

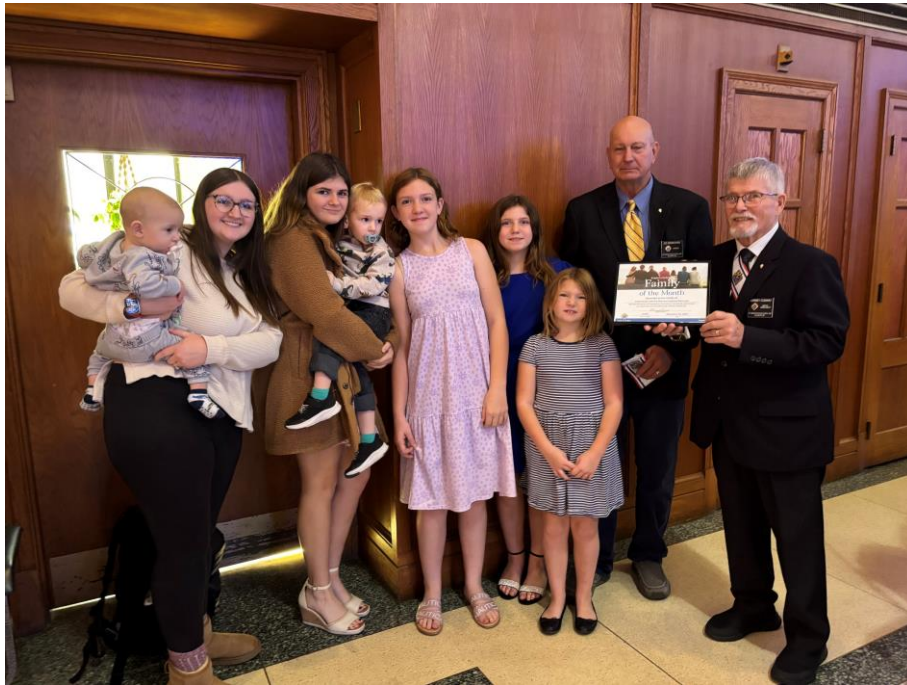


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November Family of the Month – The Dernowski Family



St. Francis De Sales Council #3489

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

Mailing address: Council #3489 P.O. Box 4483 Salisbury, MD 21803

With News from:

Msgr. Mickle Assembly #378

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

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Advocate	John Losonczy	Trustee (1 year)	Howard Pusey
Recorder	Charles Doherty		

Calendar -Dec 2024 / Jan 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 1	2	3	4	5 Business Meeting Council 3489 @7:30	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Fourth Degree Assembly 378 @7:30	13	14 Wreaths Across America 9am @ Parsons
15	16	17 Serving Halo 5:30pm Joseph House Toy Distribution	18 Joseph House Toy Distribution	19 Joseph House Toy Distribution	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Jan 1	2 Business Meeting Council 3489 @7:30	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Fourth Degree Assembly 378 @7:30	10	11



News

See “Additional Information” page for a link to SFdS webpage which has further information on the Knights of Columbus and our council.

A Letter from Our Seminarian – Kaya Manizade

(addressed to Brother Zane Rigler)

Zane,

I hope this email finds you and the family in good health and high spirits. I wanted to give an update to you and the council, especially after an exciting trip we seminarians just took to KofC HQ in New Haven.

On November 7th the men of the McGivney House of Propaedeutic Formation piled into a 12-seater van and drove the 5 hours up to New Haven, CT to visit the KofC HQ and Father McGivney's tomb. This trip was motivated by the fact that our house is named after Father McGivney, and when we move to Paca St in Baltimore, we will be living on the site where Father McGivney studied for several years of his formation. The museum was impressive, and I would highly recommend visiting to any of you who have the time. They have a collection of historical items from the KofC's history, including World War 1 morale kits that were distributed to service members during that war. There is even a membership certificate for John F Kennedy, when he joined the Knights as a young man. Also in the museum's collection are a few articles of clothing that Father McGivney was buried in, including his cassock, chasuble, and rosary.

After the museum we had mass in St. Mary's church, where Father McGivney was an associate pastor, and where he now rests. The next day we were 40 minutes north, in Thomaston, CT where Father McGivney was pastor of three churches. A representative from KofC graciously showed us around town, and we got to see places from Father McGivney's life, including the Thomaston Opera House, where he helped organize community plays and participated in social events, and which is now being renovated.

Visiting New Haven, I was impressed with how big the KofC truly is, and on the tour I learned just how significant the KofC's contributions are in charitable causes around the world. It is neat to know that our council at St. Francis de Sales is part of

such a prestigious and effective organization that has affected and continues to affect our nation's history.

In other news, seminary is going very well. We are continuing to work through the catechism and the Old Testament, and our singing has gotten a lot better. I am excited to be back in Salisbury from Dec 21st to January 12th, and I look forward to seeing you all at Mass.

God bless, and keep up the good work over there!

Yours in Christ

Kaya M.

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Blessed Carlo Acutis – The First Millennial Saint

Pope Francis has approved the canonization of Carlos Acutis. For more information refer to:

www.wordonfire.org/articles/carlo-acutis-the-first-millennial-saint/

and

www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/260581/carlo-acutis-and-pier-giorgio-frassati-to-be-canonized-in-2025-pope-francis-announces-dates

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State Soccer Shootout Winner

Brother Joe Dernowski's daughter, Erin, was a winner of the KofC State competition. Congratulations from all.



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New Transfer Member

Our council welcomed a new transfer member at the December Business Meeting,
Eddie Miller.

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SFds Scripp Program

Remember to participate in the SFds Scripp Program. The order form follows at the end
of the NEWS.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Wife of Charlie Ripple who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Please send prayer requests to: newsletter@kofc3489.org



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

Christmas Dinner

(Report and photos from DGN Barney Conway)

The Christmas party was a big success. There were 44 people in attendance. The food was delicious. A big thank you to Steve Ditmer, Mike Houilan Roy Kaiser and my wife Jodi for their help setting up the event. The trivia game Jodi hosted, that everyone enjoyed, had 29 gifts handed out to the winners. In addition, we also collected \$34 dollars for the Joseph House. All in all a great time.

A photo album of the party is attached to the email sent to all members

Santa Breakfast

Another great success with over 400 breakfasts served.

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Upcoming Events

(refer also to the GK Report in the next section "Reports and/or Comments" for further details)

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

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Fourth Degree Meeting December 12th.

At 7:30pm in SFdP Church Basement.

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Wreaths Across America Saturday December 14th.

Gathering at Parsons Cemetery at 9:00am.

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Joseph House Toy Distribution December 17th, 18th & 19th.

We will be assisting with Christmas Toy Distribution from 9am til noon. Sign-Up Sheet has been sent out. If you have not seen it and would like to help please email the newsletter.

For SFdS events please refer to: <http://visitstfrancis.org/>

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Reports and/or Comments
Grand Knight Report (Jon Stafford)
(As sent out in a recent email from Jon)

Insurance Agent Report (Robert Marlowe III)

Ed O'keefe is the new General Agent for the KofC Insurance.

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For information on the Knights of Columbus: www.kofc.org

Financial/Insurance Field Agent Robert Marlowe III: robert.marlowefa@kofc.org



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

[Meeting prayers and odes on the following pages.](#)

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 aware 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, 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, 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.