



THE POTOMAC DISCOVERER

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

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Second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

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://troydagostino.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.

Chaplain's Corner

We are very happy to introduce Fr. Lalo Jara! Fr. Lalo is a 4th Degree Knight and will be supporting our Council. We will have a "Chaplain's Corner" in our newsletters and look forward to the interaction and spiritual guidance of our Council Chaplain!

Dear brothers,
Jesus, the Great Teacher who created theological learning communities everywhere he went, was in a long discussion with his disciples one evening after supper. In the midst of many questions and much uncertainty, Jesus offered to them these words: But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in My name, will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid. (John 14:26-27)



As Jesus shared peace in his learning community, may we share peace with one another, family, friends, and every person we encounter during this especial time we are celebrating and living.

Peace be with you my brothers.

Recent Events

Assistance at Mass – Knights Answer the Call

A special thanks to all the Knights that volunteered to assist checking in, taking temperatures, and ushering during the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Supporting the Parish is a privilege and responsibility of our Order. Thank you!

Food for Families in the Time of Pandemic

Our Council provided over \$2,000 in food assistance to 50 families in need throughout our area through our annual Christmas Food Basket program. To reduce the amount of person-to-person exposure during preparations, we delivered grocery gift cars to the recipients. Volunteers gathered at the parish to get organized and determine the routes and deliveries to make. Through the day, and with a few follow-ups the next day, we were able to fulfill our yearly drive to help feed the hungry.



Thank you to the Knights that participated and a special thank you to our Worthy Brother Mike Buckley who organized the entire event and has been recognized as the December 2020 Knight of the Month!

Holiday Wreath Sales

Thank you to all who participated in our annual wreath sales! Each year we support the fundraising efforts of Knights of Columbus Potomac Council by purchasing a fresh Holiday Evergreen Gift. We hope you enjoyed your purchase and thank you for supporting our organization.

Upcoming Events

March for Life 2021



Each year, our Council supports the national March for Life with Brother Knights serving as Marshals, and by providing a bus to transport parishioners from St. Francis of Assisi Parish to the event. In consideration of health and safety concerns, we will not be providing a bus this year, but opportunities to Marshal are open and encouraged.

Please visit this link to sign up to be a Marshal, and please remember to notify the Life Program Chair, John Enzmann, or the DGK/Program Director, Paul Ross, know of your participation.

Here's the link: tinyurl.com/KofC2021MFL

Upcoming Virtual Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

The Virginia State Council will host virtual Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Monday, December 14, and Monday, January 11. Both degrees begin at 7:00 PM, so candidates should join the meeting around 6:45 PM.

Following are the links that candidates and observers must use to register for the degrees:

- **January 11:**
<https://meeting.windstream.com/meeting/register/6bbafe450a291aad51522de3cebcef65>

The degrees are ideal for the following Catholic gentlemen are open to their wives and guests:

- New members joining the Knights of Columbus
- Online members joining our council
- Current members of your council advancing to the Knighthood (Third) Degree

Fraternal Benefits Night

The next fraternal benefits night is scheduled for January 20th. For more information and registration please go to <https://abbatekofc.com/events>. Some of our membership and I attended a session in November and found it relatively brief (under an hour total, including Q&A) and very informative. Please consider attending, and if you do, please be sure to follow the steps to acknowledge your affiliation with this Council.

If you or Brother Knights are interested in learning more about the financial services offered by the Knights, please reach out directly to our Field Agent, Martin Alordzinu at martin.alordzinu@kofc.org.

Livestream Masses at St. Francis of Assisi Parish*

Liturgies at St. Francis of Assisi Parish are Live Streamed on Saturdays beginning at 5:30 p.m., and then made available as a recording afterwards. Click the link below for the YouTube channel.



News and Links of Interest

News from the Arlington Diocese

Find the latest news releases from the Arlington Diocese here:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pressreleases/>

This is the Year of Saint Joseph!



On this 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the Patron Saint of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has declared this the Year of St. Joseph. [Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph” - Vatican News.](#)

St. Joseph certainly holds a special place, as a protector, a provider, a father, with Catholic gentlemen worldwide. I look forward to celebrating this year with you. Resources for the Year of St. Joseph can be found here: [Resources – Year of St. Joseph](#)

Prayers

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