now our evening' work is done,
Then let us ev'ry one,
Join in a song.
Long may our Order stand,
Foremost in this free land,
Ready with heart and hand,
To right each wrong

True to our Church and State,
Onward we move.
We dry the mourner's tear,
The tired heart we cheer,
Faith in our words appear,
Upheld by love.

Prayer for the Family

Mother of perpetual help, bless our families with your tender, motherly love. May the sacrament of marriage bring husbands and wives ever closer together that they may always be faithful, and love each other as Christ loves us. Help all mothers and fathers love and cherish the children God has entrusted to them. May they always be models of a truly Christian life. Help all children, that they may love and respect their parents. Inspire all people to value Christian marriage and family life. Give us a sense of responsibility that we may do our part in making our homes havens of love and peace. Mary, our model, help every family grow daily in genuine love for God and neighbor so that justice and peace may flourish everywhere in the human family. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Knights

(Rev. Robert F. Hopkins)

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 Devine 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 judges, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of thy servants, the Knights of Columbus. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

O God, who wishes all men to be saved, touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women, moving them to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

Inspire fathers and mothers of all members of the Christian families to become award of the great need for religious vocations.

Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind in the ranks of religion.

These blessings we ask through Christ our Lord, Amen

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Fr. Michael 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 outcast. We humbly ask that You glorify Your servant, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, on earth according to design of Your holy will. Through his intercession, grant this favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Say: Our Father: Hail Mary; Glory be to the Father