

VALLEY VIEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Dear Brothers,

I hope that everyone had a joyous Christmas season. It was a time for friends, family and caring for the less fortunate. The Council has been able to help involve us in each of these activities. Our Christmas party was very well attended and we enjoyed an evening of fraternal socializing. The Christmas project enabled us to purchase another \$1500 worth of food and donate it to the Missionaries of Charity to be distributed to the less fortunate in Baltimore City. The intrepid crew that parked cars in the rain and fog made it possible for parishioners to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with their families.

The dues statements have been distributed. Please return them to the Financial Secretary to maintain your membership in good status. Every time we have to send out reminder letters costs us money which could be used for other activities. If you are unhappy with the council for any reason, please contact me and we can discuss your reservations. Don't decide to simply stop paying your dues. That is just rude and disrespectful of our Order.

This is the month for the annual survey of charitable activities. The Supreme Council uses this information to demonstrate all that we do. Please submit an estimate of your fraternal and charitable activities so that they may be combined with those of other members of our council and will demonstrate the extent of our charitable activities.

From my vantage point, I see the Council as strong in commitment to charity and to our parish and to our faith. Our weakest points are that membership has been stagnant and although we have members who are willing to give of their time and talents, we don't have anyone who is willing to move through the chairs and assume leadership positions. We will be forming a nominating committee in the near future to develop a slate of candidates for officer positions for the coming year. Please consider running for any of the officer positions to gain the experience necessary to become Grand Knight in the future. This will assure stability and continuity for the Council in years to come.

Lastly, it is entirely possible that our future Grand Knight is out there and hasn't found us yet. Continue to tell your friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners, etc. how much you enjoy being a Knight and inviting them to join our Order.

Vivat Jesus

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

From State Chaplain Reverend Milton E. Jordan's column in the January 2015 Maryland State Council newsletter.

My Brother Knights:

In late December, we celebrated a special day that easily is diminished by the feast of the Nativity of Jesus, the international celebration of New Year's Day 2015 and the feast of Mary, Mother of God.

Throughout the world we are in the midst of reflections and special activities that focus on the family. Remember this is the Year of the Family! In this report, really a reflection, I invite you to consider the message of Pope Francis presented during this 2014 Christmas Eve "Midnight Mass." The focus of his reflection was on the reality of "**tenderness**". The Holy Father could not have selected a better topic. Hopefully it will bring to mind that "**tenderness**" has become so diminished in so many families.

On that special night several days ago, we celebrated Jesus' birth when "he assumed our frailty, our suffering, our anxieties, our desires and our limitations. The message that everyone was expecting from the very core of our being was nothing less than the tenderness of God: God who looks upon us with eyes full of love; who accepts our poverty, the very God who is in love with our smallness.

If we are honest, we cannot overlook the reality that so many families, even Catholic families, even the families of priests, religious sisters and brothers, so many families are splintered and in some cases shattered. This, I believe, more so than in years past. Furthermore, as I consider many situations that are brought to me, it is clear that we have become so busy, so involved in activities that ultimately drain that very God-given spirit of tenderness from our families. Technology and business have actually paralyzed our hears.

A grandfather recently shared his feelings bout how our culture has so changed our children. Recently asked to watch over his grandchildren, he quickly learned that the youngster really had no time for Pop-Pop. After two hours with the youngsters, he was truly hurt that he had spent no more than 15 minutes talking with his daughter's children. Most of the time was spent "monitoring", as he said, iPads, electronic hand-held games etc. far exceeded interest in Pop-Pop or any of his attempted conversations with them. And this phenomenon is also prevalent among adults. Adults and children: captured humanity and not too much fuss is raised. So many families are lousing much of the closeness that builds unity and the "**tenderness**" that is seriously needed in our culture.

What Pope Francis was seeking to remind us is this: "Do we welcome God to bring his "**tenderness**" into our own hearts and lives. Do we allow him to draw close to us? Perhaps we have become so "technologized" that we have forgotten or actually lost the ability to accept his embrace of love? Surely many might answer, "Yes, of course I am always searching for Jesus in my life!"

Pope Francis points out that our searching for God is not the more important challenge. Rather the reality or experience that is more significant is whether or not I have the openness and willingness to give him time in my life. Do you and I look upon my relationship with Jesus in these terms: allowing him to find me, accepting his earnest desire to caress me with tenderness — or are these words too feminine for us men? Here is the harsh reality: do I ever see or experience the heart-felt need to give Jesus permission to love me?

In our beloved Order, the Knights of Columbus, we might discuss at a business meeting or two a particularly different way of handling certain issues. Do we have the courage to embrace with our own “*tenderness*” the problems that weigh down upon those so near and dear to us? One example: teenagers who are fraught with so many consuming and confusing issues. Recently a teen spoke to me about struggles he was having at home. He wanted to talk with his Dad but each time he brought up a rather delicate subject, Dad became colder than an ice freezer. He felt he did not need the speech of a drill sergeant. He was crying out for TLC, another way of saying “*tenderness*.” “Where,” Pope Francis asked, “is the warmth of the Gospel?” Remember the song, “What the world needs now is love, sweet love”? Well the answer for the grandfather Pope who does not hesitate to call it as he sees it — to the consternation of some — is this: Where is the warmth of the Gospel? It is in the manly tenderness that each of us can share with those searching for the centuries old question: How do I love? Who do I love? Read the gospels and you will experience the warmth that so directs the words and guidance of Pope Francis.

Pray the gospels and you will experience a genuine Jesus feeling of tenderness: a meek and humble of heart.

Vivat Jesus!

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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In Service to One, in Service to All

A Knights of Columbus Silver Rose was presented to Pope Francis during a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

At the conclusion of a special Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica to mark the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Eduardo Chávez, a Canon of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and brother Knight, presented the Holy Father with a silver rose. The silver rose was hand-carried from Canada, through the United States to Mexico City by Knights of Columbus as a symbol of unity in the continent of America. For more than 50 years, the Order has sponsored the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program to reaffirm the Order's commitment to the sanctity of life and honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, with whom Pope Francis met earlier in the day in a private audience, was also at the Mass.

The Silver Rose program began in 1960 as an initiative of the Columbian Squires, the youth program of the Knights of Columbus. In the mid-1990s, the program was adopted as a Supreme Council program which grew to encompass routes for three silver roses. Last year, five silver roses made their way across North America.

This year, six silver roses traveled from Canada to Mexico to symbolize unity among the peoples in the Americas. The rose is also a symbol of the pro-life movement, which recognizes Our Lady of Guadalupe as its patroness.

The roses began their journey in Canada in May, and for six months were carried by Knights of Columbus

throughout the western, central and eastern corridors of North America. The journey concluded on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the basilica bearing that name in Mexico City. The roses were presented before an image of Our Lady.

The Silver Rose program is replete with symbolism. The seven guides carrying the roses represent the sacraments of the Catholic faith and the ways to approach God. The thorns represent all the efforts and sacrifices of the Columbian Squires and Knights of Columbus along the way. Lastly, the strong stem represents faith.

In 2001, Supreme Knight Anderson dedicated the Order to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since that time, the Order has organized and supported numerous spiritual initiatives and academic conferences to promote devotion to the Virgin of Guadalupe.

Vivat Jesus!

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Steve Adamczyk, State Deputy

Be Not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage

State Council Website: www.kofc-md.org

Brothers,

Welcome to the New Year. Best wishes for a Holy Happy Healthy Year for all of us.

Got any resolutions! How about we consider some for the Knights: 1) At our Supreme Knight's request, we consider it a moral obligation to offer membership to every Catholic male over the age of eighteen, and 2) again at Carl Anderson's request, we hold degrees for candidates and not hold candidates for degrees. I think if we follow his simple suggestions, we can double our Order in the state of Maryland.

Hopefully every Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight will attend the mid-term meeting in January. For the GK's it will have a revitalizing message to complete the year with resounding SUCCESS. For the DGK's it will be a preparation for your advancement to GK, and a "how to" course for a SUCCESSFUL year. Our Goal as a State TEAM is to make this your council's most SUCCESSFUL year ever.

I would also like to ask for your help in making our jurisdiction better. We cannot improve those areas we do not know are broken or in need of repair. I know full well there are some items that fall between the cracks. PLEASE help us identify those areas (mistakes, oopses) and make them better. Bring them to your State Officers attention, so we can repair damages together and keep the ship afloat.

Lastly, as part of my New Years' resolutions, I will be praying more for all of my brother knights and your families. Your health, your wellbeing, and your children mean a lot to me and to our church. We are the future of our Catholic faith. I can only ask that you continue prayers for me and the leadership of the Knights in Maryland as well. That we may continue to lead in a moral and just manner.

Remember your first degree...do you have your rosary and do you pray it often?

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Home of Dick Siejack, Past State Deputy

"IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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Be Not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage

My dear Brother Knights,

I bring you Greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Stephen J. Adamczyk.

Included in this newsletter is the survey of fraternal activities for 2014. Please fill out the survey and send it to your Grand Knight for inclusion in a list of the entire council members activities.

Do you have children or grandchildren on their way to college? The State Council has scholarships available but you must apply. The scholarship information was included in Long Green Valley's November 2014 newsletter.

The State Council also has a bus trip planned to visit the Supreme Council Headquarters for late March 2015. The information can be found in the back of this newsletter.

Please remember: if any Officer or Brother Knight has any questions or needs help with anything, please call me or District Warden, Mike Georgulas. We will be there for you.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,

Lee Eder, PGK, PFN

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Dear Brothers

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be on Thursday January 8 at Fr. O'Neill Council #4011. As always, the meeting will begin at 8:00 PM. All Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights and any Brother Knight are invited to attend.

Thanks to all who helped at or contributed for our Breakfast with Santa for the children of Villa Maria and the residents of Gallagher Center.

Fraternally

Jason McGinley

Chapter President

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Sir Knights,

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on Saturday March 7, 2015 at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Frederick. All Third Degree Knights are eligible and encouraged to move up to the Fourth and highest level of Knighthood. Applications are due to the Faithful Comptroller of the Archbishop John Carroll Assembly no later than February 9. The Initiation Fee is \$70 and dress for the Exemplification is Tuxedo. The Initiation Fee includes a ticket to the banquet. Saturday evening. The Assembly always hosts a hospitality suite for gathering and refreshments on Friday and Saturday. Room reservations must be made via the Assembly with a deadline of January 23rd. Cost is @104 per night, plus taxes. Contact point for all reservations (including extra banquet tickets) and submitting membership applications is our Assembly Faithful Admiral,



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Why become a Fourth Degree Knight? First of all, in the spirit of "Be all that you can be" this is the highest degree that you can attain. Secondly, this is the Patriotic Degree, which honors our citizenship as Americans and emphasizes supporting our Country and those who have served to defend it. Thirdly, it is the source of the Color Corps which is the most visible and dignified arm of the Knights of Columbus. Only Fourth Degree Knights are eligible. Lastly, you will become a member of an Assembly consisting of neighboring Councils and will expand your association with likeminded Knights from throughout the area. If you need an application or further information, see the Grand Knight.

The Master of the Maryland District is Thomas Greul and he will be visiting us in January for our Renewal of Vows on the 15th at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council. Please make plans to attend. Uniform for the meeting is tuxedo for Officers. Members should wear tuxedos or suits.

Fraternally,
Keith Arndt
Faithful Navigator

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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The Fifth Sunday Mass and breakfast on Sunday, November 30 at the 9 AM mass at St Johns was well attended. Everyone who returned to the Council Home enjoyed a delicious breakfast. Thank you Pat Donohue for again putting this all together, to Jim Schmidt, Sr. for helping prepare and serve the food and for showing off the train garden to the visitors.

On Monday, December 8 a crew consisting of John Reed, Paul Wimmer, Chuck Bogdanowicz, Tom Zaegel, PGK Joe Wenderoth and GK Bob Renshaw set up the stable and crèche. John Caine added the straw later in the day for the finishing touch. The Light Up for Christ Ceremony was on Saturday, December 13 after the 5 PM mass. This year we were blessed with reasonably nice weather and the attendance was very good. Many parishioners brought their bambinos (statues of Jesus) to be blessed with the crèche. Approximately 50 people returned to the Hall for a reception of cake, cookies and Hot Chocolate. Thank you to Pat Donohue for organizing the reception and to Msgr. Rick for conducting the blessing ceremony. PGK Paul Weber, Pat Donohue and GK Bob Renshaw served as readers and PGK Tom Zaegel performed the "behind the scenes magic" to light up the crèche. Paul and Mary's niece, Kendall, was delightful in placing the baby in the manger.

The true "heavy lifting" of Church Activities this month was the parking of cars stadium style for the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass. This year, we had to fight the discomfort of fog and a steady rain to assure that two masses of parishioners would be able to fit on the one lot. Msgr. Rick has expressed his appreciation to the Knights for parking cars. Thank you to Pat Donohue, PGK Jim Schmidt, Sr., PGK Jim Schmidt, Jr, Tom Rowan, Sr, Tom Rowan, Jr, PGK Joe Wenderoth, Chris Phillips, Tim Birdsong, Mike Nauman, and John Sochurek. It's great to see such a great group pulling together in a common cause.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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As has been our custom in previous years, Long Green Valley Council's **Thanksgiving Food Drive** in October and November continued with a Christmas delivery of non-perishable food items and produce on Wednesday, December 17th to assist the Missionaries of Charity (the order of nuns founded by Mother Theresa) at St Wenceslaus in feeding 100 families at Christmas. Working from the sisters' wish list, Long Green Valley Council was able to deliver approximately 2,500 lbs. of the following food items:

- 75 boxes of spaghetti with 75 jars of spaghetti sauce
- 75 boxes of elbow macaroni pasta
- 75 bottles of vegetable oil
- 75 bags of pinto and black beans
- 75 bags of sugar
- 150 cans of green beans
- 150 cans of corn
- 75 cans of coffee
- 75 10-lb. bags of potatoes
- 75 3-lb. bags of onions

- 20 frozen apple pies

With both the Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive initiatives, the food collections, food shopping trips and deliveries downtown are a great way to show thanks for the abundance we enjoy. It was gratifying to see the appreciation of the Missionaries of Charity sisters and several of their clients when we delivered the food to their pantry at St Wenceslaus. We will be using any remaining funds from the 2014 Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Food Pantry in early 2015.

Paul Wimmer chaired this activity. Many thanks to Brother Carl Ference, PGK Tom Zaegel, Brother Bill Zoli, and Bill's son, Paul Zoli, for helping with the food pick-up at Aldi Food Market and delivery to the Missionaries of Charity at St. Wenceslaus on December 17th. If you haven't participated before, try it next year. We guarantee you'll enjoy it. The workers at these facilities and their clients, the poor, greatly appreciate the job we do.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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The Council Christmas Dinner on December 19 at Columbus Gardens was a huge success and enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks to the 54 brothers and their wives that supported this annual event. The best part.....everyone got to have a great time. Our core kitchen, clean up and prep team that spend countless hours throughout the year helping put on all our Council Activities, actually got to enjoy this event too.

Belly Up to the Bar Boys.... We were very fortunate to have quite a few of Past Grand Knights at our Christmas Dinner. A sign of a strong Council is when our PGK's continue to stay active and offer their leadership skills to our present Grand Knight, Bob Renshaw.

I understand Bob was buying.



The next two months will offer several opportunities for you to volunteer your time and talents. The Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 17 following the 5 pm Mass at St. John's. The proceeds

from this event will support the council's Culture of Life programs. On Tuesday, February 17, we will be sponsoring a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in St. John's Church Hall. Volunteers are needed for both of these activities if they are to be successful. If you would like to assist, contact GK Bob Renshaw.

Our First Degree Team is in need of additional members for both speaking and non-speaking roles. Anyone that would like to be part of our excellent degree team is encouraged to contact me.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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This is taken from an article by Martin Fox, president of the National Pro-Life Alliance, on the NPLA website.

As the pro-life message continues to spread, abortionists are finding themselves losing ground.

The so-called "National Abortion Rights Action League" (NARAL) former president Nancy Keenan admitted in an interview that the abortionists can't seem to get many young activists.

The contrast is distinctly evident on college campuses where large pro-life groups put to shame the much smaller so-called "pro-choice" groups.

But she stressed the fact that she was completely surprised by the number of young pro-life activists at the March for Life, standing in stark contrast with the lack of young people among her own organization's activists.

I can say that what she saw was true, because I was there too.

I was encouraged and excited by the enthusiasm and dedication of young people in their desire to protect life in our fight to end abortion-on-demand.

Thousands of young people came out at their own expense on a cold January morning to make a stand in defense of the unborn.

The abortionists couldn't help but notice with envy how many of those marching were young people.

For any movement or organization to remain viable, there has to be continual growth. It cannot remain stagnant. Yet that is exactly where the abortionists are finding themselves.

The pro-life movement on the other hand, is experiencing rapid growth as young people everywhere have been joining forces with you and me demanding that the Sanctity of Life be protected.

As I observe the continued growth that this movement is experiencing, I cannot help but look forward to the future ahead with growing anticipation.

NPLA President Martin Fox

The March for Life is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015. Supreme has requested that every Council consider organizing a delegation from their home parish to travel to Washington, DC for this event. Perhaps we can host two (2) events that day – a delegation to go to Washington, and a prayer group for those who cannot make the trip to DC.

See me at an upcoming meeting to volunteer to help with one event or the other.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

YOUR NAME WILL FIT HERE

We need someone to step up and chair Family Activities. This is an easy program but one that is critical to our mission as Knights.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Youth Activities were especially busy in December, as expected. Most were in collaboration with St John the Evangelist School and youth in our parish.

The Council participated in the December School Mass by handing out awards to the **Soccer Shootout winners** in each age group. Grand Knight Bob Renshaw introduced the winners as follows. Winners received gift cards for McDonalds.

Age Group	Boys	Girls
7-8	Timothy King	Madison Kalb
9-10	Tyler Slabinski	Daphne Pace
11-12	Mitchell Fischer	Morgan Haller

We were also pleased to hand a **Second Place State Council Award** to Tyler Slabinski. Congratulations to Tyler.

On December 6th at **Breakfast with Santa**, PGK Joe Owens posed as Santa for many pictures with youth at the event. Along with Mrs. Santa (aka Barbara Owens) they played their roles splendidly. The parish has long appreciated Santa and Mrs Claus at these Breakfasts.



PGK Joe Owens and Barbara pose with Santa visitors at Breakfast with Santa

The **School Christmas Program** was another opportunity to recognize youth accomplishments in Knights' programs. This time we announced the local winners of the **Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest** and presented them with their \$25 cash prizes.

Grades	Winner
1-3	Kaitlyn Snyder (2 nd)
4-6	Madeline Darrell (6 th)
7-8	Jacob Kozak (7 th)

We since learned that one of our winners, Madeline Darrell, also was second place winner in the State Council contest. We'll present her State prize in the New Year.



Grand Knight Bob Renshaw Presents LGVC Prizes to Poster Contest Winners. He also presented our LGVC school support check to Principal Christine Blake at Christmas Program

The check was for \$84.60 which was the result of the school's participation in our incentive car raffle. The three winning posters are shown here:





We are also polling members to see if you might like to share your **life work experience** that may be relevant to the school curriculum. If some members are willing to share what they learned we may offer visits to the classroom.

Happy New Year!!

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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Please contact me by e-mail (preferred) or by phone if you know of any brother or family member that is in need of our prayers.

Please pray for the following:

Sick/Prayer List

Brothers:

Brother Frank Budzynski
Msgr. Jack Collopy
PGK Larry Flynn
DGK Scott Freeman (Mason-Dixon Council)
PGK Al Kramer (Bel Air Council)
Brother Kevin Krivacsy (Past LGVC Member)
PGK Joe Owens
PGK John Robinson
Brother Frank Sliwka
Father Leo Tittler
Brother Bob Torr



Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Michelle & Alex Bronzert, Daughter-in-Law & Son of Brother Norm Bronzert
Joanne Cross, Wife of PGK/PDD Jim Cross
Linda Dalesio, Sister-in-law of Brother Pat Donohue
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson
Kathy Gutberlet, Wife of Brother Matt Gutberlet
Helen Healy, Wife of Brother Joe Healy (Mason-Dixon Council)
Elizabeth Johnson, Daughter of Warden Tom Rowan
Kathleen Lanham, Granddaughter of Brother Dick Lanham
Irene Norocki, Cousin-in-Law of Brother Ted Daniecki
Tina North, Wife of Brother Michael North
David Pusey, Cousin of Chancellor Paul Wimmer
Helen Radcliffe, Wife of Brother Carl Radcliffe (Deceased)
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson
Margery Schammel, Wife of Brother Willie Schammel
Eva Siejack, Mother of PSD Dick Siejack
Sam Smith, Cousin of Brother Ron Carr's Wife, Lynn

Deceased

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Lillian Beacham, Mother-in-Law of Brother Sam Gibson
Mildred Butt, Wife of Brother Joseph Butt (Deceased)
Hilda Storto, Wife of Charter Member Brother Pat Storto (Deceased)

PLEASE NOTE: We have no system of routinely identifying those people whose health has improved to the point that they no longer need to be on the prayer list. Consequently, at the end of each quarter, we will delete all names that have been on the list for three or more months. Anyone with a request should contact the Chancellor, Paul Wimmer, by e-mail (preferred) or by phone and they will be listed/reinstated on the prayer list.

SERVICE:

Visits or telephone contacts needed for Brother Knights on our Sick/Prayer List, particularly members of Long Green Valley Council.

MEMBERSHIP REPORTRay Dietz 410-790-7484 craytrek@comcast.net

One Member per Month per Council

Brothers,

The Supreme Membership motto for this year is One Member per Council per Month. Please reach out into your networks of families and friends for referrals to join our Fraternity. We have a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights to all Catholic Gentlemen. I know you have someone in mind, let me know who and together we bring him into the Knights.

Please contact me at 410-790-7494 with any potential candidates and I will PURSUE!

Fraternally
Ray Dietz

Members as of 01/01/15	201
Inactive	12
Honorary	16
Honorary Life	41
Disability	0
Membership Goal	13
New Members	2
Insurance Goal	5
New Insurance Members	0

FRATERNAL BENEFITSJason McClain 443-926-2981...Jason.McClain@KOFC.org***Insurance check-up for 2015***

Where did 2014 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2014. Now, the first quarter of 2015 is speeding by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. I don't know exactly how this works, but I've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help

you, and I should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays:

Dick Lanham	01
Harry Brocato	03
Danny Seibert	03
Ray Dietz	04
Paul Nolan	04
Ron Rider	05
Bill Zoli	05
Matt Wohlfort	07
Bob Porter	08
James Greene	13
Richard Molinar	13
Kirk Larter	14
John Sochurek	20
Bill Davison	25
Michael Bathon	26
David Battista	26
George Landefeld	29
Gus Schmidt	31

January Anniversaries:

Ken & Joanne Furman	11 (24 years)
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If you don't see your anniversary listed above, please give the date to Paul Weber and we'll gladly add you to our listing.

2014 Survey of Fraternal Activities

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$154 million to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 70 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting.** This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members **during 2014.**

1. Number of visits you made during 2014 to:

Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes / hospitals

Bereaved — visits of condolence

2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2014

3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2014__:

Church Activities — service in all Church related activities .

Community Activities — service in all community related activities

Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities

Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects

Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects

Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above

4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2014:

Sick/disabled members and their families —

household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.

Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus

Museum Tour
March 27-28-29, 2015

Attractively Offered @ \$425.00 per person DO
\$ 550.00 (single occupancy)

Deluxe Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation w/ refreshments in-route / entertainment
Multiple Departure Sites (TBD)

Friday - Saturday Night accommodations @ Trumbull Marriott, Trumbull, Connecticut
, Remote Controlled Color Television w/HBO, Radios w/alarms
In-Room Coffee Makers, Handicapped and Non-Smoking Rooms

Guided Tour of Knights of Columbus Headquarters - Museum / Gift Shop

Saturday Evening Mass @ Church of Saint Mary's New Haven Connecticut
Birthplace of the Order / View Original Meeting Hall / History Presentation

Friday Evening Deluxe Dinner Buffet @ Hotel featuring Italian Feast

Saturday / Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet's / Saturday Afternoon Lunch Buffet @ Hotel

Fabulous Saturday Evening Dinner - @ St Mary's Church
, Signature Dinner, Dessert, Music for dancing or listening pleasure

Hospitality Room / Socializing Friday / Saturday Evenings @ hotel

Taxes and Gratuities included - Contribution to State Council Scholarship Fund

Trip is approved under authority of Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Stephen Adamczyk SD

Name _____ Wife _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ Work _____

Email _____

Council # _____ Special Requests _____

DEAD LINE FOR RESERVATIONS February 1, 2015
Deposit of \$ 250.00 pp due with registration / balance due January 15, 2015

Checks payable to Maryland State Council K of C

Mail to: Patrick Ruckle 1005 Running Creek Way Unit J Bel Air MD 2101 (410-905-6002)
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Tentative Itinerary

Friday March 27, 2015

7:00-8:00 AM -Departure (sites to be determined after all reservations obtained -multiple sites)
Refreshments served in-route/ bottled water/soft drinks/ snacks / beer
10:00 -11:00 AM -Lunch (at traveler's expense)
3:00 - 4:00 PM - Arrival @ Trumbull Marriott, Trumbull CT/ Check-in
5:00 - 5:30 PM - First Friday Mass @ Hotel Meeting Room
5:30 - 6:30 PM - Hospitality Area @ Hotel
6:30 - 8:00 PM - Deluxe Dinner Buffet @ Hotel
8:00 - until - Hospitality / Socializing @ Hotel

Saturday March 28, 2015

7:30 AM- Daily Mass - Hotel Meeting Room
8:00 - 9: 30 AM - Breakfast Buffet @ Hotel
9:30 AM -12: 00 PM Knights of Columbus Office and Museum / Gift Shop
12: 30 PM - 1:30 PM -Lunch Buffet @ Hotel
Afternoon of Leisure / Hospitality
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Mass @ Saint Mary's Church / Group Photo / History Presentation
7: 15 PM - 10 PM Dinner / St Mary's Church
Hospitality @ Hotel

Sunday March 29, 2015

7: 30 AM - Daily Mass - Hotel Meeting Room
8: 00 AM -9:30 AM - Breakfast Buffet @ Hotel
10: 00 AM - Departure for Baltimore / Washington Areas
1: 00 PM - 2: 30 PM - Lunch (traveler's expense)
6: 00 -7:00 PM - Arrival Baltimore / Washington Areas

**** Times are estimates and are depended on traffic on inter-states highways *****

- Business Attire requested for Saturday Evening Mass / Dinner Social /other times casual
- One (1) suitcase per person & One (1) carry-on per person
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- Final Instructions and departure sites mailed week of March 15,2015
- All special requests will be honored according to availability - Handicapped Rooms /Non-Smoking

Cancellation Policy

Cancel prior to January 1, 2007 - no penalty
Cancel February 1-28, 2015 - forfeit \$100.00
Cancel after March 1, 2015 - no refunds allowed

Deaths of Immediate Family Members (spouse/parents/children) excluded from cancel policy
Documented Medical Issues - Hospitalization excluded from cancel policy

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
JANUARY				
1	Thursday		New Year's Day	
3	Saturday		State Council Midterm Meeting	Columbus Gardens
8	Thurs	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	Fr. O'Neill #4011
8	Thurs	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
13	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
15	Thurs	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Renewal of Obligations	Fr. Wolfe #11372
17	Sat	6:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner	Church Hall
19	Mon	7:30 PM	2 nd Degree Exemplification	St. Francis de Sales, Abingdon
22	Thursday		March for Life	Washington, D.C.
27	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home
28	Wed		St Johns School Open House	
FEBRUARY				
5	Thurs	7:30 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
6	Fri		Baltimore Chapter of GK Ball	Cardinal Gibbons
10	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
12	Thurs	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	Patapsco #1960
17	Tues	5 PM	Pancake Supper	Church Hall
18	Wednesday		Ash Wednesday	
19	Thurs	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly	Mason-Dixon #10100
23	Mon	7:30 PM	2 nd Degree Exemplification	St, Mary, Pylesville
24	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Long Green Valley Council No. 8736

c/o Tom Zaegel, PGK

3206 Wellington Way

Baldwin, MD 21013



Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

Happy New Year ! You have worked so hard for the Holidays. House cleaned and decorated, presents bought and wrapped, many, many meals prepared, presents returned, decorations taken down, house cleaned again and your new diet started. You deserve a rest! While your resting, don't forget to cut out and mail your coupons for Troopons. Let me know by email the number of coupons mailed and \$ amount.

Our next meeting will be March 3, 2015. All the ice, snow and sleet will be gone by then, I promise.

Mary

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