



# THE POTOMAC DISCOVERER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
POTOMAC COUNCIL #9259

## 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 have returned to virtual meetings. Watch for meeting notifications from the Grand Knight, Steve Matias.**

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

## 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

### Helping Hands – Assisting a Parishioner in Need

On an unseasonably warm Saturday in November, several members of the Potomac Council gathered with garden tools and trucks to help a parishioner in need with needed property maintenance, repair, and beautification. This effort

### Food for Families – Christmas Food Basket Program

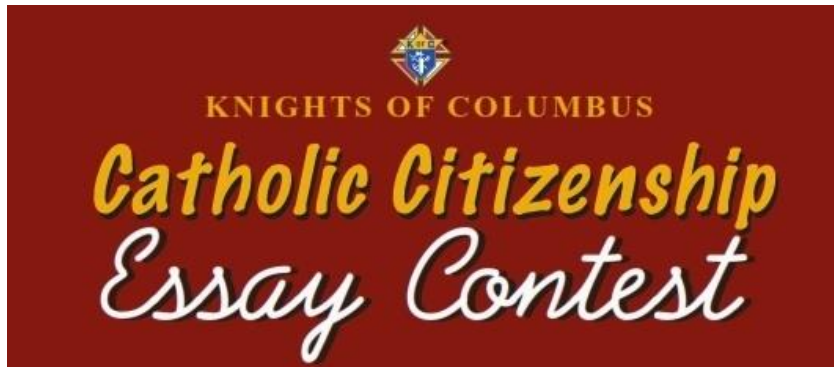
On December 12<sup>th</sup>, several brother Knights delivered over \$2,500 in grocery gift cards to families in need around our community. This program is conducted in concert with the St. Francis House where all recipients make application and are vetted for need.

### Helping Hands – Providing for Refugees

In response to the ongoing need to support refugees from Afghanistan at Camp Upshur, the Potomac Council provided \$500 in coats, scarves, and gloves for men, women, and children.

## **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at the St. Francis of Assisi school submitted entries for this year's Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The top three entries received Amazon gift cards valued at \$50 (1<sup>st</sup> place), \$30 (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and \$20 (3<sup>rd</sup> place).



## **Keep Christ in Christmas**

We received many entries for this year's KCIC Poster Contest from the students at St. Francis of Assisi school. We distributed \$100 in prizes and have forwarded the winning entry to District 38 for further competition. We wish the students luck in the next round of competition!



## **Upcoming Events**



### **Traffic Control – Volunteers Needed!**

Our parish has requested the assistance of the Potomac Council to provide traffic control in front of the St. Francis school between masses on Sundays during the school year. The intent is to provide a more efficient traffic flow into the church parking lot, and to enhance safety in front of the school as students and parents walk to attend CCD.

## **January 8th: Knights of Columbus Virginia Mid-Year Meeting**

The Fraternal Year 21-22 Mid-Year meeting will be held in Fredericksburg, VA. Our District (38) will be hosting a hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evenings (7-8 Jan). Please consider attending. For further information, please contact our WGK, Steve Matias, at [gk9259@vakofc.org](mailto:gk9259@vakofc.org)

## **January 21st: March for Life – Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for brother Knights to serve as marshals for the March for Life 2022. If interested, please contact our WDGK Paul Ross at [paulross9@icloud.com](mailto:paulross9@icloud.com). Learn more about the March for Life here: [Home - March for Life](#).

## **Polar Plunge**

The Potomac Council will again support the Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics Virginia. Consider joining the team or making a donation at our team site: [Check out Knights of Columbus 9259's team fundraising page for Special Olympics Virginia \(specialolympicsva.org\)](#). Help us reach our goal of \$1,168! Learn more here: [2022 Polar Plunge](#).



## **Chaplain's Corner**

Dear brothers,

Pax et Bonum.

I would like to inform you that on December 12th our Latino community honored Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was a vibrant celebration where we honored Our Mother. Thanks to your contribution we were able to afford a Mariachi band and to sing to Mary after Mass. I hope we can continue supporting them in the future.

If you have not seen the short video Fr. George put together about this celebration, I invite you to watch it. This is the link: <https://youtu.be/Sxsp4yz-buA>



I also would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole. I pray you have a fantastic Christmas.



Fraternally,  
Fr. Lalo Jara, OFM

## News and Links of Interest

### St. Francis of Assisi Parish

I'm sure I'm not the only one that has noticed the continuous improvements made to the St. Francis of Assisi parish website. It is a great resource to learn about events at our church, and to connect with the broader community through ministries, learning, and special programs. Please take a few minutes to browse the site here: <https://stfrncis.org>.

### 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 in need of prayers – our brothers and sisters impacted by war, disasters, disease, and all those who are marginalized in our world.

