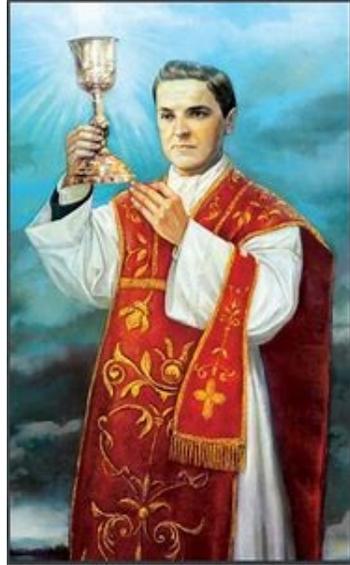




**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

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Martinsburg Knights



Monsignor Lackey

Council 1169,

Martinsburg, West Virginia.

WE ARE BACK at the Council Hall and on Zoom

(Check your E-Mail for more Details)

2nd Wednesday each month

Rosary 6:30PM—Business Meeting 7:00PM

4th Degree starts after General Meeting

Quarantined / Vulnerable to COVID19 and Need Assistance?

We have volunteers to help those who may not be able to get out for essential needs like groceries, rides and/or medications. If you are sick or in distress,

Please call Mike Arndt 304-820-8866.

The Martinsburg Knights is the Monsignor Lackey #1169 Knights of Columbus newsletter published for members, their families



Join the Knights of
Columbus
TODAY!



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Message from the Financial Secretary & Assembly Controller

Dues Notices were sent out at the End of December, Please check your Mailbox and let me know if you have not received your Notice by December 15th at Richard.risdon@comcast.net

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

From time to time there is a need to communicate with our members important messages that are time sensitive. We know in most cases these messages find their way to your emails. That being said, we also know that we have some email addresses which are no longer valid or are in error.

If you wish to receive our emails please contact me at Richard.risdon@comcast.net to confirm your email address or call at 571-244-4645.

Please be assured that this information will not be shared with anyone who is not an officer or committee member within Msgr. Lackey Council 1169.

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Business Meetings are back at the Council in December



**COUNCIL
MEETING**



We will start holding our Monthly Business meeting “in Person” STARTING Wednesday December 2nd at the Knights Council Hall (630pm for the Rosary; 7pm for our Business Meeting).

We will also have a Zoom meeting available for those who aren't ready to meet in person. A meeting email will be sent with the Zoom Information as before. Zoom Meeting login information will still be sent out to all member prior to meetings

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TODAY!



Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

See the Supreme website for more information:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Membership!!!!

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. Ask a friend or family member to join!

For more information about the membership application process, please contact our

Membership Director Michael J O Donnell at

304-676-5686

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING
7:00AM – 11:30AM



WE ARE in DANGER of CLOSING if we dont get more HELP ASAP!

We really need your help now more than ever. As you all know the Council Hall survives on rentals of the Hall; but, because of Covid-19 the monthly rentals have stopped. These rentals help pay the bills! As of right now the only source of income is through our BINGO operations. WITHOUT bingo and or Monthly Rentals we are in danger of losing our Council Home.

Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated at our Wednesday Morning BINGO!

We are really pleased with the success of the Bingo program. Thank you to the men who have worked on Wednesday morning to make this program a success. The callers, the floor walkers, the pull tab sellers. These people have volunteered countless hours to make this program the success that it is. The program could not survive without these volunteers.

If you are free on Wednesday morning please come an give us a hand!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - December 4th



WHY PARTICIPATE IN FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION?

Looking to escape the distractions of daily life and spend some quiet time with the Lord? Then join us the first Friday of every month as we adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

WHAT IS FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION?

First Friday Adoration, a St. Joseph tradition, is a Eucharistic adoration held the first Friday of every month in the church. It begins with 8:00 AM and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the day.

WHAT FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION PARTICIPANTS DO:

- Come any time during the adoration hours (approximately 8:00 to spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus.
- Some regular adoration participants commit to specific time slots every First Friday to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.
- Must be a fully initiated Catholic adult (18+)
- Is a registered parishioner of St. Joseph
- Attends Mass and receives the sacraments regularly
- Has a deep reverence for the Holy Eucharist

Commits to spending time with the Blessed Sacrament every month during First Friday Adoration

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION?

To participate in First Friday Adoration, simply come to the church on the first Friday of the month. Exact dates and times are in the church bulletin. Sign up sheet is available at the rear of the Church by the Baptismal Fount. All are welcome, and you will not be alone. There is always at least one other person present.

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT FAITH IN ACTION - FAITH PROGRAMS



December 4th

Catholic Man Night is dedicated to help men meet, get to know and build a friendship with Jesus Christ. Many Catholic men are casual in their faith; they're lukewarm. For them, Jesus is a casual acquaintance, not a close personal friend, so it's no wonder they aren't on fire for their faith. Catholic Man Night helps 21st century men meet Jesus through solid Catholic teaching presented in a way that makes sense to men.

7:00 Perpetual Adoration, Holy Hour

8:00 Benediction

8:15 Fellowship & Dinner

8:45 Discussion & Prayer



VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP) FAITH IN ACTION - FAITH PROGRAMS



Seminarian Phillip Szabo was ordained a transitional deacon by Bishop Mark Brennan on May 30, 2020 at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town.

As a transitional deacon, He will spend a year preaching the Gospel and preparing for his ordination to priesthood. Seminarian Phillip Szabo is the son of Joseph Szabo and Theresa Michael, and hails from Augusta in the Eastern Panhandle's Hampshire County. His home parish is Our Lady of Grace in Romney. Seminarian Szabo attends Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md

Recently our Councils Chancellor' Steve Edwards Presented our Seminarian Phillip Szabo a check for \$500.00.

VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)

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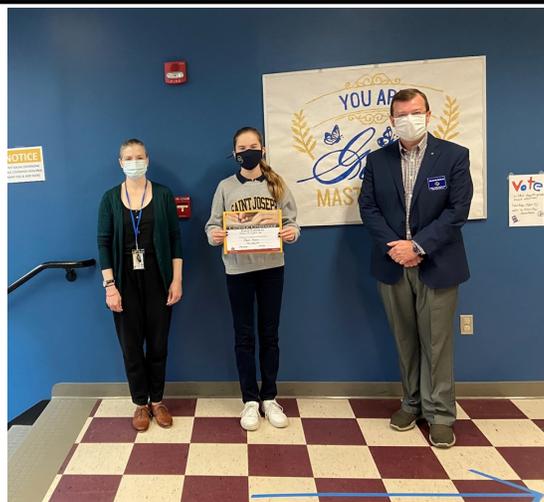
A blue award plaque with a gold cross at the top center. Below the cross is a quote: "It was not you who chose Me, it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit." with the reference "Jn. 15:16". Below the quote is the text "VOCATION SPONSOR AWARD" and the Knights of Columbus logo. At the bottom, it says "COUNCIL 1169 MARTINSBURG". There are several empty rectangular slots on the plaque, and a small gold tag in the top left corner says "2019-2020".

Last Month the Council received our Vocation Sponsor Award for 2019-2020.

Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), councils, assemblies and Squires circles “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

FAITH IN ACTION - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Pictured here are Saint Joseph School middle school teacher Sarah Middlemiss, left, and Jonathan Noyalas, right, presenting Claire with a certificate for winning the essay contest.

Congratulations Clair Freeman from St. Joseph School

This Year's Council winner of the Knight of Columbus Essay Contest-Trusting in God during a Difficult Time is Claire Freeman. Congratulations to eighth-grader Claire Freeman for winning the Catholic citizenship essay contest sponsored by Monsignor Lackey Council 1169 of the Knights of Columbus in Martinsburg!

Twenty-three students from Saint Joseph School participated in the contest, which was judged by Principal Patrick Blanc and Jonathan Noyalas, a member of the Knights.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS FAITH IN ACTION - FAMILY PROGRAMS



Keep Christ in Christmas Cards and Magnets 2020

November 22 and 29 after all Masses

(While Supplies Last)



Once again, this year the Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards and Magnets in front of the Church after all Masses (Weather permitting).

In Case of bad weather, we will move to the Hallway by Lackey Hall.

The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Nativity Lighting and Rosary FAITH IN ACTION - FAMILY PROGRAMS



Nativity Light and Rosary December 5th, after 5pm Mass

Setup December 2nd @ 12:00 (Meet at the Council)

We need help on December 2nd to setup our Nativity in the yard in front of the rectory.

Please join us on Saturday December 5th after 5:00pm Mass for the lighting. As we found out last year, please wear warm clothes!

COATS FOR KIDS

FAITH IN ACTION - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Coats for kids 2020 is over for this year.

This Year We were able to raise over \$1600.00 through donations which allowed us to purchase 6 Cases of coat. Thank you to everyone that help to support this GREAT cause!

Because of as Special Program setup by WV State Council our Coats for kids program, we were able to get credit for 12 cases (Buy one Case gat a Case Free). Our Grand Knight Mike Arndt was able to Merge our order with St. Leo Council in Inwood. These Coats will be going to our Spanish community as well as Catholic Charities to be Handed out to the Kids.

Blood Drives

Leave No Neighbor Behind!



12/15/2020 | 12:00 AM - 6:00 PM

12/21/2020 | 12:00 AM - 6:00 PM

1/11/2021 | 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, thousands of blood drives have been canceled, resulting in a shortage of over 100,000 units of blood. To address this urgent need, Brother Knights and their families who are not already isolated due to illness, age or underlying conditions are encouraged to donate blood. Your donation of a pint of blood is the gift of life so many now desperately need. Give a Pint, Save a Life!

COVID-19 Antibody Testing On All Donations

An antibody test screens for antibodies in your blood, which are formed when fighting an infection, like COVID-19. An antibody test assesses whether your immune system has responded to the infection, not if the virus is currently present. The COVID-19 antibody test is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Donors who test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may have the unique opportunity to help patients fighting the disease.

The Global Wheelchair Mission

FAITH IN ACTION - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Our Council has started a new Program called “The Global Wheelchair Mission”. We will be looking for volunteers, fund-raising ideas, and places or people that are in need of these Wheelchairs.

Help change the lives of people with disabilities worldwide by having your council donate at least \$150 for a wheelchair. Through partnerships, councils can also purchase a large container of 110 to 280 wheelchairs for their own donation sites. A featured program, Global Wheelchair Mission counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

The Knights of Columbus has partnered with the American Wheelchair Mission and under the umbrella of the Global Wheelchair Mission. This initiative provides aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility in our communities and around the world. Whether councils are presenting wheelchairs to

local veterans and neighbors in need or donating funds to benefit those abroad, mobility brings with it independence and dignity. Obtained at discounted prices, these wheelchairs change the lives of their recipients. Working with the Global Wheelchair Mission is a perfect opportunity to put your faith into action and involve the entire community in the rewarding charitable work done by your council.

The brand new wheelchairs are available in 5 sizes (12, 14, 16, 18 & 20-inch seat widths) and would sell for over \$500 in a medical supply store, but because they are shipped by 100 wheelchair containers from the factories directly, we can do this at an average price of \$150 each.

The Global Wheelchair Mission

FAITH IN ACTION - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Knights in Action

The Knights of Columbus has a long history and personal connection with the Global Wheelchair Mission. Fourth Degree Knight Chris Lewis, son of legendary entertainer and philanthropist Jerry Lewis, helped to create the humanitarian mission that has delivered more than 750,000 wheelchairs to people around the globe. The Knights of Columbus has partnered with Chris and the mission since 2003.



Put your Faith in Action

Donate today to help the Knights of Columbus and the Global Wheelchair Mission make a difference in the lives of people throughout the world.

Ready to put *your*
FAITH IN ACTION?
Join us today.
kofc.org/join

To learn more about the
Global Wheelchair Mission Program,
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The Global Wheelchair Mission

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Mission

Global Wheelchair Mission is an alliance of non-profit organizations, including the American Wheelchair Mission and the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, dedicated to delivering wheelchairs and mobility to people worldwide. Millions of children, teens and adults in need of mobility receive a gift that immediately changes the lives of their entire family through this important work.



Need

More than 100 million people worldwide are in need of a wheelchair but cannot afford one. These individuals cannot be helped by canes or crutches. A wheelchair is their only hope for mobility.

Physical disabilities stem from a variety of causes including can be from war, disease, accidents, and lack of health care. In many areas, including in our own communities, those who feel the weight of these issues go unaided.

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

– Hebrews 6:10

Impact

A wheelchair improves the quality of life for an entire family. Children can go to school, adults can go to work to provide for their families and the elderly can get out of a bed they may have stayed in for years.

How to Donate to the Global Wheelchair Mission

Each donation of \$150 will mean the delivery of a brand-new wheelchair into the life of a child, teen or adult in desperate need of mobility.

Donations can be made by contacting your local Knights of Columbus Council or by visiting: kofc.org/charities



MARCH FOR LIFE 2021
FAITH IN ACTION - LIFE PROGRAMS



MARCH FOR LIFE

January 29th,

2021

Washington, D.C.

MARCH FOR LIFE

MARCH FOR LIFE
#WhyWeMarch | MarchForLife.org

The poster features a large red banner at the top with the words "MARCH FOR LIFE" in white. Below this, the date "January 29th, 2021" is written in red. Underneath the date, "Washington, D.C." is written in black. The central image shows a large crowd of people holding a long white banner with "MARCH FOR LIFE" written in red. At the bottom, the "MARCH FOR LIFE" logo is displayed, which consists of a stylized red and white flower-like symbol above the text "MARCH FOR LIFE". Below the logo, the hashtag "#WhyWeMarch" and the website "MarchForLife.org" are listed.

Member Birthdays



December

Name

Jeffrey M Ferrell
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James W Van Middlesworth
Richard V Dale
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Thomas P Merceruio
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Thomas M Bibby
John P Perrino
David L Van Middlesworth
Donald F Copenhaver

Prayer List

The following Brothers, relatives and close friends are in need of your prayers. Please pray for them and the other personal intentions of our Brother Knights.

Pray for Brothers and their families who are sick or in need:



- Ed Blatzer**
- Wanda Slominski - Wife of Ben Slominski**
- John Sine**
- Walter Edwards— Brother of SK Steve Edwards**
- Bob Kucharek**
- Mark Wilgenbusch—previous insurance agent for our area**

Pray for the Repose of the Souls of our Beloved Deceased



- Donald T Anderson**
- Peter Merceruio**
- Robert P Butler**
- Mary “Mag” Catherine Bowers – Mother of PGK Mel Bowers**
- Russell Pitzer**

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brother/sister. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that

Introducing...Ryan McVearry, Agent, The Abbate Agency



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September 3, 2020

Introducing...Ryan McVearry, Agent, The Abbate Agency Knights of Columbus



Ryan McVearry's focus is helping Catholic families have peace of mind, maintain independence, live with dignity, and create a legacy. Ryan educates, counsels, and advises on the importance of creating a roadmap to secure their financial future and being able to achieve their financial goals and aspirations.

Ryan is a sales professional with more than 20 years of experience in corporate sales, construction teams, and financial services. After starting in estimating, then transitioning into plan and specification sales in Prince George's County, MD., Ryan took his foundational trade skills into the corporate world working as a Divisional Merchant (Buyer) for the Home Depot Corporation. He became a top performer at Home Depot and was chosen to be one of a small and privileged team to travel and open the first Home Depot in the Caribbean, located in the St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Ryan became a top sales performer at Sherwin Williams, receiving numerous President's Club and other honors, for more than 13 years. He has joined the Knights of Columbus to pursue a lifelong passion for uniting faith and purpose with his sales knowledge and interest in financial planning.

Like his father before him, Ryan grew up in the Catholic Church and has been a member and insurance owner with the Knights for many years. He takes pride in instilling Christian values in his children, fondly recalling his days at St. Vincent Pallotti in Laurel, MD., and the foundation his faith has given him. Now, he looks forward to making a difference by using his sales expertise to enhance the financial security and quality of life of others.

With an extremely successful team behind him, Ryan ensures his clients financial successes. We encourage you to reach out to him and his team soon.

Contact Ryan today to learn how the Abbate Agency / Knights of Columbus can help to protect you and your family. Call us at 757-495-1492.



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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

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The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falconi.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis