

COMMANDERY No. 309
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
LA PLATA, MD 20646



FAMILY, EVANGELISM, CHARITY, COMMUNITY and SERVICE

- The Knights of Saint John International was established in New York City on May 6, 1886 by Catholic men who decided that a living tribute should be created to commemorate the gallant Knights who had so courageously defended the Catholic Church in the medieval era. Its aim and purposes are to create and foster a feeling of fraternity and fellowship among the various commanderies; to improve their moral, mental and social condition; to aid, assist and support members and their families in case of want, sickness and death; and to promote a more generous and filial respect for the spiritual authority of the Roman Catholic Church. The Order took for itself as model and patron, St. John the Baptist. The fact that St. John was a testament and open witness of faith in an unbelieving world is appropriate for Knights in today's selfish times.
- The Knights of Saint John Commandery 309 was established on September 10, 1928 at Sacred Heart Church. The Knights, along with the assistance of the Ladies in Sacred Heart Auxiliary No. 301, and support from the Junior Auxiliary No. 51, perform good deeds for Church, community, and members. Today, members contribute to many charitable projects, with the purchasing and preparation of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy families, food deliveries to charitable organizations, assistance to the elderly, support to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, purchase of school supplies for needy families, financial support and assistance to the Body of Christ Farm, support Christmas in April Program and support to various other Church activities.
- Meetings are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month at St. Catherine's Church Hall located in McConchie, Maryland. Our meetings typically begin at 12:30 p.m.
- **Who May Join:** Any practicing Catholic male who has reached the age of 16 years. You can get an application from any Brother Knight of St. John.
- **Why Join:** You and I are marching toward eternity. In this world we crave a full life, friends, fun and happiness, and an environment clean and godly. You will find all these through the Knights of St. John International. You and I, each has an immortal soul to save. Christ died on the Cross and instituted His Church to give us the opportunity. He will not drag you to Heaven, nor will the Church. You and I must stand on our own feet and march toward it. The Knights of St. John can and will help you. It will furnish the inspiration and fortitude to live the lofty and noble ideals of this order, a family organization to participate together in Church, Religious, Social and Civic Functions for the entire family.
- **Should you decide to join the Knights of St. John International, here is what you get:**
 - It will bring you closer to your God;
 - It will bring you closer to your Church; and
 - It will bring you closer to your fellow man (and woman).
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