



# THE POTOMAC DISCOVERER

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
POTOMAC COUNCIL #9259**

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## Meeting Times

Officers Meeting: Second  
Thursday of each month, 7-8 p.m.

Council Meeting: Fourth Thursday  
of each month, 7-8 p.m.

## Where are we?

We meet in the basement of St.  
Francis of Assisi Catholic School.  
18825 Fuller Heights Rd., Triangle,  
VA. 22172

**Until further notice, meetings are  
held by Webex:**

**<https://troyadagostino.my.webex.com/meet/tadagostino>**

**Dial in options will be sent by  
email with meeting reminders.**

## Join us

We are always looking for Catholic gentlemen 18 years or older to help our mission of Faith, Community, Life and Charity. It is great for you and your family to participate and you can participate at a level you are comfortable with.

## Recent Events

### New Officers Elected

Thanks to all of our Brother Knights that participated in this year's vote. Our officers for Fraternal Year 2021-2022 are:

#### Elected Officers:

Grand Knight	Steve Matias
Deputy Grand Knight	Paul Ross
Chancellor	Vacant
Recorder	Ed Deomano
Treasurer	Eric Schwarz
Lecturer	Wilson Caba
Advocate	Gary Jackson
Warden	James Casey
Inside Guard	John Enzmann
1yr Trustee	Ryan Sullivan
2yr Trustee	Mark Formica
3yr Trustee	Alex D'Agostino

#### Appointed Positions:

Chaplain	Fr. Lalo Jaro, OFM
Financial Secretary	Dan Sullivan

### Fireworks Fundraiser a Huge Success

Our annual fireworks fundraiser was held this year and it was clear that folks were ready to celebrate Independence Day! Heading into the holiday weekend, sales exceeded previous years at that point, and promised to be a banner year in sales. While totals are still being tabulated as of this writing, we're confident that we are well poised to fund our programs through the upcoming FY.

A special thanks goes out to Tom and John Peitler, who again this year led the committee to plan and implement the event, and to the many volunteers that repaired and spruced up the stand, cut grass, and worked many hours to make the event a success.

## Upcoming Events

### Installation of Officers

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The date and time of our Installation of Officers is TBD but planned for July.

## Chaplain's Corner

In July, we are invited by Pope Francis to pray “that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.” He is inviting us to remember dialogue and friendship and to live accordingly, but to be architects, which means that we have to design and plan ways of entering into dialogue and building social friendship with courage and passion. In short, Pope Francis is inviting us to do something.

The time we are living through is marked by polarization and conflict. We are faced with massive problems for all of humanity. But there is also a great deal of selfless fraternal service evident.

Pope Francis, talking about the Eucharist, says that it “raises us from our comfortable and lazy lifestyle and reminds us that we are not only mouths to be fed, but also God’s hands, to be used to help feed others”. Elsewhere, in a favorite phrase of his, he speaks often of the three components of the Christian life: heads, hands and heart. We are to use our intelligence and inventiveness, our labor and whatever capabilities we have, and all the passion and courage that is in our hearts, as the July intention requests.

As we move cautiously from lockdowns, it is important to consider what it is that we want to return to. People speak of “new normal” while others want to return to how things were before all this. It will be good to remember fraternity, dialogue, and social friendship as we rebuild. But these can be empty phrases that won’t make any difference unless we see clearly our situation and make the right choices. As Christians we must also keep in mind the common good, particularly for those on the margins.

May the Lord give you always His peace!!

Fr. Lalo Jara, OFM



## News and Links of Interest

### **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

The parish is moving rapidly toward the use of a new contact system called Flocknote. The purpose is to have a way to notify parishioners in various ministries quickly either by mass text or email, and to share the information across the ministries. More information will follow in the near future about the roll-out of Flocknote.

### **Knights of Columbus News**

Get the latest new about the Knights of Columbus here: [Recent News - News Hub | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

### **News from the Arlington Diocese**

Find the latest news releases from the Arlington Diocese here:  
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pressreleases/>

## Prayers

Please remember those suffering from the novel coronavirus both physically, mentally, and economically.