

LONG GREEN VALLEY COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VALLEY VIEWS JANUARY 2008

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"IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"



LETTER FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Jim Cross

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Dear Brothers,

Thanks to those who helped with the Knights Ladies Christmas Dinner, Santa Breakfast, Santa Knightline, Council Christmas Dinner and Crib Lighting, Fifth Sunday Mass and last but not least Christmas Eve Parking. These events and more are examples of Council service in the areas of church, community, council, family and youth. As a council that takes itself seriously each of us may compare each event with either what we have done in the past or what we would have liked to have been able to do this time. As long as this sense of pride moves us to do the best that we can it is a good thing. I feel fortunate to have a large number of supportive members that work hard to accomplish so many worthy undertakings. There is always room for new ideas and fresh volunteers.

Turn in your Fraternal Survey with hours spent on Council, Church, Community, Family and Youth Activities and number of funeral home visits and blood donations to me by the meeting on January 22. Call me, write 603 Remington Rd, Fallston, MD 21047 or email [with your totals](mailto:with_your_totals).

Our Lord said to "Go tell the Good News to all nations". Fr McGivney didn't just found The Knights of Columbus to reward good Catholic men for their faithfulness. I believe he wanted those whose faith was stronger to urge their more marginal friends and relatives to be better Catholics through peer pressure and encouragement Perhaps getting them to attend church regularly and getting them into the Knights could go hand in hand. Ask those you know about joining the Knights AGAIN.

I hope that you have had a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year
Vivat Jesus!

COUNCIL OF STATE SECRETARY DICK SIEJACK



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Fr. Willie Franken

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Dear Brothers:

Each year as we begin anew, we make resolutions that should make our lives more manageable and even more meaningful. New Years resolutions can be great motivational tools, but often they are difficult to accomplish for any extended period. How often have we broken our resolution on New Year's Day? Why do we make expectations of ourselves that are nearly impossible to reach? The answer may lie in human nature itself or our constant yearning for something better in life. We can get caught up in hopes and dreams that are unrealistic. Maybe this year we can resolve to do something that we are able to accomplish. It may even be something that benefits our families, our community, or even our Council. It could be an activity or just simply an attitude adjustment. What is more important, is that our resolution could involve something relatively simple. Each of us can ask ourselves on what we need to work. At home we could be more patient or loving or more generous with our time for the ones whom we love. In our community, we can be more active or involved. In our Council, we can take a more active role, but simply attending meetings is a good start. Woody Allen once commented that eighty percent of life is just showing up. Perhaps we can be present or just show up for a few more activities.

These are just a few suggestions, however, each of us knows what needs to be done personally. We could serve ourselves well to resolve to do something within our reach. The hard part may be the activity itself, but if we have the right attitude we may accomplish even more than we expect. We may even find that 2008 will be a year to remember.

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

Scholarships Awarded to Seminarians

The Knights of Columbus has awarded 45 new \$2,500 scholarships to seminarians for the current academic year and renewed an additional 81 grants. The scholarships are for men studying for the priesthood for dioceses or religious institutes in the United States and Canada and are renewable for up to four years.

The grants are made from the Father Michael J. McGivney and Thomas V. Daily scholarship funds, which were established in 1992. Since the funds were established 850 seminarians have been helped. Preference in awarding the grants is given to men who are Knights or who are the sons of Knights. This year, approximately half of new awards went to Knights or sons of Knights.

Jonathan D. Raia is studying for the Diocese of Austin at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston and is recipient of a Bishop Daily scholarship. In a thank-you letter to the Knights, Raia wrote: "I am personally indebted to several councils for financial support that I have received faithfully every year of my formation. This scholarship is a huge help to my diocese. ... I became a Knight in the parish of my pastoral year this past year [Father James A. Donnelly Council 6658, Copperas Cove, Texas], so now I am proud to be a member of an organization that has done so much to support me personally and encourage vocations in the Church."

Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., was among many bishops who wrote to thank the Knights for supporting seminarians studying for their dioceses. "Your gift demonstrates the deep respect for the priesthood, which is a hallmark of the Knights of Columbus."

In his thank-you letter, Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, N.J., noted the support seminarians in his state receive from the Knights. "The Knights have continued to grow and thrive because they are such an integral part of the communion of the Church."

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STATE REPORT

Maryland State Council Scholarship Program

Did you know that our State Council has a high school and college scholarship program? Would you like information about the program? Do you know how to get the information? Try going to the Maryland State Council web site (<http://www.kofc-md.org>) and look under Committees for the scholarship committee

(<http://www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm>).

There you'll find links to either the High School Scholarship info or the College Scholarship info. Click on which ever one you prefer and download the info and print out the forms. If you want to get the forms mailed to you, mail a request to Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus, 10815 Stang Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117. All applications must be received no later than March 1, 2008.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Ed Colvin,
District Deputy

Greetings Brothers,

Welcome to 2008! The year has changed, but our mission is the same. Service to Church, Community and one another. Connie and I wish each of you and your families a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We pray that your Christmas was filled with Joy.

It's time for Grand Knight's to be preparing and submitting Surge Reports. Grand Knights should try to bring them to the Mid Term Meeting on January 5th at Cardinal Gibbons. I hope to see the Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights there. This meeting is very important for the DGK's who are going to move to the 1st chair after this year.

There will be a District Meeting in January. I will notify the Grand Knight's of the date and time. This will be a mandatory meeting.

Keep Membership at the forefront. Without new, active members we cannot thrive and be active in our communities. Everyone should be working to win the Silver Knight Award. If each of us brought in 2 members, just think how strong we would be.

"Through Our Works of Charity, We Manifest the Lord's Presence."

Vivat Jesus

Baltimore Chapter Of Grand Knights

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The next Chapter meeting will be Thursday, January 10th, 2008 at the Santo Nino Council #9462

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

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My Brother Sir Knights:

I would like to Thank Our Faithful Friar , Father Robert Wojtek and our Associate Faithful Friar Deacon John Gramling for a beautiful Memorial Mass celebration it was very moving. I also would like to thank everyone that attended.

I find it hard to believe that thanksgiving and Christmas have already passed and the New Year is upon us. I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving and Blessed Christmas with family and friends, I wish everyone a Happy, Holy and Healthy New Year.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification for this year will take place on Saturday April 5th., 2008. At the Holiday Inn and Conference Center 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, MD. It is not too early to recruit 3rd. Degree Knights at our councils. Our Faithful Admiral Sir Knight Brian O'Connor will be visiting all our councils talking about the purpose of the 4th. Degree and recruiting new members.

A special Thanks to Father O'Neill council and Sir Knight Bill Santo for reconditioning and distributing about 560 bicycles over the past 2 ½ years to the inner city parishes. These Knights are truly living their faith.

January 3rd., 2008– Renewal of Obligations (This will take the place of our regular meeting for January.) Thursday at 8:00 P.M.

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February 21st., 2008– Regular meeting at Long Green Valley Council. Thursday at 8:00 P.M.

March, 2008– Since the 3rd. Thursday in March is Holy Thursday we will need to change our meeting date.



INSURANCE MATTERS

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FRATERNAL BENEFITS

“Long Term Care Trends”

- 1) \$205 a day is the national average for a nursing home now.
- 2) \$197 a day is the average for the Baltimore Metropolitan area.
- 3) 92% of informal caregivers are women.
- 4) It takes 3-4 years on average to drain a couple's assets to qualify for Medicaid (welfare health program).
- 5) Alzheimers disease is the #1 growing area of long term care need.
- 6) Over 65% of nursing homes are occupied with women.
- 7) Long term care insurance is sometimes the only thing that can keep you out of a nursing home (due to the home health care option).
- 8) Traditional health insurance and Medicare do not cover long term care needs or costs.

Call me for information on how to affordably cover your long term care needs.

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Membership

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From the recent membership blitz we had seven men show interest in the Knights of Columbus. We interviewed five of the seven and

four have received their First Degree. Of these four, three have already gone for their Second Degree. Our new members are; Bob Elliot, Randy Keiser, Mike Naumann and James Milarcik. When you see them at our meeting introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

Our council has several members who are in need of their second and third degrees. In the next couple of weeks you will get a letter from me telling you when and where these degrees will be held. If for whatever reason you don't wish to take the needed degrees please let me or Grand Knight Jim Cross know and we will stop bothering you.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

John Stansfield

Thanks to those who attended the manger scene lighting ceremony on Sunday night December 23, 2007 and helped with setting up the manger scene or Christmas Eve Parking.

There will be a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 5, 2007 5-7 pm at the Church Hall.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bob Renshaw, Director
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The Thanksgiving Project was again a great success! John Mayni has again harnessed the generosity of our council and our parish and collected over \$4,000 which was used to distribute food to approximately 400 families. The list of items purchased is impressive as you will see in his separate report. It is hard to imagine the amount of effort that such an undertaking requires. Thanks, John.

Thanks also to Jim Billingslea for an outstanding job with the Tootsie Roll Drive. Through his efforts and those of George Landefeld and all the volunteers from the Council, we will be able to donate nearly \$1,000 to each of the three charities that we support: Gallagher Center, Camp Glow and Special Olympics.

2007 THANKSGIVING PROJECT REPORT

The **Thanksgiving Project** was **successfully completed** with **86 Council members** participating. This project was started by **Brother Jim Welsh** and

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for **17 consecutive years** we helped feed the poor at Thanksgiving. A total of approximately **\$4,305** was donated this year which includes a **\$1,094.00** Poor Box collection the weekend of 11/18/07. **In addition** to the **money donated**, **183** food items, **26** frozen turkeys, **8** cooked turkeys and **127** frozen apple pies (**\$1,143**) were donated. The pies were donated by St. John parishioners through the School's November Market Day event. **With these donations our Council provided food for 400 families and 81 individuals!**

The **total food supplied** was: **178** frozen turkeys, **1,055** lbs. of potatoes, **360** lbs. of yams, **350** lbs. of onions, **127** frozen pies, **235-5 lb.** bags of sugar, **136** boxes of stuffing, **63** cans of soup, **131** gravy packets, **128** cans of cranberry sauce, **470** cans of vegetables, **357** boxes of macaroni/cheese, **125-2 lb.** bags of brown sugar, **125** bottles of vegetable oil, **50** lbs. of carrots, **1** box of celery, **52** misc. items, **15** boxes of oranges, **15** boxes of apples and **8** cooked turkeys.

These donations were distributed to the **150** families registered with Sarah's Hope Outreach Center, Christopher Place Employment Academy, the **125** families registered with Beans & Bread Outreach Center and the **125** families registered with the Missionaries of Charity – Gift of Hope Convent. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, cooked turkeys and all the food needed for complete Thanksgiving dinners were provided to the **66** students and staff at Christopher Place and the **6** nuns and **10** AIDS patients at the Gift of Hope Convent. **All of this could not have been accomplished without the generous support from Long Green Valley Council 8736, Council members, Knights' Ladies, St. John The Evangelist Church parishioners, St. John The Evangelist School Market Day and The Class Produce Group. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you.**

In particular, I would like to thank the following: Fr. Franken for donating the Poor Box proceeds on 11/18/07 to our project and **Jane Andrews** for managing the project account at St. John The Evangelist Church; **Rosemarie Mahoney** for her efforts in including the K of C in the School Market Day event; **Jim Wright** for his donation to our project and his efforts in obtaining an excellent price for the fresh produce purchased from The Class Produce Group; **PGK**

George Landefeld, PGK Larry Flynn, Bob Renshaw, Bob Dee, Ed Miller, Ed Gibbons and Russell Smick for cooking a turkey for the Thanksgiving dinners; **PGK Carroll McComas, Kevin McComas, Charlie Elbert and Jim Wright** for providing their vehicles and time to make the food deliveries; **PGK Jim Schmidt Sr., PGK Jim Schmidt Jr., Tom Zaegel and John Caine** for their assistance with the food deliveries; **Fred and Pat Coleman** for their donation of 25 frozen turkeys and **PGK Al Stritzinger** for video recording the deliveries and creating the Thanksgiving Project collages and DVD. **May the Lord reward all project participants in His special way.**

John J. Mayni, Project Chairman

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Jim Schmidt Jr.

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Christmas and will have a safe New Year. Many thanks to all those who helped out at the recent Council Christmas Party. Brother Joe Wenderoth is planning a trip to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in either January or February. More details at the next meeting. As an ongoing reminder, K of C license plates are available for only \$35. These would replace the current tags on your car or truck. For more information see myself or the Grand Knight.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Charles J. Valle

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH Thomas Rowan

Tom and his wife Dana have been selected as "**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**" for December, 2007.

Tom and Dana are the proud parents of three children, Nathaniel, Elizabeth and Thomas. The family is the owner of an Office Furniture business and although Tom is quite busy, he has been active for a new member of our Council. His credits include participating in the annual Blood Drive, working at the Ball Games (a fund raiser for our Council), helping set up for the Spring Fling (our Parish Annual) and for setting the hall for the Knights Ladies Quarter Auction. WOW.

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Three cheers for Tom and his family and we are proud to have him in our Council.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Chris Phillips, Director

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Once again during the Christmas season to help keep Christ in Christmas, the council has initiated a Christmas poster program to get the children to "make a statement" about the real meaning of Christmas. These posters will be evaluated after we print this issue. Results will be reported in the next issue of VALLEY VIEWS.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Jim Cross

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There will be a Spaghetti Dinner and Letter Writing Campaign the weekend of January 19-20, 2008. The March for Life will be going to Washington DC ON January 22, 2008.

The Maryland State Council may have tickets available for this soon. Otherwise be on the lookout for this worthwhile film and try to attend it yourself. It was released October 26. "Bella" won the Toronto Film Festival Award Peoples Choice Award last year. It is a sentimental film about the choices that many young women face and the impact that those around them have on their decision. Pre-release showings may be available through the Knights of Columbus and other groups similar to the support that "The Passion of Christ" received a year or so ago.

LECTURER'S REPORT

Joe Wenderoth

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No lecturer meeting / program in December due to holidays. We are still working a plan for a trip to the Ordnance Museum at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Stay tuned.

Lecturer Puzzle Contest: If you are following the money, winners for recent contest are:

September – Bob Renshaw

October – Grace Mayni

November – Grace Mayni

December – Dick Weger (selection made early due to the holidays) Congratulations to the winners. Each has a chance at the \$1,000 prize – if they get the lucky scratch off ticket! You could be a big winner too! Try your hand at January's puzzle.

Following is the January puzzle. 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.

January Puzzle: Q-Tips

The answer to the first clue in each pair begins with the letters QU. Remove the initial "k-" sound and you'll have (phonetically) the answer to the second clue.

Example: Duck Sounds / Candle Material

Answer: quacks wax

1. Event along a fault line / Rouse from sleep
2. The Dionnes, e.g. / React from pain
3. Hush! / Gunfighter at the OK Corral
4. Musical note / Show uncertainty
5. Faster / Furniture Material
6. Kind of clock / Witches have them on their noses
7. Pen / These might be famous last words
8. Suppress / Scrub
9. Suppress / Scrub
10. Search / Pioneer's heading
11. Idiosyncrasy / Slave Driver's Command

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12. Kind of Bee / Withdraw by Degrees

13. Kind of Bee / Suffering from Heat

14. Former Vice President / Cry

Good: 8 Excellent: 11 Ace: 14

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dick Lanham	1
Msgr. Marty Strempeck	2
Harry Brocato	3
Danny Seibert	3
Ray Dietz	4
Paul Nolan	4
Ross Galeano	10
Richard Molinar	13
Bill Davison	25
David Battista	26
George Landefeld	29

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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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

Relations:

Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Samuel Gibson
Kevin Landefeld, Son of Brother George Landefeld

Kim Schlee, Daughter of Brother John Schlee
Donna Schott, Niece of PGK Jim Schmidt Sr
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
Tina North, Wife of Brother Michael North
Patrick Caton, Son of deceased Brother Tim Caton
Gary Woodman, Son-in-Law of Brother John Ventura
Eva Burns, Mother of Brother Ted Burns

Deceased:

Mary Velez, Sister of Brother Jim Schmidt, Sr.

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2007 SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during.

This worksheet is printed on clip-art ready, reproducible paper. Simply photocopy as many forms as you need, cut along the dotted line and distribute a form at the November meeting. Forward a worksheet to every member on your current roster or include a copy in your next bulletin.

Each member can individually identify the number of volunteer hours he expended in community service projects. You only need to collect and tabulate the council/assembly/circle results for completion of the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report due at the Supreme Council office by January 31,

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

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This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members **during**

1. Number of visits you made during to:

Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes / hospitals _____

Bereaved — visits of condolence _____

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

3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during :

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 _____

Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>03</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>8:00PM</u>	<u>ABJC Renewal of obligations</u>	<u>Council Home</u>
<u>03</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>6:45 PM</u>	<u>Council Officers Meeting</u>	<u>Council Home</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>8:00 PM</u>	<u>Business Meeting</u>	<u>Council Home</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>8:00PM</u>	<u>BCGK meeting</u>	
<u>15</u>	<u>Tues.</u>		<u>Payment of 2008 Council Dues should be done</u>	
<u>22</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>7:30PM</u>	<u>Social Meeting</u>	<u>Council Home</u>

FEBRUARY

<u>05</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>5/7PM</u>	<u>Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner</u>	<u>Church hall</u>
<u>05</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>7:30PM</u>	<u>Knights Ladies</u>	<u>Council Home</u>
<u>07</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>6:45PM</u>	<u>Officers Meeting</u>	<u>Council Home</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>8:00 PM</u>	<u>Business Meeting</u>	<u>Council Home</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>8:00PM</u>	<u>BCGK Meeting</u>	
<u>21</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>8:00PM</u>	<u>AJCA Meeting</u>	<u>Long Green Valley</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>8:00PM</u>	<u>Social Meeting</u>	<u>Council Home</u>

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Knights' Ladies,

The Knights' Ladies are taking a well deserved break this month after all that shopping and partying. There will not be a meeting this month. Our February meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th the same night as the Pancake Supper. We voted at our December meeting to still meet that night but start at 7:30PM after the supper. So plan to come (or work) the Pancake Supper and stay for our short meeting.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year.....
Mary Weber and Joanne Cross, Co-Presidents