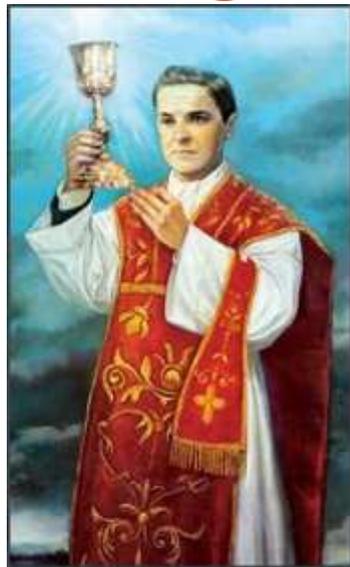




**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

February 2021, Issue 2

Martinsburg Knights



Monsignor Lackey

Council 1169,

Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Council Meeting on Zoom ONLY

(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.

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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 That being said, we also know that we have some email addresses which are no longer valid or are in error.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.

Council Directory Fraternal Year

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Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph” **8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.**



Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

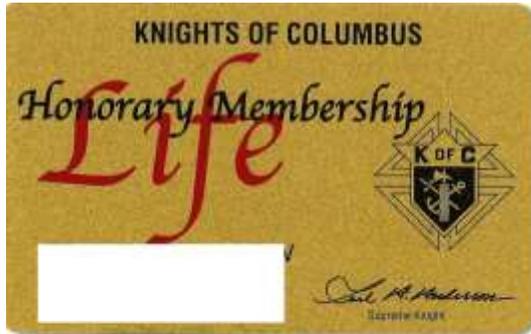
Pope Francis proclaims a Year of St. Joseph on the 150th anniversary of the dedication of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

CONGRATULATIONS Stephen L. Englebright



CONGRATULATIONS TO
Stephen L. Englebright
for achieving the honors of Honorary Life
Member in our Order.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Members who have attained the actual age of 65 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years are designated as honorary members.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Members who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years, regardless of age, are designated as honorary life members.

Business Meetings are back to the Council and ZOOM!



Worthy Brothers, on Dec 30th, i sent a email asking all councils to hold their meetings virtually. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT EFFECTIVE SUNDAY JANUARY 24TH ALL MEETINGS CAN RESUME WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS. i HAVE ATTACHED RULES SENT BY THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING ALLOWING FACE TO FACE MEETINGS PROVIDED CORRECT PROTOCOL IS OBSERVED.

In these rules, it clearly states that the ultimate decision rest with the Pastor PER Bishop Brennan.

I STRONGLY REQUEST THAT ALL COUNCILS/GRAND KNIGHTS MEET WITH THEIR PASTOR/CHAPLAIN TO DEVELOP A SAFETY FIRST PLAN GOING FORWARD. REMIND THEM OF OUR WORTH TO THEIR PARISHES.

Questions...Pleas call me ASAP

Vivat Jesus,

Paul Niedbalski

WV State Deputy

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 RETURNS MID Feb.

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!

MARCH FOR LIFE 2021
FAITH IN ACTION - LIFE PROGRAMS



**PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL
ADORATION?**

Because of Covid—19 this year we will not be providing a bus to the March for Life in Washington DC.

In its Place please join us at St Joseph Church for a Special

**MARCH FOR LIFE
ADORATION**

Come any time during the adoration hours 1:00PM to 6:00PM and spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - January 2021



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



February 5, 2021

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



SPAGHETTI DINNER



Monday February 15, 2021 5pm – 7pm

(More information in Feb, Newsletter)

Charity Fundraiser

Spaghetti and Meatball's \$10.00
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce \$10.00
Spaghetti and Marinara Sauce \$10.00

Good Food, Good Cause, Good Reason to get out of the house.
Pick up Dinner and support the Charity work of the Knights of
Columbus

K OF C GOLF TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS



May 8, 2021 Tee Time - 1:00PM

(Rain Date May 22, 2021)

2-man Teams - Group of 4

The cost of the tournament is \$60. That includes the cost of the tournament a meal afterwards and in addition a chance to win up to \$30,000 towards the cost of a new car. The dealership is yet to be determined.

For more information, please contact Mel Bowers

LBOWERSRPH@HOTMAIL.COM (Preferred)

Phone: 304-725-0593

Please note Mel Works odd Hours and prefers Email.

Blood Drives

Leave No Neighbor Behind!



2/16/2021 | 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM

3/9/2021 | 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.

K OF C - ULTRASOUND PROGRAM

FAITH IN ACTION - LIFE PROGRAMS



It's bottle time!



Fill a bottle, save a life!

Help us share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.

We will virtually distribute baby bottles on the date shown below. When you return them full of coins, bills and checks, your gifts will help those served by:

AbbaCare Pregnancy Resource Center, Martinsburg, WV

Start Date: January 16th & 17th

Return Date: January 30th & 31st



"For I know the plans I have for you... They are plans for good... to give you a future and hope."
Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)
 National March For Life Friday
 January 29, 2021 Washington D.C.



www.PlansForYou.org

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Baby Bottle Boomerang

Thank you all for participating over the past several years. With your generous contributions we are getting closer to our goal. This time for 2021 we are doing a virtual Baby Bottle Boomerang running from January 16th - January 31st, 2021. Please place your donations in the basket at the back of the church or mail them to:

**K of C council #1169
P.O. Box 545
Martinsburg, WV 25402**

Or

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church
336 S. Queen Street
Martinsburg, WV 25401**

Please make checks payable to: KofC Council #1169 memo Ultrasound Program.

To date we have collected \$6,696.83 (45%) towards a goal of \$15,000.00 by 2022. K of C Supreme will match the 15K for a total of \$30,000.00.

We have partnered with ABBACARE Pregnancy Resource Center here in Martinsburg. Please see inserts for more information.

David Martin

K OF C - ULTRASOUND PROGRAM

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AbbaCare Pregnancy Resource Center Martinsburg Ultrasound Program Timeline

AbbaCare Pregnancy Resource Center is a life-affirming pregnancy resource center that has been serving women and families facing unplanned pregnancy in the Winchester, VA area for over 30 years.

In 2019, AbbaCare began to feel God's calling to reach the neighboring community of Martinsburg/Berkeley County, West Virginia. We began to pray for God to provide the infrastructure that would be necessary to open a second pregnancy center location in Martinsburg. Primarily this would consist of a facility, staffing (reception, ultrasound nurse, and trained counselor), and equipment (ultrasound machine and related equipment).

God has been so faithful to answer! We have secured a short-term location (601 South Raleigh Street, Martinsburg - sharing space with the Good Samaritan Free Healthcare clinic) that will support us for the first couple of phases of our expansion in Martinsburg. This location is small - only 1,000 square feet with limited counseling and office space, so we know that as we continue to the third phase, we will need to secure a larger and more permanent location. In addition, God has provided a Martinsburg staff of 3 (a volunteer receptionist, and a nurse and counselor that split time between Winchester and Martinsburg), and a portable ultrasound that was paid for by a generous donor. We elected for a portable ultrasound machine for phases 1 and 2 (see timeline below) because we know that our current location is temporary, and we are able to carry the machine back and forth between Winchester and Martinsburg as needed (so it can be a back-up in Winchester as well as the primary machine in Martinsburg during phases 1 and 2).

So moving forward, what will be our needs in the next couple of years? As you'll see from the projected timeline below, we hope to be in a larger, more permanent location in approximately 2-3 years, at which time we will need to purchase a stand-alone/stationary ultrasound machine so that we don't have to continue carting the portable back and forth (which is not good for the machine). The portable ultrasound machine will then become a back-up for either location as needed. This new stationary machine will cost approximately \$29,000.

For these reasons, we feel that our recent introduction to the Martinsburg Community Knights of Columbus is God-ordained! This faithful group has been raising funds for an Ultrasound Project for the last three years, not knowing for sure who would be the beneficiary of these funds, since at that time there was no pregnancy resource center in the area. As we have met with Dave Martin of the Knights, it appears that as they continue their fundraising efforts, the timing may work out perfectly for them to reach \$15,000 in raised funds, which, if matched by the Supreme Knights of Columbus, would cover the cost of the stationary machine when we are ready to purchase it in approximately 2-3 years. We would be agreeable for the Knights to maintain those funds in your own "account," ear-marked for the AbbaCare Martinsburg ultrasound machine until such time that we are ready to make the purchase (when we are into a more permanent space).

In closing, please see the timeline below for a more complete understanding of our projected plans, and please also feel free to reach out to us directly or through Dave Martin with any questions. We are so humbled and honored to be considered as a potential beneficiary of this generous and life-saving program.

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.

Member Birthdays



Fr. Thomas R Gallagher

Robert C Sheely

Joseph G Wimer

Montie E Hicks

Leo C Slovikosky

Adam J Ward

Eric J Eells

Charles W Kyne

Stephen D Divincenzo

Neil J Donahue

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

John Sine

Walter Edwards— Brother of SK Steve Edwards

Bob Kucharek

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

Wanda Markowska Slominski— Wife of SK Ben Slominski

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

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. Falciari.

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