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Monsignor Thomas M. Wells Council

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Grand Knight's Message



Grand Knight Rolando DeAlvarez

**Remember, October is devoted to
Our Lady of the Rosary &
November pray to the Saints for all
Souls and the Church!**

Worthy Brothers All:

*Happy 17th Birthday! On
September 26, 2018.*

Solidarity

Sunday evening, November 4th at 6:30pm, the St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic community and the Catholic Charities community gathered with members of the Kemp Mill Synagogue to honor those who lost their lives in the Pittsburgh Synagogue tragedy.

After a few words in Hebrew for those victims, a prayerful song of remembrance, and the divine chaplet prayer of devotion to the Eucharist, we all gathered outside around the St. Andrew statue and lit candles of remembrance. The united faithful with candles in hand, silently and prayerfully walked along Kemp Mill Road to the Kemp Mill Synagogue. Finally, upon reaching the synagogue, the crowd gathered in the plaza outside the temple. Words of extreme gratitude were exchanged among the brethren from both the Catholic and Jewish communities. "I am so thankful you came to support us!" A few Monsignor Wells Knight's of Columbus were among the prayerful group. We were united in spirit for our Jewish compatriots and their brothers and sisters from Pittsburgh.*



United and Unbarred, Brothers and Sisters at the Kemp Mill Synagogue Plaza with Father Dan



Chaplain's Message

Rev Daniel P Leary



Contemplative Action

"November is a month that we remember all those who have gone home to the Lord. During this month, let us pray for our deceased loved ones and for our deceased Knights and their family members."

Seminarian Update

William Bolin

October saw the beginning of a full schedule of courses for the seminarians at the Pontifical North American College. The last time I spoke with William, he told me that he was just starting classes.

Seminarians get a free weekend once a month, where they can do some travelling. William and a few other seminarians traveled to Assisi, the home of Saints Francis and Clare. The big excitement last month was the Deaconate Ordination. One of the men ordained was Jamie Morrison, who served at St. Andrew Apostle for his summer assignment a few years ago. Seminarians are ordained after completing their third year of major seminary. They are "transitional deacons" because they are deacons only for one year, the year before they are ordained. William was happy to see the Morrison Family and also to spend time with the Barrows Family, who he has known since he was in first grade. Monsignor Panke and Father Griffin from St. John Paul II Seminary were also in attendance. This year the Archdiocese of Washington welcomed 17 new men into the formation program. Please keep these young men in your prayers.*

Knights at Baltimore Basilica Pilgrimage – October 13



District Deputy Message

William Newbrough, DD District 18



Dear Brother Knights and Friends:

The 1st quarter of the fraternal year can be a bit overwhelming. Officer installations and banquets are quickly followed by an intense period of activity including tootsie roll campaigns, raffle ticket sales and Columbus

Day festivities. Perhaps we've hosted a crab feast to benefit a worthy cause and held a membership drive at one of the parishes we support. In many councils, our Knights have collected food items at area super markets for our "Food for Families" program and provided volunteer help at area food banks. Maybe you've purchased "Coats for Kids" to deliver during the winter months and staffed a Special Olympics event or two. Councils may have hosted a patriotic event and shown their appreciation for wounded warriors. Some councils have sponsored a Box of Joy program - filling shoe box size containers with fun, practical and religious items for the poorest of the poor to be delivered at Christmas. Hopefully, we've held a degree or two. And in every council, I pray that we are diligently working to promote a culture of life by our prayerful, public witness against the great evil of abortion.

Hopefully by now, we've met with our pastors to offer our support in the upcoming fraternal year. Let me tell you that they need to hear from us, especially during these dark days. One important way to live out the vision of our founder Fr. McGivney is to support our priests and seminarians practically and spiritually. As we assist them in their pastoral and spiritual mission, let us always remember to thank them for the great gift of their vocations. And as we honor God's gift of the sacramental priesthood, let us give thanks for the vocation of one holy priest, Father Karol Wojtyla who was elected pope 40 years ago on October 22nd 1978 and took the name John Paul II.

Indeed the 1st quarter of the fraternal year, can feel like a fire hose of charitable and fraternal activity that at times can seem overwhelming. I would suggest that this is a good time to start to plan for that slower period of the fraternal year that falls between New Year's and Easter. Consider hosting one of the 4 required programs of the new "Faith in Action"

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COUNCIL #13008

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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.

December Meetings

Dec 05	Officer's meeting	7:45 PM
Dec 12	Business meeting	7:45 PM
Dec 19	Social meeting – Msgr. Wells Christmas Party Potluck with Families (MPR)	7:00 PM

Welcome Aboard!

Please extend a hearty welcome to our new council member, Worthy Julian Palacios, a 1st Degree Knight on October 24.*

October/November Knights of the Month

SK/PGK/Membership Retention Chairman Wilfrid J. Amisial and SK/PGK Membership Chairman Werner Moeller.*

October/November Family of the Month

The family of PGK/ Life Activities Dir Bill and Anne Bolin and Worthy Jaime Narbon.*

Remember In Your Prayers

Prayers are requested for Robert Kessler, a high school classmate of Msgr. Hart and Werner Moeller. Pray for the family of Worthy Jaime Narbon. Pray for Mark Mangus' (PGK, FDD) daughter-in-law and son in your prayers. They are on the way to the hospital for the birth of our granddaughter; as well as other Brothers who are ill or in need.*

Knights witnessing Faith in Action



Exposition of the Sacred Relics from Oct. 5 – Fr. Michael McGivney

<https://treasuresofthechurch.com/>

Monsignor Wells Message

The Gift of Faith

October 20, 1996

In a recent conversation, a college student told me that he no longer goes to church because, “religion is a crutch.” My chuckle was not at him but at myself, as I remembered myself at almost the same stage in my struggle with faith. At one point, I wanted to believe in God and religion, not because I needed them (I do not want to need a crutch), but only because they were true. In other words, I would believe God if God proved Himself to be true, but not because I needed God. Mercifully, having dealt with college sophomores before, the Good Lord allowed me to set the terms of the discussion and, eventually, I was able to show how firmly the Apostles believed in the Resurrection. They, who claimed to have been with Him after Easter Sunday, also cheerfully were martyred for proclaiming Him more powerful than death. Thank God, I found I did accept their witness to the divine power of Jesus.

Another line that bothered me was, “I do not know what I would do without my faith.” Again, I thought that people believed only because it made life easier, not because of the truth in faith. Now, may God forgive me for saying it, I wonder how people who do not believe in the Resurrection and its promises of heaven, get through each day. How do they cope with evil? How do they cope with suffering, especially in those they love? What is the source of their hope?

These not very cheery thoughts are brought about by several recent events, but especially by the death of a woman I have known almost since ordination. Physically and emotionally, this woman really suffered. On a human level, there were certainly happy moments and events; she dearly loved her family, for example. Hers, however, was a very hard life. Did she believe? Absolutely. But, did her faith give her great consolation and peace on this earth? I cannot judge; but I surely know she did not experience the joy that many know who put their faith in Jesus. I do not know why the Lord allows such suffering in good people but it does happen. But, crutches notwithstanding, this is no lasting kingdom. Jesus did rise from the dead and all who believe in Him will rise with Him.

Faith gives me the power to follow Jesus in this life, but faith is also the promise that the end of this life is but a passing into either eternal union or separation from God. Nothing in this life—either suffering or prosperity—is lasting. We are destined for eternity and I am sadly mistaken if I think I will walk into life without the crutch of faith.*

for Life, let’s consider scheduling a “**Novena for Life**”. During Lent, a council “**Spiritual Reflection Program**” and “**Helping Hands**” initiative to feed those in need would be timely. And as we celebrate Mother’s Day in May and Father’s Day shortly after, let’s consider hosting a “**Consecration to the Holy Family**” prayer service in our parishes.

The new Faith in Action program helps to focus our efforts by identifying the 4 priorities of our charitable work as living our **Faith**, supporting our **Families**, serving our **Communities** and affirming a culture of **Life**. As we move toward Advent and the joy of the Christmas season, I ask that each council continue to focus on the core principles that guide and motivate our charitable work. That principle was best summarized by a holy priest, St. John Paul II when he referred to our charitable work as “The charity that evangelizes.” May our Lady Queen of the Knights continue to assist our good works and watch over our families and councils in the days to come. Vivat Jesus!*

Community - In Action

Marvin Schuttloffel

Gabriel Project Cluster - of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc.

The Gabriel Project Cluster, an all-volunteer organization, helps needy women facing crisis pregnancies, and their children, by providing practical support including prenatal care, furniture, clothing, grocery cards, diapers, formula, baby equipment, and other needed items. In addition to helping client mothers obtain these material resources through the project, “Angel friend” volunteers also offer each client mother friendship and spiritual support before and after the client mothers’ babies are born.

Services Provided 2017

In 2017, the Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County:

1. Distributed grocery food cards totaling over \$18,000 to 100+ low-income families.
2. Provided approximately 51,000 diapers and over 400 containers of baby wipes to 100+ low-income women and their babies.
3. Provided diaper bags with baby lotion, shampoo, blankets, bottles, and other essential baby items to approximately 45 women facing crisis pregnancies.

Reflections (October)

Lawrence P. Grayson

Roads That Lead We Know Not Where

"[T]he Church is facing very hard times. The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals." Fr. Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI, made these comments about the future of the Church in a radio address on Christmas 1969.

Now, half-a-century later, his perceptions have become reality. Widespread sexual abuse of children and adults by priests and bishops and their cover up has shaken the Church at all levels. Revelations of immoral behavior extending over the past 70 years in countries throughout the world – the United States, Ireland, Chile, Australia and India, among others – are leading to further investigations, me-too-type accusations, massive payouts, the resignation and removal of bishops and priests, and disillusionment and possible loss of faith among the laity.

When tranquility is restored – although it appears distant -- what will the Church look like, particularly in America? Fr. Ratzinger's speculated:

"From the crisis of today the Church of tomorrow will emerge — a Church that has lost much."

In 1970, according to data from Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, there were 7 million people (3.4% of the population) in America who had been raised Catholic, but no longer identified with the faith. Today, there are 30 million (9.2% of the population) who are fallen away Catholics.

"She will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning."

The fact that there are 74 million self-identified Catholics in the country today is misleading. Only 68 million of them belong to a parish, and only about 16 million attend Mass at least weekly. In 1970, 23 million people -- almost half of the parishioners at that time -- attended Mass each week.

"She will no longer be able to inhabit many of the edifices she built in prosperity."

Between 1970 and 2017, the number of parishes declined only slightly from 18,224 to 17,156, but 3,552 of today's parishes do not have a resident priest. Similarly, the number of elementary schools decreased from 9,366 to 5,178; secondary schools from 1,986 to 1,201; colleges and universities from 279 to 225; and hospitals from 727 to 545.

"As the number of her adherents diminishes, so it will lose many of her social privileges."

The number of adherents will likely decline in the future as the next generation is not being educated in the faith. Even as the number of parishioners has increased by 43% since 1970 -- driven by the overall population growth -- the number of students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools dropped from 4.4 million to 2.0 million, and the number of students enrolled in parish religious education programs declined from 5.5 million to 3.0 million.

"In contrast to an earlier age, it [the Church] will be seen much more as a voluntary society, entered only by free decision."

From 2000, just before the clergy sex abuse scandals became a public issue, to 2017, prior to the release of the Pennsylvania report on the same subject, the number of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and converts all declined significantly. With many state investigations of the Church being initiated and continuing media reports of clerical abuse, the marginally faithful may choose to no longer identify as Catholics. Those who convert in the future will do so because they view the Church as the way to their salvation, despite the failings of its ministers.

"[T]he full-time ministry of the priesthood will be indispensable as formerly." The type of priest who will be needed is one who "in the name of God places himself at the disposal of man, who is beside them in their sorrows, in their joys, in their hope and in their fear."

The number of priests has declined sharply, from 59,192 in 1970 to 37,181 in 2017. About 70% of the priests are diocesan priests, while the remainder belongs to religious orders. Compounding the shortage of priests is the fact that in 1970, 90% of diocesan priests were active in ministry; today, it is only 63%.

"As a small society, it will make much bigger demands on the initiative of her individual members. Undoubtedly it will discover new forms of ministry and will ordain to the priesthood approved Christians who pursue some profession."

There already is an extensive and growing involvement of the laity in the life of the Church. Since Pope Paul VI reestablished the permanent diaconate in 1967, the number of deacons has grown rapidly. In 2017, there were 18,287 permanent deacons in the United States and another 2,670 candidates. They perform a number of functions previously limited to priests, such as baptisms, marriages, preaching, grave site services, and certain religious observances...

Reflections

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grave site services, and certain religious observances. In addition, lay people now serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors and sacristans, as well as in a wide variety of financial, management and administrative positions in a parish.

While many of Fr. Ratzinger’s conjectures about the future of the Church have come about, there undoubtedly will be further upheavals before equanimity is restored. His comments were made just four years after Vatican Council II in which he participated as a *peritus* or expert for the Archbishop of Cologne. Changes resulting from the Council had barely begun, but theologians were already interpreting the findings of the Council in divergent ways. Some viewed them in the light of Scriptures and tradition, while others saw them as an opportunity for radical change in the spirit of the Council. The divergent views have never been reconciled and the current turmoil caused by clerical sexual abuse has given each side an opportunity to advocate for its ideas.

Many in the hierarchy have conflicting views on the involvement of the Church in society, its administration, the distribution of authority, the priesthood, the role of women, the importance of celibacy, the possibility of married clergy, same-sex unions, the reception of the Eucharist by non-Catholic spouses and those who are divorced and remarried without a decree of nullity, and other issues that once were thought to be long settled.

Until the dogmatic disputes, which can take the Church along roads that lead we know not where are settled, there will be continuing strife. But have hope. Have faith. For, as the future pope assured us, *“when the trial of this sifting is past, a great power will flow from a more spiritualized and simplified Church.”* It will arise, he said, *“from those whose roots are deep and who live from the pure faith.”*



Knights, Current GK Rolando & PGK Dennis at Men’s Steak dinner, Oct. 27



October 8 - The District soccer shootout at St. Andrew the Apostle was a decisive success with several winners who moved on to State competition at Archbishop Spalding.



Back! Our new Parish kitchen was working for the Veteran's Day Sunday Pancake Breakfast – Knight Joshua Cahill helped out immensely! Pictured: Bill Bolin, Mike Thomas (back), & Dave Czarniecki.

Eucharistic Adoration

Keep Christ close always!

*Fridays, 7:00-8:00 pm in the Church
Wednesdays beginning September 12 from 9:15 am to 9:00 pm in the Rectory Chapel
First Saturday of the Month, 9:30-10:30 am in the Church
(exceptions noted on the St. Andrew the Apostle Parish [calendar](#))*

4. Provided over \$6,100 in financial assistance for pre-natal care to 14 low-income women facing crisis pregnancies.
5. Provided clothing for both cold and warm seasons in approximately 300 requests made by needy mothers and their families, ranging from 1 to 5 children each, including full wardrobes, socks, underwear, shoes, boots, coats, hats, and gloves. We provided toys and books in each of the approximately 300 requests as well.
6. Provided new cribs and mattresses to 19 low-income mothers and their babies at a cost of approximately \$2,650 and 32 new baby crib sheets to these 19 families, at a cost of approximately \$160.
7. Provided new double strollers to 2 needy families and new single strollers to 9 needy families, at a cost of approximately \$1,460. We also provided new sleeper/rockers to 16 needy families at a cost of approximately \$710.

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The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc. is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization. Tax ID number is 47-1499182. Gabriel Project Cluster is an Approved Charity participating in the Combined Federal Campaign -- CFC #41206.*



SK Marvin Schuttloffel presiding over Small Item Exchange which supports the Gabriel Project Cluster!

Insurance Agent's Message

Andrew Einsmann

Many times people will delay the purchase of needed life insurance because they assume there is no rush. A recent study of claims paid on Knights of Columbus life policies reveals that in 2017 there were a number of claims paid on plans that were in force less than 12 months. The leading causes of death were heart disease and cancer. The claims paid were from 19 states and four provinces of Canada.

Less Than Twelve Months

Time In Force		Occupation	Age	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Months	Days				
0	17	Student	8	Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System	\$5,000.00
1	5	Unknown	63	Accidental	\$5,000.00
1	7	Retired	56	Cancer	\$10,000.00
1	15	Homemaker	60	Diseases of the Nervous System	\$15,000.00
1	20	Retired	71	Cardiovascular Disease	\$10,000.00
2	16	Infant	0	Natural or Unknown Causes	\$25,000.00
2	20	Retired	76	Cardiovascular Disease	\$10,000.00
2	23	Infant	0	Diseases of the Respiratory System	\$10,000.00
2	26	Infant	1	Blood Diseases	\$5,000.00
2	29	Business Manager	49	Cancer	\$25,000.00
3	4	Retired	70	Natural or Unknown Causes	\$15,000.00
3	5	Homemaker	55	Cardiovascular Disease	\$15,000.00
3	21	Unknown	25	Cancer	\$15,000.00
4	22	Administrator	54	Cerebrovascular Disease	\$17,427.53
4	29	Unknown	25	Alcohol Intoxication and Drug Overdose	\$10,000.00
5	10	Retired	74	Cancer	\$67,653.84
5	13	Retired	71	Diseases of the Digestive System	\$5,000.00
5	17	Infant	0	Unknown	\$5,305.70
6	2	Infant	0	Unknown	\$15,000.00
6	6	Retired	72	Blood Diseases	\$12,772.03
6	21	Student	19	Cardiovascular Disease	\$25,000.00
6	27	Child	2	Natural or Unknown Causes	\$5,000.00
7	11	Retired	48	Cancer	\$100,000.00
7	14	Mechanic	64	Cancer	\$10,000.00
7	28	Retired	71	Diseases of the Respiratory System	\$10,000.00
8	1	Retired	76	Cardiovascular Disease	\$5,000.00
8	6	Retired	70	Cerebrovascular Disease	\$16,573.31
8	13	Caregiver	67	Cardiovascular Disease	\$12,000.00
8	29	Speech Specialist	33	Cancer	\$725,083.33
9	0	Unknown	65	Alcohol Intoxication and Drug Overdose	\$5,000.00
9	13	Infant	0	Blood Diseases	\$15,000.00
9	17	Retired	69	Blood Diseases	\$10,000.00
9	18	Student	19	Accidental	\$600,000.00
9	22	Self-employed	61	Cardiovascular Disease	\$10,000.00
10	7	Retired	73	Accidental	\$5,000.00
10	17	Retired	71	Cancer	\$10,000.00
11	4	Retired	64	Diseases of the Nervous System	\$25,000.00
11	5	Retired	70	Cerebrovascular Disease	\$11,400.00
11	8	Beverage Manager	59	Cancer	\$25,000.00
11	11	Insurance Agent	38	Accidental	\$15,000.00
11	12	Infant	0	Unknown	\$15,000.00

* Death proceeds payable from the Order's Fraternal Benefits are excluded.

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Save the Dates

- Dec. 5 – Officer’s Meeting
- Dec. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 9 – Pancake Breakfast
Household Small Item Exchange
- Dec. 12 – Business Meeting
- Dec. 19 – Knights of Columbus Msgr. Wells Christmas Potluck Party

DECEMBER 2018

MONSIGNOR THOMAS M. WELLS COUNCIL #13008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Officer Mtg 7:45 PM	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception
9 Pancake Brk 9:30 to 1:00 Household Item Exchange	10	11	12 Business Mtg 7:45PM	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 K of C Msgr. Wells Christmas Party – Potluck	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31					

CALENDAR UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITES www.kofc13008.org OR PARISH WEBSITE [HTTP://STANDREWAPOSTLE.ORG/MINISTRY/KNIGHTS-OF-COLUMBUS/](http://STANDREWAPOSTLE.ORG/MINISTRY/KNIGHTS-OF-COLUMBUS/)

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