

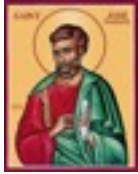
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Lewes, DE.



“YEAR OF GRACE”
December 3, 2017 - December 2, 2018

Dear Brother Knights,

This is the morning after the elections of officers for Msgr. Desmond Council 13348. Being selected as your next Grand Knight for fiscal year 2017-2018 should prove to be exciting and challenging at the same time.

My name is Walter Pinkas, Jr. and my wife is Donna-Maria Pinkas. We have been blessed with eight children between us. Four of our children and their families live in Pennsylvania, two reside in South Carolina and one son lives in Florida. One of our children is deceased.

My journey with the Knights began in September, 2001 with the 1st and 2nd degree ceremonies combined. In December, 2001, I was blessed to receive the 3rd degree. Service in the Order was limited due to work related circumstances. After moving to Delaware, I received the honor of the 4th degree in Wilmington, DE on November 13, 2013.

One of the most valuable lessons I've learned over time is this...never say never! Upon retiring from the work force and moving to Lewes, DE miracles have been occurring on a regular basis since March 13, 2013 as applied to the Knights.

At a business meeting in mid-2013, you (as a council) approved my transfer into Msgr. Desmond Council 13348. Shortly thereafter, the Recorder stepped down and I was asked to fill in, which I reluctantly accepted. Because of life situations with brother Knights, an opportunity presented itself to fill in as Chancellor, and again I reluctantly accepted. As my journey continued, because of a health situation, the Deputy Grand Knight challenge presented itself and this is my current position. God has a plan and He knows what 2017-2018 fiscal year has in store for me.

When focusing on the main principles of our Order—Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, life is simple. Each of us has the gifts of time, talent and treasure. For me, the responsibility is to maximize each gift on a daily basis as they apply to any given situation. GOD BLESS!

WALTER PINKAS, GRAND KNIGHT

CHAPLAIN'S' CORNER

We are the largest Catholic men's fraternal in the world! With recent expansions into Ukraine & Poland (dear to my heart!), our growth continues. With all the visiting clergy from India we've welcomed into Msgr. Desmond Council, perhaps there will soon be a council in their homeland! It's always helpful to go back to basics, so let's consider what it means that we are "fraternal." From the Latin word *frater*, which means "brother," the word fraternal means "brotherhood." Even in contemporary slang, to say we're "from the hood" refers to both the place where we belong and the people to whom we belong. As Knights of Columbus, we are brothers to one another.

Almost a year ago, I was at a large family dinner with my relatives. In the grace before we ate, I thanked God that, as a family, we are not only *with* each other but also *for* each other. That thought, which I'm sure was an inspiration from the Holy Spirit, struck me powerfully and has remained with me. I've used it in prayers, homilies, and things I've written. Just as we call ours a brotherhood, so we say that our parish is a spiritual *family*; as parishioners, we belong to one another and have one another's back. Before God, we are responsible TO one another and FOR one another.

Likewise, we as Knights are responsible TO one another and FOR one another. We care about one another, and we serve one another. It might be a visit to a brother Knight who is ill. It could be a project to build a ramp for a brother Knight who has become handicapped. It might be sending a card on a special occasion or simply an "I've thinking of you" card for someone you haven't seen for a while. Whatever the kindness or thoughtfulness, whatever the project, large or small, charity begins at home. It doesn't stay there, but it does begin there! I will never forget the group of you awaiting the van bringing my possessions, which needed unloaded in the heavy humidity and high heat to be stored in the rectory garage. I will always be grateful for the countless containers of soup delivered to the rectory during my recovery following my knee replacement. I will always appreciate your great kindnesses to our visiting priests & bishops from India.

Like brothers in a household, we may have our disagreements at times. But we love one another, we respect one another, and we are proud to call one another "Brother Knights."

OFFICERS 2017-2018

GRAND KNIGHT	WALTER PINKAS
CHAPLAIN	FR. TOM FLOWERS
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	DEACON BILL MCGANN
CHANCELLOR	JOE WILKINS
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	BOB DOYLE
TREASURER	GREG KUNSMAN
RECORDER	ERNIE TRAMPOSCH
LECTURER	AL DERICKSON
ADVOCATE	GREG MARCINIAK
WARDEN	WAYNE CERVANTES
INSIDE GUARD	BILL FALLON
OUTSIDE GUARD	JIM BLAKE
TRUSTEES	1YR. TOM HINDERLITER
	2YR. MANY MARTINEZ
	3YR. JACK GUNDER

In Solidarity with Our Priests

The principle motto of the Knights of Columbus is "*In Solidarity with our Priests*". This was clearly portrayed August 23rd when our Grand Knight led three of our visiting missionary Priests from India to Bear Delaware to partake in the Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Exemplification. The 3rd Degree in the Knights is a very important step for members of the Knights. It is conducted only by State Officers and is dedicated in honor of someone. The Delaware State Officers dedicated this Degree to The Missionary Priest from India, in particular Fr. Larry, Fr. Swamy and Fr. Joseph. The State Leaders made our priests feel very special throughout the ceremony, especially as the Degree was to be conferred as they were brought up on stage and honored warmly. Each was asked to say a few words and each praised the Knights of Columbus for their warmth, Charity, Unity and Fraternity. They were very appreciative and thankful for being able to receive their 3rd Degree, especially when they received only two days notice and our Council made it happen for them. In their words: "taking the steps to accommodate them to make their 3rd Degree is truly a manifestation of the purpose and ideals of the Knights and demonstrated what the Knights are all about.

The members of the Msgr. Desmond Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate Fr. Larry, Fr. Swamy and Fr. Joseph into full Knighthood of the Knights of Columbus. We would also like to congratulate Jose Diaz who also received his 3rd Degree that night.

COUNCIL CALENDAR DATES FOR 2017 - 2018

JULY THRU DECEMBER 2017

JULY 12TH. BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 25TH. OFFICERS MEETING

AUGUST 9TH. BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 19TH. CAR SHOW
AUGUST 22ND. OFFICERS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13TH. BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17TH. PARISH PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 26TH. OFFICERS MEETING

OCTOBER 11TH. BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 14TH POLISH DINNER
OCTOBER 24TH. OFFICERS MEETING

NOVEMBER 8TH. BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 19TH. BREAKFAST
NOVEMBER 28TH. OFFICERS MEETING

DECEMBER 13TH. BUSINESS MEETING OR CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 17TH BREAKFAST W/SANTA
DECEMBER 26TH. OFFICERS MEETING

ALL BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE IN THE PLC AT 7:00 PM
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Election of Officers

The Columbiettes held election of officers at their May 25th Meeting. The following members will serve as officers for 2017 – 2018:

- President – Carol Ann Hurley
- Past President – Gail Garrod
- Vice President – Marie Mattson
- Secretary – TBD
- Treasurer – Lesa Wright
- Financial Secretary – Rita Gunder
- Sentinel – Marjorie Frampton
- Chaplain – Reverend Thomas Flowers

Membership

The Columbiettes are very pleased to have six (6) new members. Two (2) ladies took their 1st Degree on February 9th and the other (4) on May 11th.

Our Lady of Fatima

Our council was well represented at the weekend of activities associated with Our Lady of Fatima – 100 Year Anniversary Celebration at Saint Jude's. The activities began with a special Mass at 12:00 PM on Sunday. At 5:00 PM, several other auxiliaries from neighboring parishes participated with us in saying the Rosary and Litany of the Loreto. The celebration ended on Monday at 5:00 AM with a Farewell Ceremony.

Immanuel Shelter

Our Council has been providing milk and cereal for use in the shelter throughout the year. On April 5th we made and served sloppy Joe sandwiches, mashed potatoes, stuffing, coleslaw and deserts at the shelter.

Rosaries
Several members have been making Rosary Beads for children in the First Communion Class. The children were presented with the Rosary Beads and coloring books that demonstrated how to say the Rosary. We also made greeting cards congratulating the children on receiving the first Holy Communion.

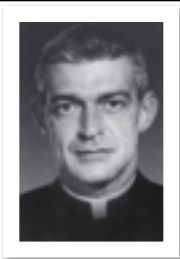
Our next Rosary Bead project will be making them for members of the military and also some domestic missions.

WORDS OF WORTH

Here are the words of the great Polish Pope, St. John Paul II, from a [letter](#) to the Knights of Columbus he penned in 2002,

“For this reason [blossoming of the New Evangelization], I am most pleased that the Knights have continued to emphasize the need for profound spiritual renewal as the basis for the many and varied initiatives undertaken in support of the Church’s mission...As the Church in America seeks to move forward with sincere faith and confidence in the Lord’s sustaining grace, I urge all the Knights and their families to intensify their prayers for the authentic renewal of ecclesial life and the preservation of “that unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force” (Eph 4:3)...I express once more my gratitude for the Knights’ unfailing commitment to promoting vocations to the priesthood and the religious life...I pray that the Knights of Columbus, in full fidelity to the vision of Father Michael McGivney, will make every effort to draw young people to Jesus Christ and help them to understand that the true meaning and value of life is found in the generous gift of self to God and to others.”





This column is written by the Staten Island Advance/SILive.com teen correspondent.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- If you're a Staten Islander, you've probably driven down Fr. Capodanno Boulevard before. This street was named after Fr. Vincent Capodanno, a Staten Islander. The 50th anniversary of his death is approaching on Sept. 4.

Have you ever wanted to know why the street was named after him? Well you're in luck because I had the chance to talk to Fr. Vincent's cousin and Staten Island native himself, Al Lambert.

Al told me all about his cousin, Fr. Vincent Capodanno, and their memories growing up as children. He also shared the major points in Vincent's life including his missionary work and joining the armed forces.

Vincent R. Capodanno was born in Mariners Harbor on Staten Island on February 13, 1929 and lived as a genuinely happy man on the North Shore. He graduated from Curtis High School and attended Fordham University for a year. He spent his free time swimming and helping out the Staten Island community. When he was about 34 or 35 years old, he decided to volunteer and continue his service work as a missionary in the army in Vietnam.

Fr. Vincent had a seriously horrific but heroic death on the battlefield. He took 27 bullets while he went from soldier to soldier administering Last Rites to the dying men on the battlefield. Even then, he threw himself on soldiers to protect them and although he was seriously wounded, he just wrapped his arms around himself so he could continue on.

He died in Vietnam at only 38 years old. His body was recovered and interred in his family's plot in Saint Peters Cemetery, West New Brighton, Staten Island.

In his early twenties, he had a calling to God and entered the Maryknoll Missionary Seminary in Ossining, N.Y., and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in June 1957. He decided to spend six years in a jungle in Taiwan as a Maryknoll Missionary and after that, he traveled to Hong Kong to teach children in need.

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Fr. Vincent Capodanno was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor (posthumously). He was also the recipient of a Bronze Star, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart. Up next is the ultimate honor and holy verification of Servant of God: The first rung to Sainthood.

**BLESSED MOTHER
PRAY FOR US!**