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"IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"



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Dear Brothers,

I would like to thank all the Brothers who contributed to and helped collect donations for the Tootsie Roll Drive. The money collected will be used for "God's Special Children" at organizations such as Camp Glow and the Special Olympics.

Breakfast with Santa is to be held on Saturday, December 6, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. We will be selling Christmas cards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets (if we receive them in time). As always any help that you can give to help make this a success for the children would be appreciated.

The social meeting on December 23rd, being so close to Christmas, has been canceled.

We will only be doing Christmas Eve Parking at the 5:00 P.M. Mass and will need 12 brothers to help park the cars. There will be a sign-up sheet at the December 9th meeting or you can contact me at 410-592-5762 or e-mail me at cavaliers2@comcast.net.

Tom White will no longer be our insurance benefits advisor. We will have a new advisor in early 2009. Until then if you need to contact someone about insurance benefits the agency phone number is 410-823-3800.

In closing, as we prepare for the beautiful celebration of Christmas, I hope that we will take time to reflect on the fact that Christ's Birthday is a time for joy and peace. My wife Peg and I would like to extend to all Brother Knights and their Families a joyful and blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New year.

Fraternally Yours,
Bob Dee
Grand Knight



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Fr. Willie Franken
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Dear Brother Knights:

Could it actually be December already? Another year has flown by and we come to the final month of our calendar. This month we celebrate two liturgical seasons. Advent has begun and it is a time for us to look inward. We might reflect on how would Advent be different. On the one hand, Advent is a time of waiting until that day when Jesus will come in his glory. Also, Advent is a time of preparation for the wonderful feast of Christmas. So, where might we concentrate our focus? I would suggest that Advent be used as a time of prayer. While many will use time hurriedly in shopping, buying gifts, and decorating, we might take time apart from this activity and reflect on the beauty of the season and the scriptures. How might we imitate John the Baptist and prepare the way of the Lord? How might we imitate Mary, our Mother, as she says yes to God and God's plan?

At the end of Advent comes Christmas. Our God shows us how wonderful and loving God is, as God becomes flesh in Jesus Christ. He is our Emmanuel, God with us. May Advent and Christmas be a time of blessing and happiness for you and your families.

Merry Christmas.
Fr. Willie

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

Statement on Financial Services Markets and the Knights of Columbus

The upheaval in the financial markets in recent days has caused a great deal of concern virtually everywhere, among financial services professionals, regulators and consumers alike. Every major financial institution has been affected by the turmoil because of the complexity of our economy, and we are no exception.

But I can report to you that there is no reason to be concerned about the value of your Knights of Columbus annuity or life insurance. Because of the

very conservative approach we take to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has been far smaller than for many other organizations and the industry as a whole. By avoiding investments in the complex and speculative vehicles that are at the root of today's problems, we greatly reduced the impact of the crisis on our operations. Instead, we have consistently relied upon high quality investments. Nevertheless, some of them have suffered losses. Yet the wisdom of that approach has been proven sound.

What Standard & Poor's said of us in August when they reaffirmed our AAA rating for the 16th consecutive year remains true today. Our "liquidity is viewed as extremely strong, reflecting an asset portfolio that consists primarily of high-quality, investment grade bonds." S&P also stated that our "investment portfolio has very strong credit quality" and our capital adequacy is "among the strongest in the industry." This is the case today. Our capitalization is, and remains, "extremely strong."

Our surplus stood at more than \$1.7 billion on June 30 of this year, and it continues to provide an unusually large cushion of protection against turmoil of the sort we have seen in recent weeks.

While a final determination of the impact of the continuing financial crisis on our year-end financial statements cannot be calculated until early January, we are confident that our surplus will remain extremely strong and that our surplus ratio will continue to remain in excess of historic industry levels.

One crucial area continues to set us completely apart from those firms that have incurred enormous debt. We have no debt on our balance sheet. Our strong cash flows make it unnecessary for us to borrow funds at all.

As a result, our financial condition remains extremely strong, and you can be certain that you are fully protected by one of the strongest and most reliable insurance programs in the world.

STATE REPORT

The Maryland State Council sponsors 4 scholarship programs every year. These are split between High School and College scholarships and are explained below. Now is the time to begin the application process for the appropriate scholarships. Information for each scholarship and the application packets can be obtained online at <http://www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm>.

Applications must be submitted prior to March 1, 2009 to be considered for next school year. Please review the application requirements carefully and good luck.

High School Scholarship Programs The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship

Designed to assist members of the Knights of Columbus holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools, two grants of \$1,000.00 per year for up to four years, and one additional grant of \$1,000.00 per year for up to four years funded by the Maryland Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship

One grant of \$1,000.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland, and to children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools.

Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

College Scholarship Programs The Father Amos Gaudette Memorial College Scholarship

Two grants of \$1,500.00 each year for up to four years are available to members of the Knights of Columbus in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland who are entering their first year of college. In addition to members, these grants are also open to wives and children of members. Wives and children of deceased members are eligible, provided the member was in good standing at time of death. Applicants may apply to any accredited four-year college or university. Grants are made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need, with primary emphasis placed on **academic excellence**.

The Monsignor William F. Sauer College Scholarship

Two grants of \$1,500.00 each year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to all Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland and are in their senior year of high school. Applicants may apply to any accredited four-year college or university. Grants are made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need, with emphasis on **financial need**.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Brian O'Connor
District Deputy 1

District Deputy Message November 2008
REACHING FOR THE STARS
REPORT AS OF 11/13/08

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	5	0	5	1
9815	1	0	1	0
10100	6	0	6	2
11372	3	2	1	-2
District Total	15	0	13	1

Star District Goals 21 New Members 11 Insurance Members

On Behalf of Anne, Charlotte, Norm & myself we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and prosperous New Year. We ask that as you travel and/or celebrate this festive time of the year that you do so carefully, safely and with Our Lord and your Guardian Angels at your side.

As you can see by the numbers above at the ½ way point of the year the District has reached 62% of its membership goal but are well short of the district insurance goals (9%). Insurance is one of the more fantastic benefits of our order. They have many products available including annuities, so if you haven't availed yourself of these benefits please call your Insurance Advisor and find out what's available. It appears we had some very good success with the blitz campaigns and as I understand there are still a few councils that have some additional prospects. I want to thank all of those councils and knights who have contributed to the success so far and remind you that there is much more work to be done so keep up the good work. If you have a new member and cannot wait until the next 1st degree in the district call me and we will arrange to get them their degree at another council rather than losing that new member.

There is a 2nd degree at Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council on December 3rd. Candidates should be at Kilduff Hall by 7:30 PM. Please call Mike Novak, the Financial Secretary of 11372, and tell him how many candidates you will be bringing so they may properly prepare for them. It is statistically proven that each degree a member takes the greater are the chances of retaining that member; so bring as many members as are eligible. I have been told there is a large back

log of 1st degree members needing to take this degree.

Congratulations to Councils 9815 and 10100 for their participation in the District soccer shoot-out. Each council has representatives in the State finals on November 15th.

Jesus I trust in you!!!!
Brian O'Connor, District Deputy

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will hold our December meeting at Dundalk Council on Thursday December 11, 2008. Because this meeting will be our Christmas social and will begin at 8:00 PM we will not be discussing business. We will have light food and refreshments as well as beverages. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations made be made by calling Chapter Treasurer Vince Grauso at 410-531-3463. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to all who have been supporting our Charity Appeal this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Your donations are used to sponsor a Christmas breakfast and a summer picnic. Our Breakfast with Santa for the children of Villa Maria & Saint Vincent de Paul as well as the residents of Gallagher Center will be held on Saturday December 6. If you can help, we can certainly use your help. If you attend once, you'll be sure to help again.

The Baltimore Chapter Officers and members wish all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly 2378
Faithful Navigator Michael Georgulas

My Brother Knights:

Fourth Degree Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month.



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FRATERNAL BENEFITS

“The Vocation of Fatherhood”

The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. One thing Fr. McGivney felt very strongly about was that Catholic men had a duty and an obligation to take care of their families and when they couldn't, due to illness or death, he wanted an organization in place that could help the widow and surviving children. It is no coincidence that our First Degree is based upon charity and we've heard many times that "charity starts at home."

Your Council Benefits Advisor is a man who is a representative of Fr. McGivney's vision. His sole purpose in the K of C structure is to fulfill that part of Fr. McGivney's concern about our families. Fr. McGivney believed that the family was the basic structure of both society and the moral underpinning for civilization as a whole. With so much on the line in Fr. McGivney's eyes, is it any wonder that he placed such emphasis on the care and concern of our families if something would happen to us as fathers?

Yes, fatherhood is a vocation ... a very demanding but rewarding one. I invite you to experience the peace of mind that only comes

from proper planning both as a member of the Knights of Columbus and as a father!

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MEMBERSHIP

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I'm happy to welcome to our council Doug Byerly and Mark Ewing Jr. Mark is the son of member Mark Ewing Sr. His brother is Deputy G K at the U of M. Council. By the time you read this we may have another new member.

The council goal to reach Star Council is 9 new members. With these two new members, we are at Seven. I urge all of you to try and recruit a new member. Our council received the Star Council award for many years. We haven't done this in the last ten years. Let's start a new string of awards.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. The lighting of the manger will take place on the evening of December 21, 2008. Volunteers will be needed to help with parking at the 4:00 mass on Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas!

CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- December 21, 2008 - Lighting of The Manger
- December 24, 2008 - Christmas Eve Parking
- February 24, 2009 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- March, 2009 / TBA - Catholic Bee
- Mar. 20, 2009 - 5th Sun. -7:30 Mass, Breakfast at The Sunshine Grill
- April 19, 2009 - Divine Mercy Mass
- May 7, 8, 9, 2009 - Spring Fling
- May 31, 2009 - 5th Sun. -7:30 Mass, Breakfast at The Sunshine Grill.

More activities may be added as they present themselves.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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On October 14th a small band of Brother Knights invaded Maple Grove Farms to pick apples to distribute to charities that feed homeless and needy families. Many thanks to Carroll McComas, John Mayni, Larry Polk, Mike Naumann, and Jim Schmidt Sr. for collecting and distributing the apples. A special thanks to Carroll McComas for organizing this activity, and supplying the truck (and gas). Fifteen bags were delivered to the Gift of Hope Convent, Our Daily Bread, and Beans and Bread Outreach Center.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Jim Cross
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Mike and Jane Sallese are the October Family of the Month. Mike is a Past Grand Knight of Long Green Valley Council, Past Faithful Navigator, Former District Warden, Former District Deputy and served as State Program Director 2006-2008 for Past State Deputy Edgar Haynes. He is currently the President of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights. Mike and Jane have two children Carl and Amy. Amy and her husband John Stansfield have two children Ashley and Cambria. Carl and John are also members of Long Green Valley Council.

The Santa Claus Breakfast will be held at St John's Church Hall on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 8AM until 11AM. Besides being sure that Santa will be in attendance we will be offering Calls from Santa through the Santa Knightline. I have lined up some volunteers but would appreciate additional elves in case there is a large demand for calls this year. We will also have a table with Knights Ladies White House Ornaments and Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards available.

We are proud to proclaim Paul and Mary Weber as the Family of the Month for September.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Chris Phillips

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster

The Knights are preparing to sponsor a poster contest for the children of St. John's. The poster information has already been presented to the school to allow the children enough time to complete their art work. We expect to have all posters back by December 4th, and I would appreciate some volunteers for judging. I plan to do this after our meeting on December 9th.

Last year's participation had about 50 posters entered. Awards were given for grades 1-3, 4-6, and 7-8. Each grade level received cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. We awarded the prizes in the church during the school's Christmas performance, and had some very excited children. All were very grateful to the Knights for conducting the contest – especially the ones who received checks.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Jim Cross
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Thank you to all those that made the Maryland Catholic Conference 'Emails for Life' event a success. 169 email addresses were collected at St John's on the weekend of November 8-9. Please be alert for any communications that arrive from the Maryland Catholic Conference during the Maryland Legislative Session. Your prompt consideration and response will be crucial. Your prayers are even more important.

The March for Life in Washington DC on January 22, 2009 will have a bus departing from Cardinal Gibbons for Knights that want to arrive on time to get into the Youth Mass. Your participation on that day in person or in prayer will be desperately needed.

LECTURER'S REPORT

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November's social meeting did not include a Lecturer program due to the Memorial Mass. However, there will be a handout concerning Veteran's Day observance at an upcoming meeting.

The winner of the second installment of the puzzle contest will be randomly selected from the pile of the correct entries received. Answers will be available at the next meeting for those still befuddled.

Of course there will not be a social meeting on December 26th. Never fear though because the December puzzle follows and you can e-mail or snail mail answers to the Lecturer. The Knight's Ladies are also invited to compete this month and I will report whether I get more correct answers from the Knights or the Ladies!

December Puzzle: To the rear. What verb has its past tense formed not by adding "-d" or "-ed", but by moving its first letter to the end.

Hint, the verb describes something you do every day...

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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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
- Dick Spinner
- Vince Wheeler
- John Robinson
- Norm Bronzert
- William Seibert
- Tim Calvert
- Pop Stritzinger
- Mike Talipan
- Jack Lindung
- Ed Gibbons
- Bob Dee

Relations:

- 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

December Birthdays

Francis Henninger	4
Larry Polk	4
Jack Murphy	6
Bob Black	10
Ron Carr, Jr.	12
Mike Lynch	12
Jim Ulman	14
Lou Smith	14
Gary Bowers, II	16
Gary Terrinoni	16
Joe Wenderoth	16
Sal Bollino	17
John Stansfield	17
George FitzPatrick	21
Mike Sawyer	23
Paul Crowe	24
Ron Carr, Sr.	26
Chuck Daley	30
Rev. David Kruse	30

Only one life, 'twill soon be past /
 Only what's done for Christ will last

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
DECEMBER				
02	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights ladies	Council Home
04	Thurs	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
06	Sat.	8 AM-12 PM	Breakfast with Santa	St. Johns Hall
09	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
11	Thurs.	8:00 PM.	BCGK Meeting	Dundalk Council
18	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Meeting	
22	Mon.		March for Life, Washington	Cardinal Gibbons for Bus
23	Tues.	THE SOCIAL MEETING FOR DECEMBER IS CANCELLED		
24	Wed.	5:00 PM	Park cars	St. Johns Church
25	Thurs.		Christ's Birthday	
JANUARY				
8	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK meeting	
13	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
15	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Meeting	
22	Thurs.		March For Life	Cardinal Gibbons for bus
27	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Social meeting	Council Home



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Long Green Valley Council No. 8736
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Knights Ladies,

Our November meeting was a very informative meeting. Joanne Cross and Virginia Phillips gave us lots of good information on their investment club and how to buy stock for grandchildren. We all learned a lot from their presentation!

Our December 2nd meeting will be our Christmas party. If you have not received your info on the party, please call Carol or Jo Ann. Our party will be catered (cost is only \$15). There will be a \$15 gift exchange. If you're not interested in participating, just don't bring a gift.

We had a lot of interest in making the lap blankets for the Vets. We will be discussing the possibility of a day in January to meet and do this.

Hope to see you at the December 2nd Christmas Party starting at **6:30**.

Carol & Jo Ann

