



# 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

### 2022 March for Life



The Potomac Council supported the 2022 March for Life in Washington D.C. Our Worthy DGK, Paul Ross, and Brother Bob Yates served as Marshals this year for the event. Learn more about the March for Life here: [Home - March for Life](#).



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## Upcoming Events

### **February 19<sup>th</sup>: 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 \(specialolympicsva.org\)](https://www.knights.org/9259/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

*Two boys collected a bucket of nuts underneath a great tree inside a cemetery on the outskirts of town. When the bucket was full, they sat down out of sight to divide the spoils.*

*"One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy, as the other watched intently. Their bucket was so full that some of the nuts had spilled out and rolled toward the fence.*

*It was dusk, and another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."*

*The boy with the bike knew just what was happening, and his face went ghostly white. "Oh my," he shuddered. "It's Satan and the Lord dividing souls at the cemetery!"*

*He jumped back on his bike and rode off, desperately looking for a friend. Just around the bend he met an old, scowling man who hobbled along with a cane.*

*"Come with me, quick!" said the boy. "You won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls!"*

*The man said, "Beat it, kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk?" When the boy insisted, though, the man hobbled to the cemetery. When they arrived at the fence, they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."*

*Ready to have a little fun, the old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' the truth. Let's go inside and see if we can see the Devil himself!"*

*The child was horrified, but the old man was already taking his first step toward the gate. Then they heard, "Okay, that's the last of them. That's all. Now let's go get those two nuts by the fence, and*



*we'll be done." They say the old guy made it back to town five minutes ahead of the boy! More than likely, he was looking for a friend.*

On February 14th, the world celebrated the day of love and friendship. However, many people do not relate this date with God's love and the gift of friendship. Therefore, I would like to take advantage of this worldly celebration and extract something positive for us.

Friendship, for a Christian, can be an effective form of evangelization. In this context, evangelism simply means sharing our relationship with Christ with our friends. This implies a sincere and authentic friendship. There are many examples in history and literature of admirable friendships, and these examples do not necessarily imply religious faith. However, friendship can be elevated and supernatural when it reaches its highest level by sharing the ultimate good: God himself.

Introducing or reintroducing Jesus Christ to another man is the highest good of human friendship. As members of the Knights of Columbus you are called to this. Yes, we need many holy, courageous, and zealous bishops and priests, who will preach the word of Christ and administer the sacraments. However, the Gospel will be most effectively spread throughout society not from the sanctuary of our parish but through friendship.

I invite you to remember and reflect on your mission as Christians and members of this fraternity. The time has come when God calls me to serve in another place and in another way. I ask God to help you always to be a testimony of brotherhood and friendship, and thus be able to attract more men to serve God and his Church.

You are in my prayers. Please pray for me.

May the Lord give you always His peace!!

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.