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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"

Greetings Brothers,

As all of you Brothers recall, the first principal of our order is Charity. In order to carry out our charitable works, it often takes money, and always man hours. Thanks to many of our Brothers who unselfishly give of their time we continue to be successful doing so.

A few examples: our Tootsie Roll campaign, combined with funds from the Charity Corp will allow us to donate \$3,500.00 to John Archer School; our Pit beef crew raised just under \$5,000.00 this year; Bingo continues to be our biggest fundraiser with an estimated \$12,000.00 profit this year. If you aren't doing your part, please consider giving the council a few hours.

The council is back on track with Formation (Second) Degrees having had two so far this year. As of this writing, this fraternal year we have gained eleven new members, but we are short of new insurance members. An easy way to help the council while having a secure investment grow is by purchasing an annuity from the Knights. With an annuity you don't need to worry about losing principal in the stock market.

It's not too late to register for the State Convention in Ocean City May 3-5. We plan to have a good representation from the council and a fun-filled group dinner Saturday night. Seven Brothers enjoyed a men's retreat at Malvern, PA in March. If you haven't done so, you consider attending next March. It is an excellent opportunity to slow down and get closer to our Lord.

Supreme Council has asked the Knights and their families to get more involved in Holy Week activities. Coincidentally, the parish has called on the council to provide ushers and other duties throughout Holy week. You will be hearing more about this. No experience necessary, just an urge to serve the parish.

Finally, annual council elections will be in May. The nominating Committee will soon be doing it's work in seeking "new blood" to help the council continue doing the Lord's work. There are a wide range of ways in which to get involved. Perhaps the best way is through participating in the four activity areas: Life, Faith, Family and Community. Ask any of the officers or activity directors for more information.

Vivat Jesus!

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Associate Chaplain's Report

Be Yourself

Who are you most like? Are you Peter, Thomas, Judas? Are you Jesus, Francis, Theresa? Are you James? Or, are you, you? That is who I think God wants you to be. He already has all those others. Another of the same would be a bit much, don't you agree? Why not be yourself? Why not teach others to be themselves too? I think this might be one of the ways to become holy.

Please do not misunderstand me. It is good for us to emulate the saints: Mary, the apostles, even Jesus himself. First and foremost, we must be what God created us to be. Why not just be ourselves? Each of us is born with the attributes God wants us to have and use through life. When we are baptized, we receive the graces and the presence of the Holy Spirit to use these attributes to become holier. The rest of the sacraments help us to perfect our relationship with God and live out our vocations. It's up to us. God wants us to be what he created us to be – just plain old us!

Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim



**Deacon Jim
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Steve Herpel, (M) 443-987-5621
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Spring has sprung. I think. March 20, 2019, was officially the first day of Spring 2019. A special thank you to those of you who attended and worked besides at our Saint Patrick's Day Charity Dance. We made a donation to our parish and a small amount for our K of C charities. Hope to see more of you next year (Saturday, March 14, 2020, Save the Date).



Seafood Chowder Sales are happening again for the Lenten Season. Please get your orders in early. See the three-month calendar for dates. It will be delicious as always prepared by our infamous Chowder team led by GK Keith Arndt. Bingo continues to be a popular event and thank you to the numerous workers that make this event a happening!

We are in the Holy Season of Lent leading to the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please come and support Holy Week and the all the events in the upcoming months. Just a head's up that the Council will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary of existence on Saturday, June 1, 2019. We will attend mass at 5:00 PM and then head to Columbus Gardens for fun and entertainment. Hope to see you there and tickets are \$40.00 per person. Keith Marchiano and Diane Traube have tickets.

Please come out and support these functions by working a few hours or participating in the event as a customer. Make a statement that you are a Knight even if you can't make a meeting. **WE NEED YOU!**

You are the most important way in spreading the word about the activities for the Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council and the Knights of Columbus. Let our parish and community know what we do. Be brave. **PARTICIPATE!** Please contact me if you have any questions at all! Volunteers are always needed for Bingo held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Bingo is one of our main fundraisers with the church and our council doing a 50-50 split

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Fun events and activities in your Council!! Join in on the Fun!!!



St. Patrick's Day Dance





April Membership Report



Brothers! Our Council launched this fraternal year with a great start. We had 10 brothers join our order. As a result of this outstanding effort, we have a great opportunity to meet our goal of 18 new members in 2019.

Don't get me wrong, we still have our work cut out for us. We currently need 8 new members to obtain goal. Please, please, please, if you know of a Catholic gentleman that is not a Knight, can you ask him to consider membership. Remember, the time commitment for new Knights is about 24hrs per year, just 1 day. Hopefully your friend will can spend 1 day during his year for the Lord and say yes to your invitation.

If yes is his answer just email me his name and contact information and I will be happy to follow up and invite him to a Candidate forum on May 9th. At this meeting we will learn what your friend might be seeking as a new Knight and work to match his interests with our Councils activities.

Thanks again for your membership. I look forward to seeing you soon at an activity or a Council meeting

Vivat Jesus

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Father Maurice Wolfe Council turns 25!!!

Our council was formed in 1994. On Saturday, June 1st from 6:30-10:30pm at Cardinal Gibbons Hall, Columbus Gardens, we will be celebrating 25 years of serving God!

Invitations were sent in the mail and you should have them. Please RSVP as soon as possible and bring a check to the next meeting or event.



Please join us in the celebration of the
Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of
Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council 11372
Knights of Columbus and our Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday, June 1, 2019

5:00 pm Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church
6:30 pm Reception at Columbus Gardens,
4301 Klosterman Avenue, Nottingham, Maryland

Tickets: \$40 per person
Includes dinner, open bar, and DJ

RSVP by May 1, 2019

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Want to thank the council by sponsoring an advertisement in the 25 year anniversary program?



Knights of Columbus #11372 Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council



St. Francis de Sales Church

1450 Abingdon Road | Abingdon, MD 21009 | www.kofc11372.org

This May marks the 25th Anniversary of the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Knights of Columbus Council #11372 and Ladies Auxiliary at St. Francis de Sales Church. We hope you can join us on Saturday, June 1st for this milestone celebration.

All in attendance will receive the *25th Anniversary Celebration Program* as a keepsake. Please consider purchasing ad space to advertise your business, an upcoming event, in remembrance of a loved one, a congratulatory message, etc. Proceeds will offset the cost of the celebration and any overage will be donated to St. Francis de Sales Church.

Program Book Ad Specifications

All ads are due by **May 1st, 2019.**

Please follow these instructions when creating and submitting your ad.

Ad Sizes and Costs:

- Full Page - 4.5" wide x 7.5" tall, \$50.00
- Half Page - 4.5" wide x 3.5" tall, \$25.00

Color:

All ads are black and white.

Files:

Please submit high-resolution files. Acceptable types are JPG, Microsoft Word, and PowerPoint.

Submission and Payment:

Submit ads via e-mail to ladies@kofc11372.org by May 1st. Payments can be made via check to K of C #11372 and mailed to 1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009.

If you have any questions about the ad specifications or need assistance with creating an ad, please contact Cynthia Santiago.

Thank you for your participation and support! We hope to see you on June 1st!

God Bless You,

Keith Arndt, Grand Knight
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Cynthia Santiago, President
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Ladies Auxiliary Report

Spring is here! Winter was long and busy! Here are some highlights of this quarter ☺

In January, we started off the year by taking care of some parish and State Council business. We submitted our 5-Year Plan to the Pastoral Council and Ladies registered to attend the MD State Convention in Ocean City. At our January meeting, we decided to co-sponsor a 300 Club Raffle with our Knights. Tickets are \$10 each and 100% of the profits will benefit SFdS as a gift from our Council in celebration of our 25th Anniversary. First prize is \$500 and the second through fifth prizes are \$100 each. For tickets, contact Cynthia Santiago or Mel Piotrowski.

In February, the Reports Committee formed and prepared the three reports due to the State Ladies Committee - Full Year, Best New Activity, and Best Recurring Activity. It's a wonderful feeling to see what we accomplished this past year in a report format. We should be very proud of ourselves! This month, the Ladies donated the Kids' Bingo grand prize - a tablet! Proceeds from the event benefited Juvenile Diabetes and we were glad to support!

In March, we supported the parish Mardi Gras Social hosted by the Evangelization Committee and our Knights' St. Patrick's Day Celebration. It's always great to be able to take part and add our special touch (i.e., raffle baskets)! On Sunday, March 3rd, we hosted our annual Baby Shower in conjunction with Donut Sunday. The snow did not stop the participation nor the generosity! We collected many baby items (diapers, clothing, formula, etc.) and \$1,026.78! The Executive Director and volunteers at the Birthright Pregnancy Center of Bel Air were very thankful!

Lastly, save the date - June 1st! Our Council is celebrating 25 years this May! The 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held at Columbus Gardens in Nottingham following 5 o'clock Mass. Invitation to follow.

Thank you for all that you do to put our faith in action and strengthen our SFdS community! Our next meeting will be on April 15th in the Narthex of the main Church at 7:15pm (please note the new location just for this month). As always, we welcome all ladies of the parish. Join us as we serve the Church, Family, Community, and Life. We hope you have a blessed Lenten season!

Cynthia Santiago, President



WANT A CHARITY TO DONATE TO?

I know this is not a pleasant topic of conversation, but have you created your will in the event that you pass away? Did you know you could donate part of your estate to the Father Wolfe Charity Corporation as part of your end of life planning? Also, did you know that you can ask that in lieu of flowers, you have family and friends donate to the Father Wolfe Charity Corporation?

INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF, LUTCF



THE MOST OVERLOOKED ASPECT OF RETIREMENT PLANNING

Working with Brother Knights and their wives has led me to observe that it's a natural inclination to overlook what is perhaps one of the most important aspects of retirement planning — having the sufficient amount of life insurance coverage.

Consider the elements of retirement planning that most people fully consider:

- What their income streams will be in retirement; their pension and social security amounts?
- What will their monthly expenses be?
- What their 401k or investments will yield to supplement expenses?
- Will they have sufficient health insurance coverage?

All of these areas are vital, certainly. They are the basic architecture of a good retirement plan. However, we must consider some effects death will have on our spouse. Here are some crucial facts to consider:

- The surviving spouse will receive the greater of the two social security amounts — which is about a 30 percent loss of income.
- The surviving spouse will typically receive only 50 percent of their spouse's pension (if they have one).
- Most group life insurance either reduces greatly or entirely upon retirement.
- There is a strong probability that one of the two spouses will live into their 90s and an early death could leave a surviving spouse 20-30 years to live with these reduced incomes.
- Term insurance will eventually become cost prohibitive or terminate in coverage as the spouse ages.
- Health care costs and taxes will go up — the longer the surviving spouse is alive, these costs can impinge on budgets.

So what is the answer? A simple analysis by your Knights of Columbus field agent will help you address retirement financial planning: a permanent life insurance policy that will never go up in cost and has a built-in guaranteed cash value. I like to call this the last “love letter” you will write to your spouse.

By purchasing a life insurance policy from Knights of Columbus, you make a choice to make a difference — not only for your family, but for the many charitable and humanitarian causes our organization supports.



Supreme News and Events

THE FULLNESS OF MERCY

4/1/2019

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

*OUR NEED FOR REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS IS CONFIRMED,
NOT NEGATED, BY CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH*



MANY YEARS AGO, I asked a pastor to host a diocesan celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday in his parish. His answer was disappointing. Even though this devotion is endorsed by the Church and was avidly promoted by St. John Paul II, he thought that it contrasted with the joy of the Resurrection. “Begging for mercy, going to confession — all those penitential things belong to Lent,” he said. “At our parish, Easter is a time for rejoicing!”

I sometimes ponder that priest’s response, which was based on a faulty, and all-too-common, understanding of the Easter mystery. It is as if our need to do penance, seek forgiveness and ask for mercy vanishes in the twinkling of an eye at the end of Holy Week. With the dawn of Easter, we might think, comes the unconditional love of the Savior, a love that affirms us without challenging us, a love that makes few if any demands on the way we live our lives.

Such a misunderstanding can surface even in the lives of very faithful Catholics who take the discipline of Lent very seriously. For example, a person may have fasted during Lent, but come Easter Sunday and beyond, life becomes a smorgasbord of self-indulgence. Another may have given up gossip, but come Easter Monday, the dirt is dished. In other words, Easter is seen as a time for rejoicing that our Lenten penance is over, signaling a return to business as usual. I don’t think that’s what the Church has in mind for the Easter season.

Paying close attention to the liturgy itself, we see a different picture. Scripture, liturgy and doctrine hold together as one dynamic movement the incarnate Lord’s suffering, death, resurrection and exaltation in heaven. These events in Christ’s life are known as the paschal mystery; the word “paschal” or “Pasch” refers to the Lord’s passage from death to life. Jesus, the sinless Lamb of God, took upon himself the sins of humanity. He then made the passage from death, a death that epitomized our sinful condition, to the glory of the resurrection. In his merciful love, he triumphed over sin and death and opened the way of mercy for the whole of humanity.

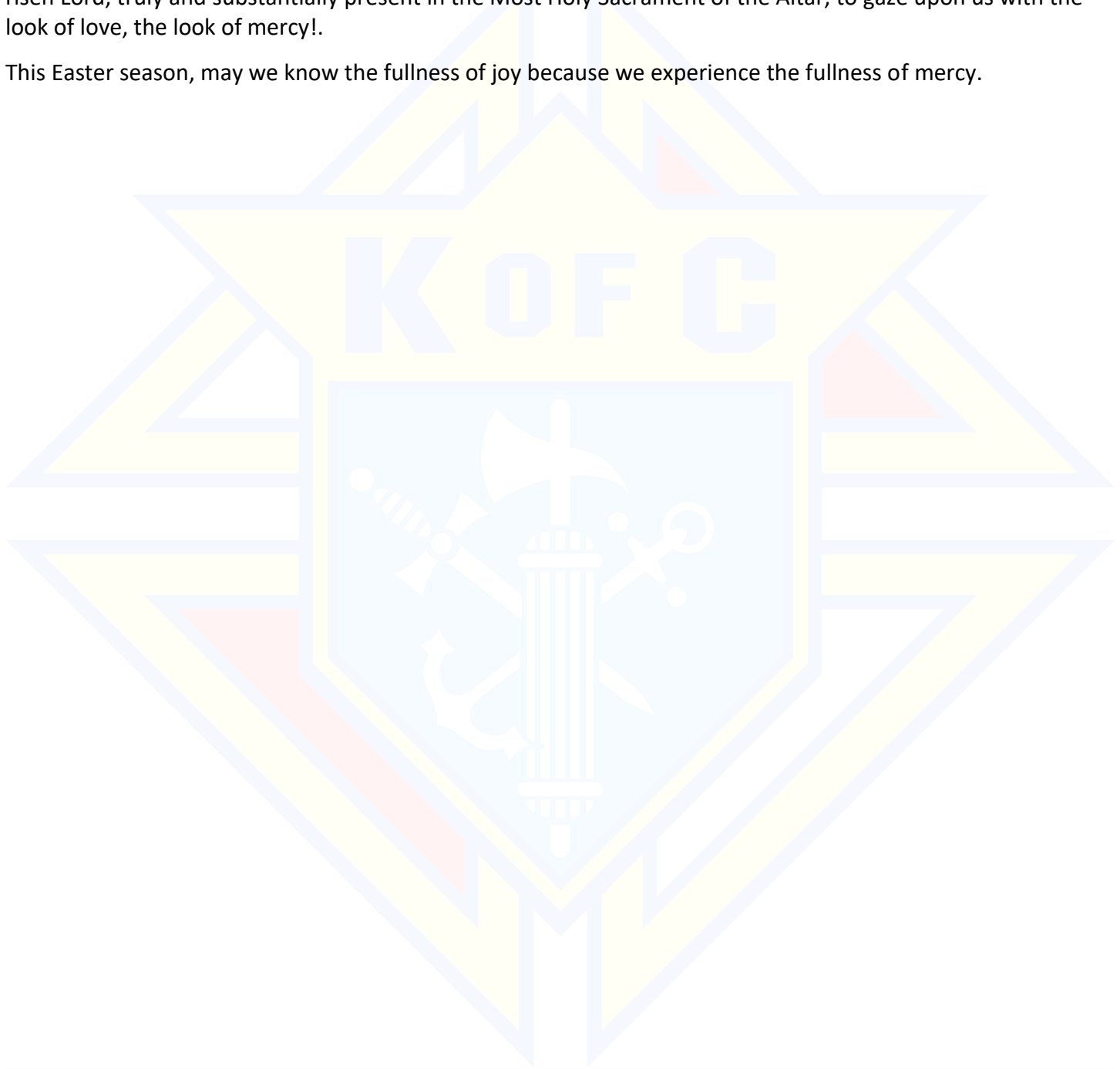
Easter does not presume that we sinful human beings no longer need God’s mercy, but rather that in the crucified and risen Lord, divine mercy is abundantly available. The Lord loves us with a love stronger than sin and death! He has made possible our exodus from the death of sin to the new life of grace and, ultimately, to the fullness of life in heaven. This is why we rejoice even as we continue to seek his mercy.

The Lord has won the victory by his cross and resurrection, and the question confronting each of us is whether or not we will participate in this victory. In other words, will we allow the Lord in his grace and goodness to engage our freedom? Will we allow the Lord’s victory to be applied to our sinfulness, to wound our hearts

with love, to reach our inmost soul where the darkness of sin still lurks? Or will we remain disengaged in the face of such tremendous love and allow our own love to remain superficial?

On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Gospel relates how the risen Lord appeared before the Apostles and gave them the power to forgive sins. There is no better day to go to confession. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy chaplet is prayed in common. What a wonderful way to express our need for the Lord's mercy! Divine Mercy Sunday also includes Eucharistic adoration and Benediction. What a beautiful opportunity to allow the risen Lord, truly and substantially present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, to gaze upon us with the look of love, the look of mercy!.

This Easter season, may we know the fullness of joy because we experience the fullness of mercy.





Special Intentions

April 2019

Keep in your prayers the following Brothers, family members and friends:

Stony Burke (K of C Member)
Prescott Cole (Council Member) RIP
Charles Duke (Council Member)
Charlie Gill (Council Member)
Rob and Pam Hardy (Council Member & Spouse), (Pam's Mother)
Steve Herpel's (Brother - David), (Mother - Mildred) & (Son - Jeffrey)
Margaret Kholes
Norm Martin (Council Member)
John & Sally Myers (Council Member & Spouse)
Brian O'Connor's (Mother - Patricia), (Daughter - Amy Bowen), & (Sister-In-Law – Kathy Schaeffer, Heart Surgery)
Ed O'Keefe's (Daughter – Mallory) & (Mother, RIP)
Mike Novak's brothers, Al & Walt
Mike Novak's Close Friend Charles Knott
Mike Novak's Cousin Brother Robert Novak C.S.S.R.
Phil Pfarr's Friend Stephanie MacLennan By Pass Surgery
Wendy Ward (Ladies Auxiliary)
Steve Wisneuski (Council Member)
John Young's (Son – Eric) & (Grandson – Cooper)
Bill Elliot, PGK

Special prayers for those we lost this past quarter and their families who are grieving: Will Glassman, Francis Jersey, Frank Tumminelo, PGK, and Chrissy Elliot.

Pray for our country's peace keepers serving around the world and first responders, especially the police officers. We pray that they may always be safe while protecting us in service to our country, state and county's citizens. Pray for our local priests & deacons and that more personnel will enter the Catholic vocations.

THREE MONTH PLANNER

APRIL 2019			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
MON	1	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
THU	4	Seafood Chowder Preparation	TBD
FRI	5	Seafood Chowder& Sales	4:00 - 6:30 PM
MON	8	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	12	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
SUN	14	PALM SUNDAY	All Day
MON	15	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 PM
MON	15	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
THU	18	HOLY THURSDAY (The Last Supper) (K of C Support)	7:30 PM
FRI	19	GOOD FRIDAY (Christ is Crucified) (K of C Support)	7:30 PM
SAT	20	Easter Egg Hunt (Church Campus)	1:00 PM
SUN	21	EASTER SUNDAY (Christ Is Risen) (K of C Support)	All Day
FRI	26	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
MAY 2019			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
FRI	3	K of C MD State Convention (OC, MD, Day 1)	All Day
SAT	4	K of C MD State Convention (OC, MD, Day 2)	All Day
SAT	4	John Archer School May Day (Community Event Support))	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
SAT	4	Recruitment Weekend (After Mass)	After 5:00 PM Mass
SUN	5	Recruitment Weekend (After Masses)	After All Masses
SUN	5	K of C MD State Convention (OC, MD, Day 3)	All Day
SUN	5	CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATED	All Day
MON	6	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
THU	9	New Candidate Forum (K of C Meeting Location)	7:00 PM
FRI	10	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
SAT	11	Marigold Preparation for Distribution	9:00 AM
SUN	12	MOTHER'S DAY (Marigold Distribution)	All Day
MON	13	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
MON	20	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 PM
MON	20	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	24	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM

MON	27	MEMORIAL DAY	All Day
TBD	TBD	Pro Life Rosary (Life Event Support) (Chapel)	TBD
JUNE 2019			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
SAT	1	Mass at SFdS Worship Center	5:00 PM
SAT	1	Council 25th Anniversary Celebration (Columbus Gardens)	6:30 PM
MON	3	K of C General Meeting (Admissions Degree)	7:30 PM
MON	10	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
JUNE 2019			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
FRI	14	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
SUN	16	FATHER'S DAY	All Day
MON	17	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 PM
MON	17	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	28	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM

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