



Knight Life March 2019

Grand Knight Report

Dear Brothers:

February was a very busy month for our Council, and I would like to thank all the Brother Knights who volunteered to make our events so successful!

In March we have the Murder Mystery Night and the Tootsie Roll Drive.....I know that you all will lend a helping hand!

Lent is quickly approaching, and I would like to encourage all of us to attend one of the many spiritual programs available here at the Parish in preparation for Easter.

Vivat Jesus,

Leo Fitzgerald - GK

Knights of Columbus #11873

East Brunswick NJ



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Faithful Navigator Message

Brother Knights of the Fourth Degree,
Brother Sir Knights, as we move into the New Year let's strive to encourage our Third Degree Brothers to contemplate joining our ranks and remind them of all the patriotic Activities we do with and for our veterans. We need to increase our membership and have Younger Knights join us. On Sunday February 17 there was the Fourth Degree Exemplification 120 Brother Knight's became Sir Knight's. I was disappointed that none of Our Third Degree Council Members were not part of this ceremony (may be next time). Due to the quarantine at Menlo Park VA we have not been able to have any type of event. Brother Sir Knight Greg Schpakow will advise us when we will be able to have an event There. I will be accepting orders for Knight's Jackets starting at the Council meetings. There Are two jackets to choose from you must be there in person for your selection. I have been sending out e-mails for Ash Wednesday March 6th Ushers, if you are available E-mail me your selection of Mass time you wish to serve.

God Bless

Brother Frank – FN-PGK



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Upcoming Events & Meetings

March 2nd – Murder Mystery Night at St. Bart's

March 6th – Ash Wednesday – NO COUNCIL MEETING

March 13th – Assembly Meeting

March 16th – Corporate Mass 5:00PM

March 20th – Council Meeting

March 30th & 31st – Tootsie Roll Drive

April 3rd – Council Meeting

April 6th – Soup & Salad Dinner

April 6th – 7th – Tootsie Roll Drive

April 10th Assembly Meeting

April 18th – Holy Thursday

April 19th - Good Friday

April 20th – Holy Saturday

April 21st - Easter Sunday

April 27th – 28th - Tootsie Roll Drive

McGivney Association Update

No update at this time.

Get Involved

Ushers are need for Ash Wednesday & the Eater Triduum. Contact FN Frank G at frankenza1969@aol.com to sign up.

Volunteers are needed for the Tootsie Roll Drive please see Br. Chris A to sign up.

Insurance Agency

Mr. John Forcella

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Rome Report

Alessandro Gisotti, interim Holy See press office director, confirmed Tuesday via Twitter that Cardinal George Pell is no longer prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy. Pell's term as prefect was to have expired Feb. 24. His resignation has not been noted in the Vatican's bollettino, so it is believed his term lapsed and was not renewed, and he was not removed from office. Gisotti's tweet suggests that Pell's loss of office by the expiration of his term has been communicated to him in writing, [as required by canon law](#). The cardinal was convicted in an Australian civil court in December on five charges of the sexual abuse of minors. A gag order preventing media from reporting on the trial and conviction was lifted Feb. 26. The Cardinal has been placed on "Restrictions" by the Holy See.

Membership

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to any male over the age of eighteen, who is a practical Catholic in good standing with the Church. For more information please visit [the Knights of Columbus website](#). For other inquiries you may contact the Council Membership Director Joe Baker at jpabaker@aol.com or 570-580-8145.



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The World Wide Web

Visit our Council website www.stbartskofc.com

Knight of Columbus Supreme Council is on Instagram [@kofc_official](https://www.instagram.com/kofc_official)

Our Facebook is [@ebknightsforcolumbus](https://www.facebook.com/ebknightsforcolumbus)

Knight Life

If anyone has information or updates that they would like published in the Knight Life, please submit all requests to ebknightsforcolumbus@gmail.com before the 20th of each month. Each addition will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Congratulations!

The following students have advanced to the next round in the Free-throw Competition! We wish them the best of luck!

Gabriel Greiner (9 y.o male)

Marilyn Zatotski (11 y.o female)

Chloe Netzel (12 y.o female)

Sophia Winston (14 y.o female)

CONTACT US

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MEETINGS



Council Meetings: Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning at 7:30PM.

Assembly Meetings: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning at 7:30PM.

Meetings are restricted to the membership. Any person wish to make an inquiry is able to do so 30 minutes before the meeting begins.



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Saint Bartholomew

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Council #11873

Chaplain Rev. Thomas Walsh
District Deputy Scott Williams
Grand Knight Leo Fitzgerald
Deputy Grand Knight Jack Myatt
Financial Sec. Tom Garrett, SK
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Chancellor JR Myatt
Recorder Ken Czarnecki
Warden John Parke
Inside Guard John Eustice
Outside Guard Helvic Ferrer
Lecturer Mike Spadafino
Advocate Paul Endler
3 Year Trustee Frank Gaudioso
2 Year Trustee Tom LaBue
1 Year Trustee Anthony Riccardella
Benefits Field Agent John Forcella

Saint Bartholomew

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Patriotic Degree Assembly #3583

Friar Rev Thomas Walsh
Navigator Frank Gaudioso
Comptroller Ken Czarnecki
Captain Greg Schpakow
Admiral John T. Myatt
Purser Rich Krempecki
Pilot John R. Myatt
Scribe Tom Garrett
Sentinel John Budzin
Sentinel John Eustice
Trustee Tom D'Amico
Trustee Tom Labue
Trustee Hilvic Ferrer Sr.

Council Chairmen

Membership Director Joe Baker
Family Life Director Ken Czarnecki
Sunshine Committee Tom Garrett
Youth Committee Bill Hills
Public Relations Chairman Joe Luciano



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Special Birthday Wishes!

Michael DiLalo – 3/6

Charles Widder – 3/6

Ralph Calabria 3/9

Brian Lenihan 3/10

Frank Marsciano 3/12

John Everhart 3/13

Anthony Lardieri 3/13

Brian Hills 3/16

Kevin McCann 3/17

Corrado Caterina 3/18

Scott Iannuzzo 3/19

Allen Barron 3/21

Rev. Mr. Jack Kenny 3/24

Paul Mezzo 3/24

James Correa 3/25

Roger Daley 3/26

Michael Morrow 3/26

Sean Pibbernow 3/26

Anthony Roche 3/27

Joseph Franchino 3/28

Thomas O’Kane 3/29

Kevin Wurtenberg 3/29



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BROTHERS PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND UPDATE OUR COUNCIL RECORDS. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED CONTACT INFORMATION. RETURN THE BELOW FORM TO THE COUNCIL AT

EBKNIGHTSOFCOLUMBUS@GMAIL.COM OR VIA POSTAL SERVICE TO

ST. BARTHOLOMEW R.C CHURCH

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EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816

BROTHERS,

YOUR ANNUAL COMMITMENT TO COUNCIL #11873 IS DUE FOR 2019. IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT YOURS IN, PLEASE DO SO. ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE IN CONFIDENTIALITY. PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE COUNCIL OFFICER OF YOUR CHOOSING. THANK YOU!

Information Update

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____



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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2019

*“FOR THE CREATION WAITS WITH EAGER LONGING
FOR THE REVEALING OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD” (ROM 8: 19)*

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

EACH YEAR, THROUGH MOTHER CHURCH, GOD “GIVES US THIS JOYFUL SEASON WHEN WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE PASCHAL MYSTERY WITH MIND AND HEART RENEWED... AS WE RECALL THE GREAT EVENTS THAT GAVE US NEW LIFE IN CHRIST” (*PREFACE OF LENT I*). WE CAN THUS JOURNEY FROM EASTER TO EASTER TOWARDS THE FULFILMENT OF THE SALVATION WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF CHRIST’S PASCHAL MYSTERY – “FOR IN HOPE WE WERE SAVED” (*ROM 8:24*). THIS MYSTERY OF SALVATION, ALREADY AT WORK IN US DURING OUR EARTHLY LIVES, IS A DYNAMIC PROCESS THAT ALSO EMBRACES HISTORY AND ALL OF CREATION. AS SAINT PAUL SAYS, “THE CREATION WAITS WITH EAGER LONGING FOR THE REVEALING OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD” (*ROM 8:19*). IN THIS PERSPECTIVE, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A FEW REFLECTIONS TO ACCOMPANY OUR JOURNEY OF CONVERSION THIS COMING LENT.

1. THE REDEMPTION OF CREATION

THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM OF CHRIST’S PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION, THE CULMINATION OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR, CALLS US YEARLY TO UNDERTAKE A JOURNEY OF PREPARATION, IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR BEING CONFORMED TO CHRIST (CF. *ROM 8:29*) IS A PRICELESS GIFT OF GOD’S MERCY.

WHEN WE LIVE AS CHILDREN OF GOD, REDEEMED, LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT (CF. *ROM 8:14*) AND CAPABLE OF ACKNOWLEDGING AND OBEYING GOD’S LAW, BEGINNING WITH THE LAW WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS AND IN NATURE, *WE ALSO BENEFIT CREATION* BY COOPERATING IN ITS REDEMPTION. THAT IS WHY SAINT PAUL SAYS THAT CREATION EAGERLY



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LONGS FOR THE REVELATION OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD; IN OTHER WORDS, THAT ALL THOSE WHO ENJOY THE GRACE OF JESUS' PASCHAL MYSTERY MAY EXPERIENCE ITS FULFILMENT IN THE REDEMPTION OF THE HUMAN BODY ITSELF. WHEN THE LOVE OF CHRIST TRANSFIGURES THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS IN SPIRIT, BODY AND SOUL, THEY GIVE PRAISE TO GOD. THROUGH PRAYER, CONTEMPLATION AND ART, THEY ALSO INCLUDE OTHER CREATURES IN THAT PRAISE, AS WE SEE ADMIRABLY EXPRESSED IN THE "CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES" BY SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (CF. [*LAUDATO SI'*](#), 87). YET IN THIS WORLD, THE HARMONY GENERATED BY REDEMPTION IS CONSTANTLY THREATENED BY THE NEGATIVE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH.

2. THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF SIN

INDEED, WHEN WE FAIL TO LIVE AS CHILDREN OF GOD, WE OFTEN BEHAVE IN A DESTRUCTIVE WAY TOWARDS OUR NEIGHBOURS AND OTHER CREATURES – AND OURSELVES AS WELL – SINCE WE BEGIN TO THINK MORE OR LESS CONSCIOUSLY THAT WE CAN USE THEM AS WE WILL. INTEMPERANCE THEN TAKES THE UPPER HAND: WE START TO LIVE A LIFE THAT EXCEEDS THOSE LIMITS IMPOSED BY OUR HUMAN CONDITION AND NATURE ITSELF. WE YIELD TO THOSE UNTRAMMELLED DESIRES THAT THE BOOK OF WISDOM SEES AS TYPICAL OF THE UNGODLY, THOSE WHO ACT WITHOUT THOUGHT FOR GOD OR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE (CF. 2:1-11). UNLESS WE TEND CONSTANTLY TOWARDS EASTER, TOWARDS THE HORIZON OF THE RESURRECTION, THE MENTALITY EXPRESSED IN THE SLOGANS "*I WANT IT ALL AND I WANT IT NOW!*" AND "*TOO MUCH IS NEVER ENOUGH*", GAINS THE UPPER HAND.

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL, AS WE KNOW, IS SIN, WHICH FROM ITS FIRST APPEARANCE HAS DISRUPTED OUR COMMUNION WITH GOD, WITH OTHERS AND WITH CREATION ITSELF, TO WHICH WE ARE LINKED IN A PARTICULAR WAY BY OUR BODY. THIS RUPTURE OF COMMUNION WITH GOD LIKEWISE UNDERMINES OUR HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE, SO THAT THE GARDEN HAS BECOME A WILDERNESS (CF. *GEN 3:17-18*). SIN LEADS MAN TO CONSIDER HIMSELF THE GOD OF CREATION, TO SEE HIMSELF AS ITS ABSOLUTE MASTER AND TO USE IT, NOT FOR THE PURPOSE WILLED BY



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THE CREATOR BUT FOR HIS OWN INTERESTS, TO THE DETRIMENT OF OTHER CREATURES.

ONCE GOD'S LAW, THE LAW OF LOVE, IS FORSAKEN, THEN THE LAW OF THE STRONG OVER THE WEAK TAKES OVER. THE SIN THAT LURKS IN THE HUMAN HEART (CF. *Mk 7:20-23*) TAKES THE SHAPE OF GREED AND UNBRIDLED PURSUIT OF COMFORT, LACK OF CONCERN FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS AND EVEN OF ONESELF. IT LEADS TO THE EXPLOITATION OF CREATION, BOTH PERSONS AND THE ENVIRONMENT, DUE TO THAT INSATIABLE COVETOUSNESS WHICH SEES EVERY DESIRE AS A RIGHT AND SOONER OR LATER DESTROYS ALL THOSE IN ITS GRIP.

3. THE HEALING POWER OF REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

CREATION URGENTLY NEEDS THE REVELATION OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD, WHO HAVE BEEN MADE "A NEW CREATION". FOR "IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME" (*2 COR 5:17*). INDEED, BY VIRTUE OF THEIR BEING REVEALED, *CREATION ITSELF CAN CELEBRATE A PASCH*, OPENING ITSELF TO A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH (CF. *REV 21:1*). THE PATH TO EASTER DEMANDS THAT WE RENEW OUR FACES AND HEARTS AS CHRISTIANS THROUGH REPENTANCE, CONVERSION AND FORGIVENESS, SO AS TO LIVE FULLY THE ABUNDANT GRACE OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY.

THIS "EAGER LONGING", THIS EXPECTATION OF ALL CREATION, WILL BE FULFILLED IN THE REVELATION OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD, THAT IS, WHEN CHRISTIANS AND ALL PEOPLE ENTER DECISIVELY INTO THE "TRAVAIL" THAT CONVERSION ENTAILS. ALL CREATION IS CALLED, WITH US, TO GO FORTH "FROM ITS BONDAGE TO DECAY AND OBTAIN THE GLORIOUS LIBERTY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD" (*ROM 8:21*). LENT IS A SACRAMENTAL SIGN OF THIS CONVERSION. IT INVITES CHRISTIANS TO EMBODY THE PASCHAL MYSTERY MORE DEEPLY AND CONCRETELY IN THEIR PERSONAL, FAMILY AND SOCIAL LIVES, ABOVE ALL BY FASTING, PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING.

FASTING, THAT IS, LEARNING TO CHANGE OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS OTHERS AND ALL OF CREATION, TURNING AWAY FROM THE TEMPTATION TO "DEVOUR" EVERYTHING TO SATISFY OUR VORACITY AND BEING



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READY TO SUFFER FOR LOVE, WHICH CAN FILL THE EMPTINESS OF OUR HEARTS. *PRAYER*, WHICH TEACHES US TO ABANDON IDOLATRY AND THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF OUR EGO, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEED OF THE LORD AND HIS MERCY. *ALMSGIVING*, WHEREBY WE ESCAPE FROM THE INSANITY OF HOARDING EVERYTHING FOR OURSELVES IN THE ILLUSORY BELIEF THAT WE CAN SECURE A FUTURE THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO US. AND THUS TO REDISCOVER THE JOY OF GOD'S PLAN FOR CREATION AND FOR EACH OF US, WHICH IS TO LOVE HIM, OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND THE ENTIRE WORLD, AND TO FIND IN THIS LOVE OUR TRUE HAPPINESS.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THE "LENTEN" PERIOD OF FORTY DAYS SPENT BY THE SON OF GOD IN THE *DESERT* OF CREATION HAD THE GOAL OF MAKING IT ONCE MORE THAT *GARDEN* OF COMMUNION WITH GOD THAT IT WAS BEFORE ORIGINAL SIN (CF. *MK* 1:12-13; *Is* 51:3). MAY OUR LENT THIS YEAR BE A JOURNEY ALONG THAT SAME PATH, BRINGING THE HOPE OF CHRIST ALSO TO CREATION, SO THAT IT MAY BE "SET FREE FROM ITS BONDAGE TO DECAY AND OBTAIN THE GLORIOUS LIBERTY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD" (*ROM* 8:21). LET US NOT ALLOW THIS SEASON OF GRACE TO PASS IN VAIN! LET US ASK GOD TO HELP US SET OUT ON A PATH OF TRUE CONVERSION. LET US LEAVE BEHIND OUR SELFISHNESS AND SELF-ABSORPTION, AND TURN TO JESUS' PASCH. LET US STAND BESIDE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED, SHARING OUR SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL GOODS WITH THEM. IN THIS WAY, BY CONCRETELY WELCOMING CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH INTO OUR LIVES, WE WILL ALSO RADIATE ITS TRANSFORMING POWER TO ALL OF CREATION.