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GK Phil Pfarr



Worthy Grand Knight Message

Hello Brother Knights,

It's hard to believe that the second quarter of our 2025-2026 fraternal year is behind us. We had a very successful quarter with many activities including our Spaghetti Dinner, annual Remembrance Service, Family movie event, our Wreaths Across America ceremony, the start of our Cor Men's Prayer Group, our Pit Beef fundraisers, Family Bingos, and our 5th Sunday Rosary. We also supported other ministries' activities such as the Trunk or Treat, Breakfast with Jesus, Ladies Auxiliary's Christmas Bazaar, and Christmas Eve parking and traffic control. Thanks to all who helped out at these activities.

We also welcomed 3 new members into our council. Please welcome Brother Knights Jose Leyton, Miguel Martinez, and Brian McCord.

We have many more activities scheduled for this next quarter too. Please get involved in one or more activity.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. John Martinez



Worthy Chaplain Message

From the Supreme Chaplain:

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me." (Gospel for Feb. 1, Mt 5:11)

In the next verse, Jesus continues, "Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Mt 5:12b). His words imply that his disciples are prophets in their own right, following after the prophets of old. Indeed, as his disciples, we become priests, prophets and kings by virtue of our baptism. In our prophetic role, we are called to speak God's truth even when it is unpopular in the eyes of the world.

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the Church's teachings on one or two contemporary issues that you are concerned about, so that you can better defend the truth when an opportunity arises. Look to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and booklets from the Order's Catholic Information Service (kofc.org/cis) as resources.

DD Chris Phillips, PGK



Worthy District Deputy Message

I bring you Greetings from the MD State Council and our State Deputy Anthony Salvemini whose motto is "Make A Difference in Someone's Life".

Brothers—Before joining the Knights, I knew faces at Mass but few names. Through the Order, faith became action: brothers became family, charity gained faces, and my faith grew. Invite others to share this gift.

When I ask you to invite others to the Order, it is for these reasons. I'm sure you've had some of the same experiences, so this is a way to pay it forward. When you help a man enter the Order, many will remember you for the rest of their life. I know this because most of us can remember who invited you.

As Lent approaches, may you find a deep and personal relationship with Our Lord. God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

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What's Going-on in Our Council

Reflection: "Providing service and extending charity toward others helps us overcome our own difficulties and makes them seem less challenging." - Silvia H. Allred

Our Council offers many opportunities for you to live out our first principle — Charity — through service that truly speaks to your heart. Whether your passion is helping children through Coats for Kids, supporting families in need with Food for Families, assisting those with Intellectual Disabilities, promoting Defend Life initiatives, or leading others in prayer through a Rosary event, there is a place for you to make a meaningful impact.

In the past few months, our Council has been blessed to carry out several fundraising efforts that have allowed us to contribute to a variety of charitable causes — providing assistance to brother Knights in need, supporting relief efforts for victims of the Texas floods, aiding local pregnancy support centers, helping local youth attend the National Catholic Youth Convention, and funding the formation of a Latino youth prayer group. We've also continued our support for improvements to the St. Francis de Sales Campus, strengthening the spiritual home that unites us.

These accomplishments are a testament to what we can achieve together — but they also remind us that our mission is ongoing. I invite you to reach out to me or any of our Council officers to get involved — or even better, to take the lead on a program that inspires you. Whatever strengthens your faith and calls you to serve, step forward and make it your mission.

As our Worthy Grand Knight Phil reminds us, "We are doing God's work." And truly, we need you to be part of it. Together, let us continue to bring Christ's love to our parish and community through our works of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Congratulations to our 2nd Quarter (2025–2026) Families of the Month — the Smothers, Burlin and Wilson families — and to our Knight of the 2nd Quarter, Brother Sir Knight Steve M. Herpel, PGK, PFN.!

Your dedication, service, and commitment to making our parish and community stronger are truly appreciated. Thank you for exemplifying the spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity that defines our Council.

Stay informed of upcoming opportunities to serve your community by checking out the 3-month planner on page 4 of this newsletter. Also, in our Facebook page "Knights of Columbus #11372 Father Wolfe Council".

Vivat Jesus!
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Membership Report

Hello Brothers of the Fr. Wolfe Council!

We are pleased to welcome our newest Brother Knights to our council: Jose Laton, Brian McCord, Miguel Martinez and Mark Govoni. Our council is always ready to welcome any Catholic gentleman who wishes to share the good news of his faith and contribute to the community.

Our next Exemplification will be held on March 16, 2026. We encourage any potential members or those wishing to advance to the 3rd Degree to attend. These events will take place just before our social meetings at Hengemihle (Knights) Hall at St. Francis de Sales (SFDS) in Abingdon, MD. New members and those advancing to the 3rd Degree should arrive at the Hall by 6:45 PM.

The State Council has a new recruitment incentive program in which each member can receive \$50 for each new member you bring into the order. To learn more, visit the following link,
<https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/50-Recruitment-Incentive.pdf>

Remember, **every Knight is a membership chairperson**. If you know of friends or family members who are interested in learning more about the Knights and our charitable work, please invite them to attend a meeting or event.

We also encourage you to consider joining the ranks of the Patriotic 4th Degree and the Color Corps. As additional ceremonies in our district are scheduled, we will provide updates so you can choose the best time and location to participate.

God bless you and stay well!

Lary Shannahan
Membership Director
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Insurance Advisor Message

Brothers,

Do you have goals in mind for this year? It may be February, but the year is still fresh. Instead of new year's resolutions, I like to think in terms of setting concrete, actionable goals. I recommend that at least once a year, you make it a goal to take inventory of your financial health. You can start by asking yourself if you've experienced any major life events in the last year that may call for an update to your insurance plan or to acquire a policy for the first time. Don't forget that if your life insurance policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured and only protected while you are still working. It's also important to consider whether you're on track to maintain the lifestyle you want in retirement. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? It's not too late to set goals for 2026. If you have any questions, please contact your agent to schedule a time to meet. Thank you!

Hermanos,

¿Tiene objetivos en mente para este año? Puede que sea febrero, pero el año aún está comenzando. En lugar de resoluciones de Año Nuevo, me gusta pensar en términos de establecer objetivos concretos y viables. Recomiendo que al menos una vez al año, se fije como meta hacer un inventario de su salud financiera. Puede empezar preguntándose si ha experimentado algún evento importante en su vida durante el último año que justifique una actualización de su plan de seguro o la adquisición de una póliza por primera vez. También, no olvide que, si su póliza de seguro de vida depende de su empleador actual, podría estar asegurado y protegido solo mientras siga trabajando. Además, es importante considerar si está encaminado para mantener el estilo de vida que desea durante el retiro. ¿Sabe cuánto dinero necesitará para jubilarse cómodamente? No es demasiado tarde para establecer metas para el 2026. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con su agente para programar una reunión. ¡Gracias!

Best wishes always,
Bob

Vivat Jesus!
Robert Hickey
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Council Activities Three Months Planner

DAY	DATE	FEB 2026	TIME
MON	2	K of C General Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:30 PM
MON	9	K of C Officers Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:00 PM
FRI	13	Family Bingo Night (Kilduff Hall) SFDS	6:00 PM
MON	16	K of C General Meeting (Knights Hall), Social (Kilduff Hall)	7:30 PM
WED	18	Ash Wednesday	ALL DAY
FRI	20	Lenten Chowder Sale/Pick up @ SFDS (Knights Hall)	4 – 6:30 PM
FRI - SUN	27 – 1 Mar	Holy Family Men Retreat @ Malvern PA	ALL DAY

DAY	DATE	MAR 2026	TIME
SUN	1	Ladies Auxiliary Annual baby shower for CHOOSE HOPE	ALL DAY
MON	2	K of C General Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:30 PM
FRI	6	Lenten Chowder Sale/Pick up @ SFDS (Knights Hall)	4 – 5:30 PM
MON	9	K of C Officer Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:00 PM
MON	16	3 rd Degree Exemplification (Knights Hall)	6:45 PM
MON	16	K of C General Meeting (Knights Hall), Social (Kilduff Hall)	7:30 PM
FRI	20	Lenten Chowder Sale/Pick up @ SFDS (Knights Hall)	4 – 6:30 PM
SAT	21	Helping Hand Charity St Paddy's Hangover Dinner Dance @ American Legion Post 39	6 – 10 PM
SUN	29	KofC Founders Day / Palm Sunday	ALL DAY

DAY	DATE	APR 2026	TIME
SUN	5	Easter Sunday	ALL DAY
MON	6	K of C General Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:30 PM
FRI	10	Family Bingo Night @ SFDS (Kilduff Hall)	6:00 PM
MON	13	K of C Officer Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:00 PM
SAT	18	Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Lunch (Kilduff Hall)	10:30 AM – 1 PM
MON	20	K of C General Meeting (Knights Hall), Social (Kilduff Hall)	7:30 PM
SAT	25	Bridges for Life @ I 95 Overpass next to SFdS	9:00 AM
		ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

KofC Ladies President – Angie Rebbert

Old Man Winter is here and has generously gifted us with ten inches of snow and ice. What else Winter has for us! No matter the weather, our Ladies have been busy.

- Our Holiday Craft Bazaar in November was a huge success for the vendors, customers and the Ladies. We raised over \$2,000 for our parish programs, \$910 for our sister parish in Haiti, and over \$1,400 from our homemade bake sale for our many charities.

- Our third Bull-Shrimp-Oyster Roast, also in November, was another profitable event. We raised over \$4,500 in total sales.

Our social event for this quarter was our annual Christmas party held December 15th. Our ladies enjoyed delicious food and drinks, and many went home with door prizes!

Spring is shaping up to keep us busy and on our toes.

- We have our Luncheon Bingo coming up on April 18th. Tickets are going fast!
- Our annual baby shower for CHOOSE HOPE will be held on March 1st.
- We have already begun selling tickets for our 300 Raffle. The drawing will take place on March 1st at the Donut Social/Baby Shower for CHOOSE HOPE.
- We are also planning a visit to Little Sisters of the Poor in May.
- Be on the lookout for our next dinner show on June 6th. Details will follow.

We are sad to announce that another of our members, Bernie Pavlitsa, has passed to eternal life with our Lord. Bernie has been an active member of our group and we will always remember her loving, caring ways and her delicious cinnamon buns!

Angie Rebbert
President, Ladies Auxiliary
Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council #11372
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News from State Council

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsors several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. The application period ends 1 March 2026. The below link provides complete information on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. Awards may be applied to tuition payments only. More Information at the following webpage:

<https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>

For Supreme Council Scholarship opportunities visit: **Scholarship Applications Available Online March 5th – April 15th**

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html>

2026 Founders' Day Event information (22 March 2026): [2026 Founders Day Letter](#)

2026 Catholic Men Fellowship information (14 March 2026): [CMF-2026-Flyer.pdf](#)

128th MD State Council Convention information (1 -3 May 2026): [128th MD State Council Convention | Maryland State Council](#)

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Invites all Men to participate in the

HOLY FAMILY MEN'S RETREAT

FEB 27 - MAR 1, 2026

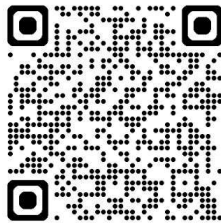
Spend a weekend getting a much-deserved spiritual R&R!

This is a traditional retreat for men with conferences, confession, adoration, prayer and Mass each day.

- Accommodation and meals are included with your registration.
- This retreat is open to all men no matter your religion or group affiliation.



Register On-line



Malvern Retreat House
Our Lady's Hall & St. Joseph Hall
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HELPING HANDS ST PADDY'S DAY HANGOVER DANCE

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OPEN BAR

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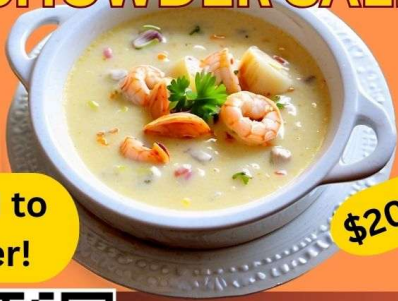
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LIMITED QUANTITIES

Pick up Dates & Time:

- Day 1: 20 Feb; 4-6:30PM
- Day 2: 6 Mar; 4-5:30PM
- Day 3: 20 Mar; 4-6:30PM

Pick up Location: SFdS Hengemihle (Knights) Hall
1450 Abingdon Rd. Abingdon, Md

Questions? Email kofc11372@kofc11372.org or text
443-640-7197. Include name, quantity of quarts and
callback phone number.

Annual Choose Hope Women's Center Baby Shower

Hosted by the K of C Ladies Auxiliary #11372

March 1, 2026, in Kilduff Hall



Your donations will **directly** help women facing an unplanned pregnancy. The Ladies will be collecting donations at all masses

at St. Francis de Sales on:

February 14 and 15,

February 21 and 22, &

February 28 and March 1 - with a celebration at the

Donut Social on March 1



Suggested items:

- Cash or check payable to **Choose Hope Women's Center**
 - \$10 Target gift cards
 - New or gently used baby clothing (12M, 24M, 2T, 3T) or maternity clothes
 - Diapers (size 5 & 6), wipes, diaper cream, baby wash, and lotion
 - Baby towels; Board Books
- Sorry - we are not able to accept donations of furniture or large items.

Questions? Text Diane Traube 443-987-5167

Choose Hope info available at choosehopetoday.org





Special Intentions

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

Bernie Pavlitsa (RIP)	Fr. Lawrence Decker	Deacon Jim Sullivan
Deacon Carlos Morales	Mike and Janet Novak	Walter Novak
Phil and Susan Pfarr	Edward Seglach	Mike and Denise Walsh
Cooper and Eric Young	Carroll McKenna	Gabe Punti
Al Thompson	Joy DiMaggio	Wayne Long
Jonathan Herpel	Sean Moderacki	Richard Pecone
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Ron Childs	Sandy and Charlie Gill	Vicki Cohen
Venita Hatch	Caleb Hardy	Pat Moro
Jack Flynn	Tom Hampton	Jon and Kelly Fricke
Martha Childs	Donna Ceroy	Michael McFadden
Valerie Sanders	Daniel Kerins	John Young
Shannahan Family (Valerie & Jake)	Steven O'Neal	Tim Mazz
Chuck Tippenworth	Alfred Giovetti	Evelyn Rodriguez
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Rosa Antona	Alen Terek	Pat Wilson
Dave Karr	Greg and Wendy Ward	Joe Ilco
Alecia Meclay	Rosa Antona	Alen Terek

Pray for our country's servicemembers serving around the world and first responders, especially the police officers and firefighters. We pray that they may always be safe while protecting us in service to our Nation and State's civilians. Pray for our local priests & deacons and that more personnel will enter the Catholic vocations. Prayers for women contemplating abortion and/or suffered a miscarriage, and for all people contemplating suicide.



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Lee Eder, FN, PGK

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