



# 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

### Our New Supreme Knight!

Our new supreme knight, Patrick E. Kelly, took office on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. He began his term in office with a personal message to all Knights of Columbus members.

**[WATCH VIDEO](#)**

### Semi-Annual Council Audit

Our semi-annual audit is complete and we're pleased to report that the Council's records are accurate and in order. A special thank you to our Worthy Financial Secretary, Dan Sullivan, and our Worthy Treasurer, Eric Schwarz, for their expertise in maintaining good order in our Council's books.

### Lent

The season of Lent is here. Please see these resources, provided through the St. Francis of Assisi Parish website, for information, guidance, history, and other interesting and useful information about Lent.

**<http://www.stfrncis.org/Lent2021/>**

## Knight of the Month



Please join in congratulation our Treasurer, Eric Schwarz, who has served as our Council Treasurer for more than two decades! Eric was instrumental in the successful completion of our semi-annual audit. Thank you, Eric!

## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Virtual Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

The Virginia State Council will host a virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 pm. Candidates should join about 6:45 pm. As always, the exemplification is ideal for:

- New members to the Knights of Columbus
- Online members converting to council-based membership
- Current First or Second Degree members advancing to full Knighthood (Third Degree)

In addition, the candidates' family members and other guests are welcome to participate with him.

Registration is required, so please provide the following link to your candidates -

<https://meeting.windstream.com/meeting/register/292e4d199a38b6cb6ea29c12d3679dd3>

If your candidates are unable to make tomorrow night's exemplification, the next one is on Tuesday, March 9. Here is the registration link for that exemplification -

<https://meeting.windstream.com/meeting/register/1c298e970fc43e46c233ce85f6087199>

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## Chaplain's Corner

Dear brothers,

Peace and All Good.

Hope might be a struggle for you in this season. So, I would like to share with you a brief reflection.



*"So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him.*

*Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff.*

*Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank."*

Numbers 20: 9, 11

Hope does not disappoint. This affirmation can be a difficult phrase to take to heart, because disappointment can sometimes feel like a constant these days. Wildfires scorch the earth. A virus disrupts the world. Friends reject us. Families fall apart. It can be hard to hear the words, 'Hope does not disappoint.' Bad things happen that can't be stopped or reversed. How does hope not disappoint? I encourage you to reflect during these days on the ways in which hope might be a struggle for you or your family in this season. When have you felt like the Israelites this Lenten season, wandering aimlessly in the desert?

Brothers, even still, God provides, as God does for the Israelites when water comes from the rock. When has God given you what you needed, whether you realized it or not? And also, hope is held

collectively by communities, families, and fraternities like Knight of Columbus. Who has been a gift of hope and of God for you?

Hope does not disappoint. Even this year.  
May the Lord give you always His peace.  
Have a blessed Lent.

**Fr. Lalo Jara, OFM**

## News and Links of Interest

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

Be sure to check out the refreshed Parish website here: [www.stfrncis.org](http://www.stfrncis.org)

### **Knights of Columbus News**

The Knights of Columbus has elected a new Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. Read about his assumption of this responsibility here: [Knights of Columbus elects next Supreme Knight | 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.