



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NEWS

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June 2019

## Grand Knight's Message



Grand Knight Rolando DeAlvarez

### Summer is upon us

Worthy Brothers All:

As we ended the Easter season with the Feast of the Pentecost, let us be receptive to the workings of the Holy Spirit. "...Renew in me a steadfast Spirit."



Father Michael J. McGivney – Our Orders Founder

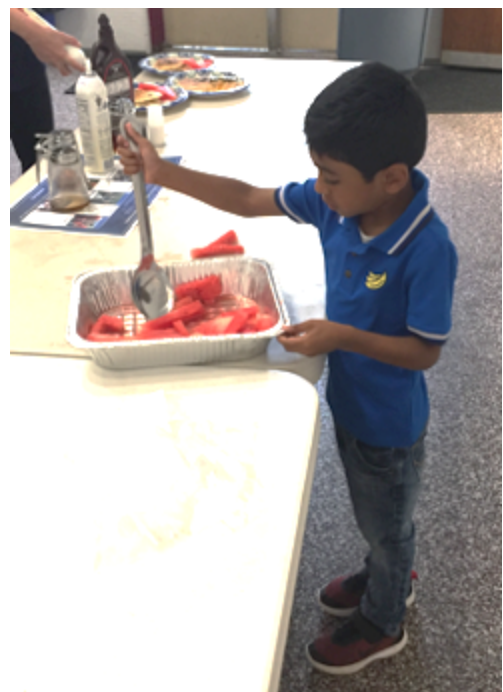
Worthy Bill Bolin, parish breakfast proprietor smiling as the happy faithful fill their hearts and stomachs! This is how the Faith in Action Life Activities Director likes to see it happening; Multi-tasking with the Household Items Exchange event.



## Last Parish Breakfast of the Fraternal Year until the Fall

The last monthly parish breakfast of the fraternal year was held June 9 along with the monthly household item exchange. It was a successful event as many parish families filled their stomachs with cheese and scrambled eggs, plain scrambled eggs, sausage patties, bacon, ham, garlic bread, blueberry pancakes, chocolate chip pancakes, plain pancakes, French toast, slices of watermelon, the usual condiments, orange juice, milk, coffee, and great conversation and camaraderie among the hungry faithful on a beautiful Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit was definitely out and descending upon the hungry. They devoured that wonderful breakfast comfort cooking whipped up by Knights John O'Donnell, Emmanuel Tucker, and Chris Farrell. We ran out of cheese and eggs and sausage patties among several other items. Some families took home some leftovers as usual. Pictures to the event showed some of the future Knight volunteers who were training their skills in dessert offerings..\*

Brother Knight Manoj's son



# Chaplain's Message

Rev Daniel P Leary

## Contemplative Action

What does it mean to Love sacrificially?



# District Deputy Message

William Newbrough, DD District 18



Brother Knights and Friends,

As we move toward the end of the fraternal year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Grand Knights, our council officers and program chairs who have provided leadership and managed the good works of our councils in 2018 – 2019. I would also like to thank all those who said “Yes” to service by participating in the charitable work of our councils. Your hard work and dedication to “Serving Christ by Serving Others” is a gift - a gift to your brother Knights, to our families and most importantly to those we serve. The benefits and blessings of your selfless dedication and commitment to service may never be fully known to you. But be assured that the good work you do uplifts lives and provides hope and healing in a broken and suffering world. Likewise, your acts of kindness and generosity mark you as a sign of contradiction against the times in which we live. You are a visible sign of Christ’s love for us all and your good works serve to evangelize the hardest heart.

I am particularly grateful for the willingness of our council officers and program chairs to take on the yoke of leadership at a time when fewer and fewer are willing to “get involved” or take on any commitment. We tell ourselves, that we are just too busy. We have a lot on our plates and in some cases, we do. As my wife frequently reminds me, with the Knights “family comes first!” and that is true. There are family commitments that need to be tended to and no volunteer

time should come before family. But remember, the example we set for our families, especially our children comes a close second to family obligations. And no lecture that you give to your kids will ever compare to the impact of seeing you put your faith into action.

And, the Knights of Columbus gives us all the opportunity to put our “Faith into Action” like no other organization. Whether it be through participation in a council, district, parish or state sponsored event; whether it be support for persecuted Christians or the collection of food for a local food pantry; whether it be providing “Boxes of Joy” for the poorest of the poor children at Christmas time or providing coats for kids in the cold of winter; whether it be providing a much needed wheelchair or **standing up for the dignity of every human life** – we are given amazing opportunities to say “Yes” to Christ’s call to love one another. But be under no illusion, the membership card in your pocket, will not feed a single hungry person or uplift a wounded veteran. **Only your “Yes!” to service will do that.**

And so, as we look toward the coming year, let’s work hard to balance our home lives with our work lives and our charitable work. And the next time you enter the council chamber, take a look at the council charter hanging on the wall. That charter lists the founding members of our councils. Take a moment to offer a little prayer of thanks for those brother Knights and their families (most of whom you have never met) who founded our councils. Thank them for the opportunity to put your faith into action and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and vision of our founder and holy priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

All the best and Vivat Jesus.\*



After mass for Persecuted Christians, District Deputy Bill Newbrough(left) informs fellow Knights on April 12.

# COUNCIL # 13008

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## OFFICERS:

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Community Activity Dir	TBD
Family Activities Dir	TBD
Life Activities Dir	TBD

Membership Chairman	Werner Moeller, PGK
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Tootsie Roll Chairman	TBD
Pancake Breakfast Chair	William Bolin, PGK
Pro-Life Couple	TBD
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Newsletter Ed./Lecturer	SK Pedro David Matias
Webmaster	Rolando DeAlvarez

**{Note : The Installation of Officers for Fraternal Year 2019-2020 of council 13008 is planned for August 3, 2019. All members and friends of the Council are invited to the 5:00PM Mass, the Installation ceremony after Mass and the reception to follow.}**

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All council meetings are generally held in the KoC Meeting Room in the basement of the old convent at 7:45PM. Officer's meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Business meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month and the Social meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

### July Meetings

July 03	Officer's meeting	7:45 PM
July 10	Business meeting	7:45 PM
July 24	Social meeting	7:45 PM

### August Meetings

Aug 07	Officer's meeting	7:45 PM
Aug 14	Business meeting	7:45 PM
Aug 28	Social meeting	7:45 PM

## **We Welcome You to Msgr. Wells Council!**

Please, personally welcome a new brother into the Knights of Columbus, Henry Monforte with his First Degree. He was initiated into the Knights on May 15(see group photo on pg. 4) We also welcome John Soder into the Order of the Knights.

Our council is unique in its group of activities that minister to a variety of interests and Charitable functions. Please inquire as to what is available to you to help out and expand your role into our council. Our brothers are eager and enthusiastic to bring you into the wings of our council. The Holy Spirit flourishes in a unique way here at Monsignor Wells Council 13008.\*

## **Pool Party for Young Lectors and Altar Servers**

Friday, June 21 was a beautiful dry, early evening for an evening of swimming and barbeque. Worthy Past Grand Knight Wilfrid Amisial's words reflects his experience of this event,

"I thought about you last night after sleeping for a couple hours. I decided to wait until now this morning to let you know that I attended last night the Saint Andrew's Parish Lector and Altar boys and girls Annual picnic at the Kemp Mill pool organized by the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Thomas Wells. We missed you. Worthy Past Grand Knight John O'Donnell provided, prepared and served food for more than twenty adults and more than twenty kids. I was there around 7 pm. Mrs. Mary Beth Crowley-Farrell came and joined us, later that evening and this was very pleasant talking with her. Worthy Bill Bolin's email to all of us and definitely our conversation yesterday afternoon certainly were appreciated. I always enjoyed this annual gathering. There were many adult faces welcoming me and encouraging me to eat and drink as usual. I hope the picnic continued in this happy mode for the rest of the evening after our Grand Knight Rolando and I left saying our au revoir to all attendees."\*

### Did you know?

- o Our Monsignor Wells website is at [www.kofc13008.org](http://www.kofc13008.org). Any and all activities are currently listed on our updated monthly calendar. Please inquire to any of our officers or brothers about any questions.
- o Recruit a Catholic brother - [www.kofc2797.org/](http://www.kofc2797.org/) become-a-knight.
- o You can get great insurance with the Knights of Columbus! Inquire about our council's agent today. \*





Henry Monforte, a new brother in the Monsignor Wells Council Knights of Columbus, right of the banner.

## **Knight's Trivia**

Right Field: Babe Ruth: George Herman "Babe" Ruth was a member of the Knights of Columbus, learned baseball from the Xaverian Brothers and joined the Order in 1919. He often visited orphanages, schools and hospitals during and after his major league career. A year before his death, he established the Babe Ruth Foundation for destitute children. His dedication to charity - the first principle of the Knights — would go on to impact millions of lives, especially children.

(From the New Haven Register).\*

## **Pro-Life News**

### **Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus**

#### **Maryland's KofC Ultrasound Program**

In Maryland, the KofC has donated 23 ultrasound machines to Pregnancy Care Centers throughout the state. Several councils are working with other PCCs to raise funds and prepare applications to receive ultrasound units. The State Ultrasound Program, however, needs additional funds to meet all requests. Can your council help? For more information about the ultrasound program in Maryland or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at [LPGGrayson@verizon.net](mailto:LPGGrayson@verizon.net).

#### **Blocking Federal Funds for Abortion**

On May 22, 25 Republican senators requested that the Senate appropriations committee decline to advance any bills with language that would weaken or remove pro-life or pro-religious liberty measures currently in place. They cited the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy, which blocks funding to organizations that promote abortions, and the updated rule for Title X of the Public Health Services Act, which prohibits Title X money from going to clinics that perform abortions. Planned Parenthood is set to lose millions of dollars in federal funding due to this new rule.

#### **Maryland Abortion Funding Now Law**

Before the Maryland General Assembly adjourned for this

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#### **National Pro-Life Legislation Highlights - continued**

mandates that infants who survive an abortion be given medical care equivalent to that provided to any other infant of the same gestation. Pro-abortion legislators in the U.S. Congress have blocked the bill from being considered 52 times – 50 in the House and twice in the Senate. Every senator who is running for president in 2020 voted to bar consideration of the bill.

The Women's Health Protection Act, a bill that would make abortion on demand federal law and prohibit any state limits on abortions up to birth, was passed by the House of Representatives on May 23.

New York has the most permissive abortion law in the nation. Since January 22, abortion is allowed until birth and they can be performed by nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and midwives. On May 28, the Illinois House of Representatives passed an even more radical abortion bill.

Alabama put in the most pro-life law in the nation on May 23, banning virtually all abortions and making an abortionist face a possible prison term of up to 99 years.

#### **Upcoming Events**

June 1 –The Respect Life Committee of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Overlea will show the film, "A Cold

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year, it passed the Family Planning Program Funding Bill (SB904/HB1272) which prohibits the Maryland Department of Health from accepting Title X federal funding if it excludes abortion providers – which it does. The bill replaces these funds at the same level from the state budget, i.e., from state tax dollars. Maryland Right to Life estimates that as many as 50,000 Marylanders petitioned Governor Hogan to veto the bill. The governor took no action and the bill became law without his signature.

**Where Do the Presidential Candidates Stand on Abortion**

Joe Biden, former vice president, has endorsed repealing the Hyde amendment, a measure that prohibits federal funding of abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or when the mother’s life is endangered.

Bernie Sanders, Vermont senator, wants a national law legalizing abortion up to birth.

Kamala Harris, California senator, wants states that have had pro-life laws struck down by the courts to obtain Justice Department approval before they can implement any new pro-life laws.

Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts senator, announced a plan to legalize abortions for any reason up to birth and force taxpayers to pay for them.

Kirsten Gillibrand, New York senator, identifies herself as Catholic, but disagrees with the Church on abortion, LGBTQ issues, and an all-male priesthood.

Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota senator, would sign legislation codifying abortion rights supporting abortion up to birth.

Pete Buttigieg, mayor of South Bend, described the killing of unborn babies as “an American freedom,” and does not want the government to restrict abortions in any way at any stage of development.

Cory Booker, New Jersey senator, has pledged to create a White House office exclusively dedicated to protecting so-called abortion “rights,” and would have a pro-Roe v. Wade litmus test for judicial nominees.

Beto O’Rourke, former Texas congressman, said a third-trimester abortion “should be a decision that the woman makes about her body.”

**National Pro-Life Legislation Highlights**

The proposed Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

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Day In Hell, The conversion of Norma McCorvey (the Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade).” The movie is open to all and will take place in the parish Youth Room at 5:00 pm. For more information, contact Tina Bauman at 443-695-0103 or email tinab220@yahoo.com

~~June 15~~ – Lifeguard will be conducting a free sidewalk counseling training seminar from 1:00 to 3:30 pm, at Holy Name Catholic Church Annex (1125 Neal Street NE, Washington DC). Learn how you can save a baby’s life and save pregnant mothers from the horrors of abortion through effective counseling and prayers. The instructor is Dick Retta, who has over 20 years of experience counseling at several abortion centers. For more information, contact Tom Trunk (240-593-6982) or Missy Smith, (202 -88-4984).

~~June 21~~ – The Center for Pregnancy Concerns’ 13th Annual Tee Off for Kids golf tournament, will be held at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. Foursomes are invited to enjoy a day of fun and support a good cause. For more information, contact gretchen@centerforpregnancyconcerns.org or call 443-834-6715.

September 8-14 -- The St. Michael’s Respect Life Committee is also sponsoring a pilgrimage to EWTN, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, St Bernard Abbey and Ave Maria Grotto in Alabama. For further information and reservations, contact Tina Bauman at 443-695-0103 or email tinab220@yahoo.com

**Cemeteries of the Innocents**

As of June 1, there is one Cemetery of the Innocents standing in Maryland. It is at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Lexington Park (St. Mary’s County). Will your council host one? For more information or to schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

**Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard:**

**Number Installed in 2019 – 2 Since 2004 – 331**

“Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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## Monsignor Wells Message

[From the Pastor's Desk, *Spiritual Reflections* by Msgr. Thomas M. Wells]

*St. Therese of Lisieux - Do Ordinary Things Extraordinarily Well - June 12, 1994*

St. Therese of Lisieux, often called "The Little Flower," was a Carmelite sister of the late 19th century who, even though she lived only twenty-four years, has had tremendous influence on the Church of this century. She was unheard of during her lifetime, but her autobiography, which she was encouraged to write by a very wise spiritual guide, contains a spiritual wisdom which reflects extraordinary spiritual gifts. I think of her for two reasons.

First of all, there is a pious belief that "The Little Flower" will sometimes show her intercession before God on behalf of those who turn to her in a very simple way: by giving roses to them. Last week, the wife of a couple who are good friends called to tell of her husband's unexpected heart problem. He went to the doctor's office at two in the afternoon of feeling faint, and by seven that evening he was undergoing quadruple bypass surgery. At any rate, as his wife tells the story, she turned to St. Therese, asking her prayers for the husband during the surgery, and within moments, a neighbor arrived at the door with, as you have guessed, an arrangement of roses from her garden. The husband, thank God, has already come home.

I think of St. Therese for another reason, however. She is most famous, I suppose, for what is known as her "little way." By this she meant that the Christian should do "ordinary things extraordinarily well." You may have noticed at Mass today that the priest wore green vestments. These are a sign that we are in the ordinary time of the Church year. Almost since Advent (with the exception of a few weeks after Christmas) we have celebrated the principle events of the life of Christ. The cycle that includes Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and the beautiful Sundays of the Trinity and the Body of Christ is one that invites us to particular types of prayer or celebration. I believe, however, and I think that St. Therese and the Church agree, that it is in the ordinary times of life that most of us work out our salvation. The day of my ordination was, emotionally and spiritually, beyond belief; but my salvation is won or lost in the way that I live out my priest hood by serving people (especially those I may not feel like serving), by I praying daily, by putting myself into sacramental celebrations and so on. I like most of us, I think, see our lives as very ordinary—and we are probably right. But, I assure you, no life can be as ordinary (on the surface) as that of the Carmelite sister. Any life, lived extraordinarily well, by God's grace, can be a source of great goodness to others\*.

## Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

### *Promoting Equality Through Coercion*

The misnamed *Equality Act of 2019* -- perhaps the most egregious and far-reaching assault on religious freedom, individual conscience, and free speech ever put forth in this nation -- was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 17.

The bill, if enacted, would make sexual orientation and gender identity equivalent to existing protections for race, color, national origin, sex, disability and religion under the *1964 Civil Rights Act*, while negating the free exercise protections of the First Amendment as reaffirmed in the *Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA)*. It would affect virtually every aspect of American society, as it would apply to "any establishment that provides a good, service, or program," including those engaged in public education, lending, housing, employment, federal assistance, health care, transportation, entertainment, recreation, exercise, public facilities, and more.

The title, *Equality Act*, is an alluring bromide, meant to disarm a not-very-aware public. It illustrates the hypocrisy of a government that proclaims the absolute equality of all its citizens, but gives special privileges to a small segment. To paraphrase George Orwell in his novel *Animal Farm*, under the Act, "All people are equal, but some people are more equal than others."

Perhaps, the most publicized provision of the bill is its mandated access to communal facilities "in accordance with an individual's gender identity." Women and girls would be required to share restrooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms, and even showers, in schools, university dorms, retail stores and other venues, with biological males.

A sampling of current government overreach foreshadows an ominous future, if the Act becomes law.

The federal government, for example, would be able to dictate the hiring and firing of staff and the admissions policies in Catholic schools. In 2018, a Catholic elementary school in Florida fired a female teacher for marrying another woman. A kindergarten-aged child in Kansas was recently denied admission to a Catholic school because his parents are in a same-sex union. In both of these cases, the schools would have been forced to take the opposite actions, in spite of Church teaching.

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The legislation would encourage LGBTQ-inclusive educational curricula for children in public schools. When accrediting agencies follow suit, will Catholic schools be able to resist including material about same-sex lifestyles? A few days before the House passed the Equality Act, the popular PBS television cartoon series *Arthur*, which receives significant federal funding, showed Arthur and his classmates joyously attending their male teacher's marriage to another male. And, there currently are numerous examples of "drag queens" holding story hours in libraries, schools and book stores to affect the minds and imaginations of young children with glamorous, positive role models of gender fluidity.

Catholic adoption ministries could be shut down nationally. Pennsylvania, Illinois and Massachusetts have already effectively closed Catholic adoption agencies in those states by requiring them to place children with same-sex couples, which violates Catholic convictions about marriage and family.

Last year, a girl was removed from her parents' custody when they refused to have her medically transition to a male, but instead wanted her to receive counseling for her gender confusion and remain a girl. Under the Equity Act, government agencies could take children from their parents, if they refuse to provide transitional treatment.

Retail service companies, such as florists, bakers, caterers, photographers, and event consultants, that willingly serve all customers, but will not in good conscience help celebrate same-sex weddings, will be driven out of business. Jack Phillips, owner of Masterpiece Cakes, legally fought the Colorado Civil Rights Commission for several years before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Commission had acted prejudicially in upholding the complaint of a gay couple that he refused their request for a specially-designed wedding cake.

Even though the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage in 2015, the Equality Act goes beyond mere approval to require total acceptance of these unions. It defines belief in traditional marriage as a "sex stereotype" and makes a sex-stereotype illegal under federal law. If churches do not at least recognize, if not celebrate, same-sex marriages, it is possible that they could be sued or lose their tax-exempt status.

The claim that the Act will create equality in athletics is a sham. When Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination in education programs, was enacted, women's sports at the high school and collegiate levels expanded enormously. Then, in 2016, the Obama administration interpreted the term "sex" under Title

IX to include "gender identity," which allowed any male who claimed to identify as female the right to participate in women's sports. The result was inevitable. Biological males, who have natural physical advantages in size, strength and speed, dominated events when competing against females. Although President Trump revoked the Obama policy, the Equality Act would write gender identity into law. The many legal protections women now enjoy would be effectively eliminated, with the result that women's athletics would be essentially destroyed.

In the health sector, the ramifications of the Act would be enormous. Puberty-blocking hormonal treatments for children could be deemed necessary and standard health care. Doctors and nurses would be required to provide gender transition treatments and sex-change surgeries, even if these procedures violated their medical judgments and religious beliefs. Further, the language in the Equality Act is general enough so that courts could interpret it to mandate taxpayer funding for abortions and to nullify conscience protections for medical providers who object to performing these procedures.

Inevitable conflicts will arise between those who wish to adhere to their religious beliefs and advocates for LGBTQ "rights." Persons and groups holding traditional Christian beliefs about marriage, the distinction between sexes, and gender being determined at birth would be marked as bigots and exposed to legal action. Without the protection provided by RFRA, the Equality Act would tip the judicial scale against religion. In essence, the Act would criminalize Christianity and persecute Christians for their beliefs on sexual morality and gender issues.



*Past Grand Knight, Werner Moeller(left) accepting Honorary Life Member card for Msgr. Wells Knights of Columbus on May 8. He is the membership chair and J. Kemp Cook lead tenor. Paul Sanneman, financial secretary & Rolando DeAlvarez, Grand Knight are pictured with him.*



Thank You! Merci! Danke *schön*. Salamat. Gracias.  
Murakoze. Me da si. Ameseğenallô. Asante.  
Dziękuję Ci. Go raibh maith agat. Dank je. Xièxiè.\*

### ***Monsignor Wells Knights, Thank You for your work in 2018-2019 !***

No words can amply express the great appreciation we have for each and every one of the Monsignor Wells Knights who volunteered their time and efforts to all the various Faith in Action events and masses. As Monsignor Wells' Knights of Columbus, we are blessed to have witnessed the Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle in October 3, 2018 and the ongoing novenas to the Blessed Mother to the Tootsie Roll bucket brigade Knights donning bright aprons on a rainy day in the fall for those individuals mentally challenged to handing out Mother's Day carnations to cooking and serving eggs and cheese, pancakes, and sausages on one of the monthly parish breakfasts to loading many bottles of water in a Knight's pickup truck and using that same truck to deliver a Costco bed to a household item exchange customer to wearing a Polynesian style shirt and serving barbeque chicken and calling bingo to deep frying turkeys on the Friday after Black Friday 2018 to going on a pilgrimage to the Baltimore Basilica and St. Jude's shrine(Baltimore) and St. Mary's spiritual center and historic site to the Mustang car raffle crew to cleaning and prepping St. Andrews for Advent and Monsignor Hart playing Christmas Carols for those two enchanted children to Father Dan saying a group prayer for Oscar and Margie during that Christmas church prep to collaborating on the Icon of the Blessed Mother for Persecuted Christians to attending the Faith In Action Seminar at Good Counsel High School with District Deputy, District Warden, and John O'Donnell pulling all the info pamphlets (had to get your name in!) to getting Grand Knight's delicious A&W root beer to visiting sick PGKs at the local hospital to cooking for the Faith Formation classes hamburgers and hot dogs to planting a Lenten Rose, African Daisy, and wave petunias in the rectory planters to exchanging banners for each part of the liturgical year to contributing Knights controlling traffic around the Corpus Christi procession and handing out popsicles to ushering at all Sunday masses during Christmas season and the Easter Triduum to nurturing the seminarians during their journey with Christ to cleaning up Arcola Avenue to the soccer shootouts and the free-throw basketball tournaments and friendly free-throw challenge among Knights at St. Raphaels as well as other faith, community, family, and life events associated with the Faith-In-Action ministries of the Monsignor Wells Knights of Columbus. There may have been other significant happenings that were not mentioned in this extended "Thank You." Thank You!

Most of all, Thank You Father Dan for being you and all that you do for the poor and disadvantaged. You are a shining light radiating from Christ. Plus, Thank You for your unequivocal support of the Monsignor Wells Knights of Columbus. All that makes St. Andrew the Apostle parish unique is from Christ and the intercession of his Blessed Mother.\*

#### **Most recent Happenings**

The Msgr. Wells Knights held an end of the fraternal year spaghetti dinner for all who volunteered for the many ministries and parish community related events associated with St. Andrew the Apostle Church. Knight John O'Donnell prepared and cooked spaghetti and meatballs and spicy Italian sausage. Ms. Jacqueline cooked a delicious lasagna and garlic bread as well. Also, Knight P.D. Matias cooked pureed asparagus and ham soup and garlic bread too and supplied the beverages too. It was a wonderful time spent together enjoying the company and good food. Most of the guests were from the Gabriel Project volunteer team.\*

#### **Most recent Wells Knight's Social**

Due to the fact that the venerable St. Andrew the Apostle Choir cancelled their end-of-year social party, the Msgr. Wells Knights were able to use the MPR for their monthly social. We held a movie night this past Wednesday, June 26. Worthies sat and ate in the chairs auditorium style – fanned out. The few of us that showed up chowed down on Ledos pizza, Kentucky Fried Chicken, beer, wine, and soda pop. Plus, Ms. Theresa Trigiani blessed us with her chocolate and chocolate and coconut covered cupcakes. We watched *Father Michael McGivney* which chronicles the life and times of the founder of the Knights of Columbus \*



## Prayer of a Soldier in France (Knight of Columbus in WWI)

by Joyce Kilmer

*My shoulders ache beneath my pack (Lie easier, Cross, upon His back).*

*I march with feet that burn and smart (Tread, Holy Feet, upon my heart).*

*Men shout at me who may not speak (They scourged Thy back and smote Thy cheek).*

*I may not lift a hand to clear My eyes of salty drops that sear.*

*(Then shall my fickle soul forget Thy agony of Bloody Sweat?)*

*My rifle hand is stiff and numb (From Thy pierced palm red rivers come).*

*Lord, Thou didst suffer more for me Than all the hosts of land and sea.*

*So let me render back again This millionth of Thy gift. Amen.\**

(From the Columbian, June 2019)

### Joyce Kilmer

A famous World War I veteran who died while fighting for the “Fighting 69th. He left a legacy of a wife and five children at the time. In the wake of his passing, his literary talent in poetry touched many hearts with his gentle evangelization for the Catholic faith which he embraced when his young daughter was struck with infantile paralysis. The graces bestowed on he and his wife during those family sufferings led them to convert to Catholicism. (From the Columbian, June 2019)\*



Joyce Kilmer in his WWI uniform

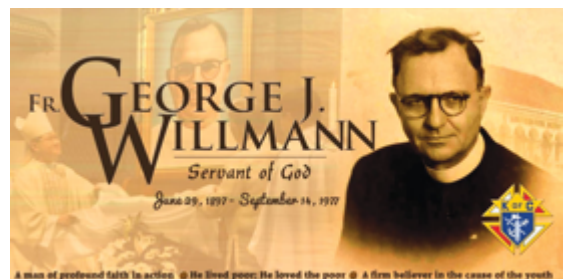
### The Life and Works of Fr. George J. Willmann, SJ

One of the few but timely and efficacious blessings with the Order in the Philippines experienced during the lean years of 1930's, came in the person of an American Jesuit priest, Fr. George J. Willmann. Born on June 29, 1897, in Brooklyn, New York, he first came to the Philippines in 1922 when he was still a seminarian, to fulfill a teaching stint at the Ateneo de Manila. Then after completing his studies and being ordained in the United States, he was sent back to Manila and all of his priestly life had been spent there.

A remark by one his contemporary fellow Jesuit reflected the impact which Fr. Willmann made on the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines during the latter half of the 1930's.

*“It was in this period of its lowest vitality that the K of C in the Philippines received the infusion of new blood, so to speak. The “new blood” was Father George J. Willmann, S.J.... Father Willmann’s entry marked a turning-point in the history of the K of C in the Philippines, for he gave to it not only a new vitality but also a new orientation.”\**

*\*Continuing stories in the July Newsletter edition\**



*A Man of profound faith in action; He lived poor; He loved the poor; A firm believer in the cause of the youth. (June 29, 1897 – Sept. 14, 1977)*

[See the Note underneath the Council #13008 Officer list on page 3 for the new fraternal year.\\*](#)

## JULY 2019

### MONSIGNOR THOMAS M. WELLS COUNCIL #13008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Officer Mtg 7:45 PM	4 <b>Independence</b> Day-4 <sup>th</sup> of July!	5	6
7	8	9	10 Business Mtg 7:45PM	11	12	13
14 Household Item Exchange 9:30 to 1:00 St. Kateri Tekakwitha feast	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Social Mtg 7:45PM	25	26	27 Arcola Road cleanup @ 9:30am
28	29	30	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola feast day	1	2	3

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