



## LETTER FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

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Brothers,

The Maryland State Council's annual car raffle has begun. This month you will be receiving ten (10) tickets to sell or buy. Our Council receives 60 cents out of every dollar collected. If just 100 of us sold 10 tickets each our Council would earn \$600 for charity. For extra tickets call Bob Dee.

On Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> the K. of C. Maryland State Picnic will be held from 1:00 - 6:00 PM at Patapsco State Park (Pickall Area) Shelter #702. The menu includes, in part, hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, salads, deserts, sodas & beer. The cost is \$5 per family member, children under 6 are free. Admission to the park is \$2 per person, persons 62+ & children in a car seat are free. **Deadline for reserving a spot at the picnic is August 18.** For further information call Bob Dee.

You will notice an envelope enclosed in this month's newsletter. This is for your response to the Maryland State Council's Charity Fund drive that occurs each year at this time. Please note the accompanying article later in the newsletter.

It is not too early to begin thinking about reserving one or more tables at the Columbus Day Ball on October 11. This can be our way of showing everyone our support for our own State Deputy, *Dick Siejack*.

There will be a Membership and Program Seminar at Cardinal Gibbons Council on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. I encourage all program chairman and officers to attend.

Fraternally,  
J. Robert Dee, Sr., Grand Knight

### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

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Brothers,

Congratulations to the newly installed officers of the Long Green Valley Council. I pray that we may continue to enjoy a good relationship and mutual support. Special congratulations to Dick Siejack as the new State Deputy Director.

We come upon the month of August a month of transition from vacations and summer to the opening of school at the end of the month. This month contains the feast of the Assumption of Mary, a feast that goes back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century, but was not declared a dogma until 1950, under Pope Pius XII. We celebrate the particular blessing of Mary being received, body and soul, into heaven at the end of her life.

St. Paul urges the Romans not to be conformed to the pattern of this world, the present age that is slipping away. Rather, he encourages a renewal of minds for Christians to live now. How have I experienced being transformed by God?

Enjoy the month of August in which vacations end and school begins.

God bless you.

Fr. Willie

## **SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS**

### ***REFLECTIONS***

**Lawrence P. Grayson**

#### **Community: The Key to a Stable Society**

The Constitution of the United States, like similar political documents, is of itself merely a set of statements on paper. Its authority and permanence depend on the degree to which it captures the beliefs, customs and aspirations of the nation's people. If it does this well, as the American Constitution has, then it will gain the acceptance and willing compliance of most of the populace. A well-written Constitution not only reflects the ideals of the community, but as future generations are raised under the principles it sets forth, it helps form the community, serving to unite its various segments and regions – both in the present and for the future.



A strong community, one that connects individual to family, family to group, group to country, is necessary for a stable and just nation. Such a community cannot be built on the drive for individual success, on continual efforts for financial gain, or on a dominant motive for material progress. Rather, as Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, we must recognize that all people are brothers and sisters under the fatherhood of God, that we have obligations toward the common good of society, and that we all must strive for that higher, eternal destiny toward which we are called.

Since the nation's founding, the American people, as a whole, have held beliefs rooted in Judeo-Christian teachings. These doctrines provided the standards against which the laws and actions of the nation could be judged. Alexis de Tocqueville, in his seminal work, *Democracy in America*, pointed out that for Americans "the ideas of Christianity and liberty are so completely mingled that it is almost impossible to get them to conceive of one without the other; it is not a question with them of sterile beliefs bequeathed by the past and vegetating rather than living in the depths of the soul."

The principles set forth in the U.S. Constitution, and thus the cohesiveness of society, have been strained from time to time. The nation has experienced large-scale immigration, massive shifts of population from one region to another, raucous disputes between management and labor, the wide-scale adoption of technological innovations and the attitude-shifting effects of mass media, as well as protests and rioting over issues of war and discrimination. On numerous occasions, American society might have fractured into irreparable segments or lurched into irresponsible individualism, had it not been held together by the bonds of Christian teaching.

More recently, however, there has been a general movement to replace long-standing moral precepts that determine how people live and die with values that emphasize secular interests. God has been removed from the public sphere and religion made a private affair. These changes undermine the immutable standards that are necessary for a just and cohesive society, especially one based on the will of the people. A society cannot endure without standards of judgment superior to the mood of the moment. The standards must be rooted in unalterable religious truths, for popular opinion is too tenuous and short-lived to sustain a stable society.

Today, too many people are disconnected from any meaningful community. Many do not feel they have roots in their neighborhood, in the nation or in the predominant culture. Paradoxically, the rootless are often found in two societal extremes. There are those who feel financially impoverished or culturally excluded. These people often demand what they believe is owed to them, seeking privileges and gains without making the efforts to earn them. In contrast are those who have achieved substantial material success and work continually to expand their wealth well-beyond what they need, without accepting their obligations to society or their responsibilities toward others. The people at these extremes exist as atomized units, detached from the larger society in which they live.

As children of God, striving for our eternal reward, we have obligations toward one another, toward developing community, and assisting individuals to relate to the group. The Church views this commitment to solidarity as a social principle because of our common origins and dependence on one another, and as a moral virtue because of the equality we possess before God and Our Lord's exemplification of solidarity when He took on our humanity to redeem us through His death and resurrection.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Papal Nuncio to the United States, explained that Pope Benedict XVI's underlying message during his recent visit to the United States is that the world is in need of a new evangelization, a revitalization which must begin at the core of the Church itself. Catholics need a clear identity of who they are and a strong sense of belonging to a community of believers. The foundation required to launch the new evangelization, said the Nuncio, is formation in the faith.

As Knights of Columbus, fraternity, which is a way of exemplifying the principle of solidarity, is one of the four guiding tenets of our Order. Our fraternity is built on love of our fellow man. It incorporates charity in words, actions and deeds toward others. Through the unity of our Order, we build a community of like-minded men. We strengthen



that community through the programs we conduct. We must not forget, however, that while we construct social bonds with other Knights, we also have an obligation to help each other develop a strong formation in the faith. Through this social and spiritual fraternity, we can serve our brother Knights, our Order, and our nation. We can be among the vanguard of the new evangelization.

*Vivat Jesus!*

## **STATE REPORT**

### **Maryland Knights of Columbus Charity Fund**

Each year about this time the Maryland State Council solicits our support for their Charity Fund. The purpose of the Maryland Knights of Columbus Charity Fund is **“TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN TEMPORARY URGENT NEED”**. All donations to the CHARITY FUND are Tax Deductible! Donations may be made using the Pre-Addressed Donation Envelope. This envelope is an insert in this month's newsletter.

#### **Where do your donations go?**

-47 yr. old widow with two sons. Untimely death of husband, a brother knight, caused monthly expenses to exceed income. Your Charity Fund gave assistance with urgent financial problems, paying utility bills and auto insurance, enabling her to begin to manage the family finances.

-Active brother knight, officer in his Council. Wife, two daughters. Lost work due to death of family member. Wife lost her job. Had other unforeseen expenses. Fund made three mortgage payments and past due utility bills to assist them in regaining financial stability.

-33 yr. old male quit work to be with dying wife. His savings and leave were exhausted. After wife passed away, needed help to bridge gap until expected regular job was to begin. Charity Fund paid rent and balances on utility bills.

-44 yr. old brother knight, family business failed, lost home. Wife's employment limited due to health issues. He had to seek new career opportunities. Got behind with monthly obligations. Charity Fund paid up nine overdue obligations enabling family to relocate and begin their financial recovery.

-Active K/C member, officer in his Council. Work hours reduced causing difficulty in meeting daily living expenses. Charity Fund paid 3 mos. Rent to avoid eviction and past-due utility bills enabling him to begin to regain financial stability.

These are just a few examples of CHARITY granted in the 2007 Calendar Year in the name of the Knights of Columbus of Maryland.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated.



## **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

Brian O'Connor  
District Deputy 1

This month we are finishing up the installations and the new council officers, directors and chairmen have met, gone to the program seminars, and have mapped out a program for at least the first 6 months of the year. We are beginning our membership campaign for the new fraternal year. The slate has been wiped clean and we have a new opportunity to achieve STAR COUNCIL. Let's get a great start by getting each council to bring in 2 new members each for our August 18, 2008 FIRST Degree at Fr. Maurice J Wolfe Council. One source of membership is to sign up our sons, nephews and their friends before they go off to school. Most of us sit in the same pew in Mass each week. Is the man closest to you a Knight? If not what is keeping you from asking him to join?

We are called to serve Christ and I can think of no better way to do so than as a Knight of Columbus. Asking someone to join is to offer them a gift. This gift is one that continually gives back to the recipient. It is a gift that renews and strengthens their faith. It is also an Oasis for them and their families where they can share the values of faith and family, as well as a place where they can socialize with other people with common interests. All you need to do is to help them see and understand that this is true and ask them to join.

Recruiting new members is the responsibility of everyone in the council whether you are able to regularly attend meetings or not. Now is the time to act and use the Form 100 you are carrying. Let's make every council in the district a Star Council in 2008-2009. Jesus I Trust in you!!!!

## **BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS**

Michael Sallese President, PGN, FDD, PFN

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be at Patapsco Council #1960 in Catonsville. Our meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and the August meeting will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Our meetings begin at 8:00 PM. The presentation at the August meeting will be on writing reports. All chair officers are invited to attend Chapter meetings as well as any other member interested in attending. State Officers and Membership & Program team members are at all meetings to meet with council members.

The Installation of Chapter Officers will be held on Sunday August 17, 2008 at St. John the Evangelist – Hydes. Mass will begin at 3:00 PM and a reception dinner will follow in the Church hall.

## **FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

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There will be no meeting in August. We begin our new Fraternal Year with the September



Meeting on the 18th with a crab feast at Our Lady Of Grace Council starting at 8:00 PM.

### **INSURANCE MATTERS**

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### **FRATERNAL BENEFITS**

#### ***“Why Permanent Life Insurance”***

I get asked the question quite often about why someone would need life insurance after they retire. There are many responses to this question – here is one real life example.

I received a phone call from a Brother Knight who wanted to “cash in” his life insurance policy. This policy was a number of years old and was generating a dividend that almost equaled the premium amount. I asked him why he wanted to cash in the policy, since it was performing so well. He said that he needed money for a “stair lift”. We talked about how much he would need to pay for the stair lift and came to the conclusion that he could borrow the money from his insurance policy and still keep it in force.

Why does someone need permanent life insurance after they retire? In this case it provided the needed funds to pay for the stair lift. The Brother Knight did not have to go the bank, use a credit card or worry about getting the stair lift company to finance the project. All he had to do was call the Knights of Columbus.

Our whole life insurance products can be tailored to your needs as well. They can serve more than one need. Give me a call and I will be glad to discuss all the wonderful benefits our whole life insurance can provide.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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The state web page is still being formulated so I can't tell when or where the next degree ceremonies will be, but these dates don't mean anything if you don't ask someone to join. How many of you are carrying a form #100? If you need one see me or call and I'll get you one.

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

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Being new in this position I am still in the process of developing a program of activities for the coming year with my fellow Knights. All suggestions and ideas are welcome, please feel free to contact me. My cell phone number is 410-491-6407 and my email address is mostincorporated@yahoo.com.

The Knights will meet on the 5th Sunday of the month, August 31, 2008 for 7:30 AM Mass and afterwards we will go to the Sunshine Grill for breakfast. All members are invited to attend.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

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Congratulations to Bob Renshaw and committee chairmen; George Landefeld, Jim Billingslea, Tom Zaegel, Carroll McComas, Jim Schmidt Sr, and John Mayni on the success of the Community Activities last fraternal year.

Please join us this year in continuing this outstanding tradition of community involvement. Become involved in just one project. Call me or e-mail (see above). We can use you even if you can spare just an hour or two to help.

### **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

Jim Schmidt Jr.

As reported in the "Family Activities" section, the Council picnic will be held on August 24 at Eden Mill Recreation Center. Please bring a dessert with you.

Some members continue to work on the home of a deceased member but it is coming to an end soon. Thanks to all who participate in this incredible undertaking. A final report will be forthcoming.



The Council still has some Council shirts (\$25) and hats (\$15) available for purchase.

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

*Jim Cross 410-893-1266*

The Long Green Valley Council Family Picnic will be held at Eden Mill Recreation Center in Pylesville on Sunday, August 24, 2008 from Noon to 5 PM. As usual Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Sausages will be cooked on the grill by our worthy chefs headed up by Jim Schmidt Sr. Crabs will also be provided. Head North on Baldwin Mill Road (Rt. 165) about 12 miles North of Rt. 152. Turn left on Fawn Grove Road and go about 9/10 mile to the park. If you are still on Rt. 165 and get to a round about with a flashing yellow light you passed Fawn Grove Road two miles earlier. There are hiking trails and a Nature Center in the Mill. We went there last year and had a good time.

Bring your own salads and desserts to accompany the meat and crabs. Fixings and rolls will be provided.

### **PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES**

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Last January's Letter signing campaign may appear to have been a failure if only measured against the goal of getting specific legislation passed last session in the Maryland State Legislature. However the effort gave credence to the joint effort by Nancy Paltell of the Maryland Catholic Conference of Bishops and Maryland Right to Life. These two forces realized that the Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the State needed the lobbying expertise necessary to defend themselves against the Pro-Abortion Counterattack against the original effort to get funding for the CPC's. The bar has been raised. Pro-Life efforts must be waged on many fronts. The Letter signing effort will be expanded this year. The specific goal is still being formulated. But there will be an attempt to increase the number of parishes involved and letters signed.

Pray for success in Pro-Life issues whether they be small or a Saul/St. Paul type conversion of some elected officials. All is possible with God.

Vivat Jesus.

### **LECTURER'S REPORT**

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At this writing we hoped to have a speaker representing Living Legacy organ transplant program speak at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Social Meeting Lecturer program. If the speaker is not available we will





present the program at a later date. A new slate of officers is in place, though not yet formally installed. I am privileged to continue as your Lecturer and was pleased that the Lecturer program submitted at the State Convention was chosen second place among all submitting councils, large and small! Your support and opinions are key ingredients for making Lecturer Programs appropriate, interesting and of value to the council.

Also, from a previous lecturer program, here is the link to the Camp GLOW pages on the Archdiocesan website - <http://www.archbalt.org/evangelization-catechesis/special/camp-glow.cfm> We visited the second Camp Glow session this year on Thursday evening July 24<sup>th</sup> to watch the talent show. The camp is at Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, MD. I hope all attendees enjoyed the visit.

Lecturer Puzzle Contest: Submit an entry for a chance at the \$1,000 prize (if you get the lucky scratch off ticket). Everyone could use a little help when gas is \$4 per gallon! Try your hand at the Puzzle "Sporting Chance". You can e-mail or snail mail answers to the Lecturer. The Knight's Ladies continue to be invited to compete. Best score wins. Ties resolved by random drawing. Congratulations to Co-winners Grace Mayni, and George Landefeld for June's contest "Body Parts" puzzle with **foot/feet and tooth teeth**. Entries were selected from the pile of submitted, correct answers.

### June Puzzle: Sporting Chance

**Name a certain sport. Take the first three letters in its name and reverse them, and you'll get an article of equipment used in the sport. What sport is it?**

Good luck. Send responses by e-mail or snail mail PO Box 9779, Baldwin 21013.

Please follow the LGVC web site [www.kofc8736.org](http://www.kofc8736.org) for electronic copies of the newsletters which include the much anticipated Lecturer's puzzle contest. In the near future you will find all the puzzles AND past puzzle answers! I know you can't wait.

### BASEBALL GAMES

*Bob Dee, Chairman*

We have missed working two games this year. At this time I do not know how this will affect our donations for charity. There are **three** more games to work and your help is still needed to help our Council earn the money to support our various charities.

The three games left to work are:

Friday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:05 PM Rangers  
Friday, Aug. 22 @ 7:05 PM Yankees  
Friday, Sept. 12 @ 7:05 PM Twins



If you can work any of the games, please call Bob Dee at 410 592 5762, or e mail at: [cavaliers2@att.net](mailto:cavaliers2@att.net)

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

Craig Dozier	2
Bill Ensor	2
Jack Jancuk	5
Bill Glennon	9
Bob Cyphers	13
Jim Cross, PGK	14
Bob McGraw	15
Jim Schmidt, Sr., PGK	15
Paul Schmidt	18
Don McCaig	19
Dick Spinner	20
Russ Smick	21
Bob Dee, GK	23
Mike Rusk	23
Mike Curran	26
Larry Daniels	27
Dick Weger	27
Tom Weber	28

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**Feel free to contact me if you know of any brother or family member that is need of prayers.**

Please continue to pray for the following:

**Brothers:**

- Fr. Jack Collopy
- Alan Woodman
- Dick Spinner
- Vince Wheeler
- John Robinson
- Norm Bronzert
- Charles Crogan
- George Fitzpatrick
- William Seibert
- Matthew Maguire



Francis Huebler  
 Ross Galeano  
 Tim Calvert  
 Pop Stritzinger  
 Mike Talipan

**Relations:**

Kevin Landefeld, Son of Brother George Landefeld  
 Kim Schlee, Daughter of Brother John Schlee  
 Norma Ventura, Wife of Brother John Ventura  
 Leonard Scheno, Brother of Jim Scheno  
 Ann Hughes, Mother in Law of Brother Joe Wenderoth  
 Faith Rowland, Granddaughter of Brother Bill Loeffler  
 Mary Renshaw, Wife of Brother Bob Renshaw  
 Michelle Kanotz Birdsall, Daughter of Brother Bill Kanotz  
 Marilyn Carr, Wife of Brother Ronald Carr, Sr.  
 Vincent Crogan, Brother-in-law of Brother George Landefeld  
 Phyllis Rowan, Mother of Brother Thomas Rowan  
 Stan Gibson, Brother Of Brother Sam Gibson  
 Marc Polk, Nephew of Brother Larry Polk.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>AUGUST</b>				
07	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
08	Fri.	7:05 PM	Baseball Game-Rangers	Camden Yards
10	Sun.	11:15 AM	Installation of Officers Mass	St. Johns, Hydes
10	Sun.	1:00 PM	Installation Ceremony	St. Johns Hydes
12	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
17	Sun.	3:00 PM	BCGK Installation	St. Johns, Hydes
15	<b>No meeting in Aug.</b>		ABJC Meeting	
22	Fri.	7:05 PM	Baseball Game-Yankees	Camden Yards
24	Sun.	12/5 PM	Family Picnic	Eden Mill Recreation Center
26	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home



31 Sun. 7:30 PM Fifth Sunday Mass St. Johns/Sunshine Grill

**SEPTEMBER**

02 Tues. 6:30 PM Knights ladies Council Home  
04 Thurs. 7:00 PM Council Officers Meeting Council Home  
09 Tues. 8:00 PM Business Meeting Council Home  
11 Thurs. 8:00 PM BCGK meeting Bel Air Council  
12 Fri. 7:05 PM Baseball game-Twins Camden Yards  
18 Thurs. 8:00 PM ABJC Meeting Our Lady Of Grace Council  
23 Tues. 8:00 PM Social Meeting Council Home

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Long Green Valley Council No. 8736  
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Knights Ladies,

Welcome back dinner/meeting will be held Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30 PM.

We welcome all ladies to join us - see what we're about and have some fun! If you can attend,  
please RSVP to

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JoAnn Reed ([johnandjo20@hotmail.com](mailto:johnandjo20@hotmail.com)), 410-893-3091.

Hope to see you! Carol Messenger & JoAnn Reed



# VALLEY VIEWS AUGUST 2008

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