



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.

Happy New Year!

Recent Events

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

Upcoming Events



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. Please take a minute to sign up using this link to the Sign-Up Genius page, <https://tinyurl.com/KofC2022MFL>. Learn more about the March for Life here: [Home - March for Life](#).

January 29th: Virtual Retreat

The Virginia Jurisdiction invites you to join a Virtual Retreat on Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 8 am until about noon. The topic is a **Father's Heart: Celebrate St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family**. This retreat is for all Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend, knights and other Catholic men who share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.



“Following in the Footsteps of St.

Joseph” Retreat registration link: <https://www.greenvelope.com/event/VAKnights>

February 19th: Polar Plunge

The Potomac Council will again support the Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics Virginia. We have so far received \$276 in donations for our team. The Prince William County Plunge will be held on February 19th. 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 \(specialolympicsva.org\)](#). Please also consider reposting our team fundraising site on your social media networks. Help us reach our goal of \$1,168! Learn more here: [2022 Polar Plunge](#).



Chaplain's Corner

Dear brothers,

Pax et Bonum.

As we begin the year 2022, I pray that the spirit of Christmas continues to live in our hearts. During the Christmas season we remembered the coming of Christ and his continuous presence among us. We reflected that the love, joy and hope of the Immanuel, God with us, have been great gifts for the problems and sufferings of our world.

Now, we are starting a new year, which provides us with new opportunities and beginnings to write a new page in our history. Despite the challenges, adversities, and uncertainties that we still face, let us remember and give thanks to God for the blessings we received last year. And following the example of Mary, the Mother of God, let us place our lives and the needs of the whole world in the hands of God. And may we continue to be bearers of hope in this time of great challenges and to provide help to those in need, especially those who are alienated and marginalized.

May God bless this new year and fill it with His grace, bringing healing, joy and peace in our hearts, families, brotherhood, and world.

Happy New Year!

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.