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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 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 5. It was very well attended with 170-180 dinners served. Over \$800 was received which goes to the Church, School and Council after expenses.

Spring is in the air. Growth and enthusiasm are renewed. This May 16-18 at the K of C Convention in Ocean City our own Dick Siejack will become the next State Deputy of the State of Maryland for two years. I encourage all to consider attending the Convention. I will have registration forms at each meeting.

If you need me to mail you one call me at 410-893-1266. The hospitality rooms and Dick's reception on Sunday at 1:00 PM are free to all who are registered. It is going to be a lot of fun. The Princess Royale Convention rate rooms were filled last November but there are many other possibilities for a place to stay.

I will add my request for council members and their families to help us serve at the Reception on Sunday, May 18. Desserts are requested for both the hospitality room and the reception. Call Paul Weber at 410-879-0558. See his article in this newsletter as well.

Growth in Membership is important all year round. If you know a Catholic man who might consider joining our council, call Jim Schmidt Sr at 410-592-8891 or me at 410-893-1266. We will contact them if you won't. If you don't want your name used that can be done. Just because they said no before doesn't mean they never will accept. Let us try this time.

Vivat Jesus!

COUNCIL OF STATE SECRETARY DICK SIEJACK

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Fr. Willie Franken
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Dear Brothers:

Our Lenten journey of faith draws to a close and our preparations lead us to the holiest of weeks in our year and the great celebration of Easter. Holy Thursday will celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and the call to service that Jesus models for us. Good Friday is about the suffering endured by Jesus for our sins, and his cruel crucifixion and death on a cross.

We believe that Jesus' death on a cross brought us the victory over sin and death. Then, we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead. The new waters of baptism will be blessed and a new candle will remind us that Christ is our light. How do we experience the Resurrection in our own lives? We rise the minute that we begin to get over whatever holds us back in life. We rise the minute we begin to rise above whatever holds us down.

May you have a blessed Easter.

In Christ,
Fr. Willie

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

Recently Pope Benedict XVI was the center of controversy in the Italian news media for an address he had made.

The pope had criticized international discussions marked by a relativism that denies "the truth about man and his dignity"

and rejects "the possibility of an ethics based on the recognition of natural law."

This was taken to mean, according to some Italian commentators, that the pope is preparing to attack the United Nations when he addresses the General Assembly during his April trip to the United States.

The Vatican responded that this was not the case. Like his recent predecessors, Pope Benedict remains a supporter of the U.N. In fact, as we approach the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the pope's comments could be seen more appropriately as a strong defense of the U.N.'s founding mission: to build a new global community based on the rule of law, reason and human rights.

This should be obvious to Americans. Our Founding Fathers accepted natural law and rejected relativism when they declared that all people are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights. Nonetheless, the concern raised by the Italian media has led to similar worries in the United States.

Some point to a pattern of public relations "missteps" by the pope: the Regensburg speech with its defense of reason, and rejection of violence in the name of religion; the Auschwitz visit with the statement that millions of Christians were also killed by the Nazi regime in the death camps (including thousands of Catholic priests); and the Brazil trip when Benedict rejected the idea that Christianity was imposed upon the native peoples of our hemisphere.

These controversies involve much more than a dispute over headlines or "sound bites." At Regensburg, the pope defended the achievement of Catholicism from St. Augustine through St. Thomas Aquinas of reconciling faith and reason into a coherent worldview capable of finding alternatives to the age-old human habit of "might makes right." Reject this great accomplishment of Western Christianity and

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one can more easily ignore the Christian roots of Europe.

Similarly, those who ignore the millions of Christians killed by the Nazis may be more influenced by the slanderous idea of "Hitler's pope," unconcerned with the Nazi death camps.

Finally, the contention that Christianity was imposed upon the native people of the New World undermines 500 years of evangelization and overlooks entirely the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary appeared not with the power of a conquering invader but with the humility of a pregnant, mixed-race girl whose sign was not a sword but a bouquet of flowers.

In each case, critics of the Church have attempted to rewrite history, placing Catholics on the defensive in the current "culture wars." Perhaps, some argue, the pope should consider how secular elites and others will use his words to create controversy. He should not be subjected to the game of political "gotcha" that is the stock in trade of so many in the news media.

But there is a more profound issue here: What is really at stake is whether Pope Benedict will be able to define his pastoral mission and teaching ministry on his own terms or whether he will have to submit to the politically correct terms of debate established by the secular media and other critics of the Church. Pope Benedict is one of the great intellectual and moral leaders of our age. He humbly and straightforwardly defends the truth.

STATE REPORT

Want to play Golf?

Do you play golf? Are you going to the convention this year? You can do both by playing in the Maryland State Council's annual Convention Golf Tournament being

held on Thursday May 15, 2008, the day before the convention opens.

This year the venue will be the Beach Club at 9715 Deer Park Drive, Berlin, Maryland. Start time is Noon, with a shotgun start. We will play "Best Ball – Captain's Choice". Cost for the tournament is \$70.00 per person, which includes green fees, cart, hot lunch, prizes and there will be beverages on the course. Foursomes are limited. Reservations and payments must be made no later than April 25th. Send check payable to Maryland State Council Convention Fund. Mail check and list of participants to Paul Weber 2223 Larchmont Drive Fallston, MD 21047

If you have any questions call Paul Weber at 410-879-0558 or e-mail at apaulweber@msn.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...DOWN THE OCEAN

This May, at the Annual Convention in Ocean City, our own PGK Dick Siejack, will be elected as the State Deputy of Maryland. Traditionally, following the election on Sunday morning May 18th, there is a reception in the atrium of the Princess Royale Hotel for all conventioners to congratulate Dick and Pat. This is quite an honor for them and also for Long Green Valley Council. Therefore, the council will be working the reception by preparing and serving the food and beverages.

Since many of you have indicated you will be attending this year's convention, I need to enlist volunteers, both council and family members, to work at the reception from late morning until mid-afternoon. We will also need refrigerator space for storing food that weekend.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Paul Weber at 410-879-0558. This is a great opportunity to showcase our council and make this a most memorable reception.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Ed Colvin,
District Deputy 2

Greetings Brothers,

As we journey through this Holy Season of Lent, let us remember to pray for our brothers and sisters who are in need. While we sometimes take for granted all that we have, we tend to overlook the needs of others. This is a good time to donate to our Parishes and help fill their food pantries.

Membership continues to be at the forefront for every council. I appreciate the council's involvement in the Spring Blitz. Grand Knight's, make sure to send me your numbers as I have to make a report to the State.

The State Convention is going to be here before we know it. Yesterday evening, February 19th, I met with State Secretary Richard Siejack and a group of men to begin planning the reception that will follow the final session of the convention on Sunday. The menu is set and the arrangement planned. This year, the reception will take place in the Atrium of the Princess Royale, beginning at about 1:00 PM. The committee is asking for desserts. Square cakes, brownies and cookies are requested. If your family could bring a dessert item, it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me to let me know what you will be bringing.

Congratulations to the 1st Degree Team at Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe for a great exemplification on February 18th, and welcome to our new Brother Knights.

"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 Thurs. March 13 at 8:00 PM at Bishop Sebastian Council.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

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My Brother Sir Knights:

We have several events that are coming up in the next few months and they are:

**We will have the election of delegates and alternates at our February meeting to attend the Maryland Biennial District meeting. The results of the election will be announced in the Carillon's March/April Newsletter.

**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 late to recruit 3rd. Degree Knights at our Councils. Our Faithful Admiral Sir Knight Brian O'Connor will be visiting all of our Councils talking about the purpose of the 4th. Degree and recruiting new members.

March Meeting – Since the 3rd. Thursday in March is Holy Thursday we have changed our meeting date to March 27th. We will meet at Long Green Valley Council at 8:00 P.M.

Visit our new web-site

At

[Http://www.kofc8736.com](http://www.kofc8736.com)

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INSURANCE MATTERS

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FRATERNAL BENEFITS

"Spouse Insurance"

The death of a spouse is perhaps the most emotionally traumatic event which humans experience. What would you do if your spouse died unexpectedly?

In over 58% of married-couple families today, both marriage partners work at least part time. Often the financial requirements to run the household substantially exceed the income of either spouse alone.

Life insurance is an excellent means of providing money when it is needed in these traumatic moments.

Some families are fortunate enough to allow either the mother or father to stay home with small children while the other earns sufficient cash to meet household and living expenses.

It is obvious that the loss of a breadwinner would create a financial calamity. Couples should consider the potential cost of replacing the services of the spouse who stays at home to care for the children.

Without the deceased spouse, a surviving spouse working outside the home would face new expenditures for:

°Child care, either in the home or a baby-sitter or day care center

°Someone to take the children to the doctor, dentist, piano lessons, etc.

Most families can help effectively remove this potential financial emergency by acquiring a life insurance policy on each spouse.

Membership

Jim Schmidt, Sr, PGK
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It gives me great pleasure to tell you that Keith Creamer has become our latest member. Mr. Creamer received his 1st. degree on Feb. 18 at Fr. Wolfe Council.

By this time next month I hope to tell you that 6 members received their 2nd. degree. Remember your dues must be paid to take your degrees.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

John Stansfield
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The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a great success. About 175 people attended this year. A big thank you to all who helped set up, cook, serve or clean up. Over \$800 was donated and will be split among the church, school and council after expenses. The pancakes, sausage and syrup were donated by Deborah Debella, the owner of the McDonald's on Campbell Blvd between White Marsh Mall and Philadelphia Rd (Rt. 7). This really helps speed up serving, keeps the expenses down and helps the church, school and council. Stop in to show your appreciation if you get a chance.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bob Renshaw, Director
410-592-8406

BASEBALL GAMES

Opening Day is March 31. This is a day game but it is always a BIG money-maker for the council. We need as many workers as possible to handle the sell out crowd of Opening Day. At this writing, the rest of the schedule has not been finalized but it will be available at the first meeting in March and in next month's newsletter.

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Since all workers must complete the ARA training regarding their alcohol policies, **We have a date of March 18 at 7:00 PM in our Council Hall for training certification.** In order for us to have such training here, we need to have at least 40 people in attendance. This would be a good time for anyone who did not attend the session last year to obtain certification. This includes family members who would be interested in working at the stand. Although many of you have been trained and have another year on your certification, it may be a good idea to attend this year if it will give us enough people to warrant training on-site. We may not have enough people next year and will have to go to Camden Yards to become re-certified.

If you can attend this training, there will be a sign up sheet at the meetings in March. If you can not attend any of these meetings, call me at 410-592-8406 or email me at Jim.Schmidt@kcof.org. I need to know how close we are to reaching the minimum of 40 attendees.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Jim Schmidt Jr.

Reminder 5th Sunday Mass at 7:30 AM on March 30, and breakfast at the Sunshine Grill. See you there.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Charles J. Valle
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FAMILY OF THE MONTH William J. Davison

Bill and his wife Ida have been selected as FAMILY OF THE MONTH for the month of February, 2008. They are the proud parents of a son Gary and a daughter Claire.

Bill is a retired employee of Armco Steel where he worked for thirty-seven years. He has been a member of Long Green Valley Council for fourteen years. He has been responsible for calling members to work at

ball games and for coordinating their stations at the games. He has always volunteered at many of the Council's functions and is the co-editor of our news letter.

Ida Davison has been a long time member of the Ladies' Knights and is active in that organization.

The family has been a hard working member of our Council and we appreciate all their efforts.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Catholic Bee

Watch for news soon as Brother Joe Owens will be reporting on the upcoming Catholic Bee!

Rocket Launch

Our Council is planning to run a Rocket Launch again this year. As we have received a small response from the school in the last few years, we will be expanding it by advertising in the parish bulletin this year. Watch for news about a tentative May launch date!

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Jim Cross
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In spite of the letters signed for The Maryland Catholic Conference and presented in Annapolis on February 18, it seems that the bill that provides funding for crisis pregnancy centers will not be considered this year according to an article in The Examiner on February 21. We have a long way to go in Maryland. It is one of only six states in the country that does not have a parental notification requirement before a minor has an abortion performed. However if the clinics are like the schools she will probably have to have permission from her parents and a doctor to have an aspirin after the procedure. Apparently the legislature considers aspirin to

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be more medically and psychologically hazardous than an abortion.

The Maryland March for Life will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 starting at 6 PM. Come to St. Mary's Church at 109 Duke of Gloucester St and walk to the State House. Photo ID is required for entry. Call 410-269-6397 or 301-858-8304 for more details. If you want to support the March but can't attend, you can send a donation to Maryland March for Life, P.O. Box 106, Annapolis, MD 21404.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jim Szivos	4
Jim Hock	7
John Vendetti	7
Preston Shelton	9
Vince Pipitone	10
Ray Peterson	11
Bob Elliott	13
Pat Martino	13
Tony Moscati	14
Dick Siejack	14
Tom Gorius	15
Matt Gutberlet	15
Deacon Don Murray	18
Al "Pop" Stritzinger	20
Bill Smith	25
John Schmidt	26
Jody Satterfield	29
Mike Talipan	29

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
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:

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
Phyllis Rowan, Mother of Brother Thomas Rowan
Joan Kozel –Jim Schmidt Sr. Sister
Phyllis Rowan –Mother of Tom Rowan
Sally Protokowicz – wife of Stan Protokowicz Sr

Deceased:

Brother Jim Scheno
Brother Mike Rusk

LECTURER'S REPORT

Joe Wenderoth

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At the lecturer meeting / program in February we previewed the trip to the



Baltimore Museum of Industry. The Council visit is on Sunday, March 9th, leaving after the 9:00 Mass for an 11 AM tour at the museum facility on Key Highway.

Lecturer Puzzle Contest: Submit an entry for a chance at the \$1,000 prize (if you get the lucky scratch off ticket). Try your hand at the March puzzle "Threebies". 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 Grace Mayni, winner of the February contest.

March Puzzle: Threebies

Every answer is a word, name or phrase, in which each syllable begins with the letter B. Hint: each answer has at least three syllables.

Example: Yellow and Black Insect bumble bee

1. Louisville slugger, for example

2. Period beginning in 1946, population-wise _____
3. The south and mid west, religiously speaking _____
4. Like some commentary, in boxing matches _____
5. Star of My Favorite Martian and the Incredible Hulk _____

6. Luxurious way to unwind

7. Rival of Denny's and Howard Johnson's

8. Singer / Record producer married to Whitney Houston _____
9. Yogi's sidekick in the cartoons

10. When a parent tucks a child into bed, words that complete the phrase "Don't let the..." _____
11. Paul Newman's eyes, for example

12. In small increments

13. Thorny shrub _____
14. (4 syllables in this one) 1926 song whose chorus begins: "Pack up all my cares and woe, here I go singing low ..."

Good 6, Excellent 10 Ace 13

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

Last month's answer "Twelfth" contains a single vowel without the letter S anywhere in the word.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
04	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights Ladies	Council Home
06	Thurs.	9:00 AM	Ladies Bake Muffins	Council Home
06	Thurs.	6:45 PM	Council Officers Meeting	Council Home
09	Sun.	10:00 AM	Tour-Museum of Industry	Council Home
11	Tues.	1:00 PM	Ladies Deliver Muffins	
11	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>8:00 PM</i>	<i>Business Meeting</i>	<i>Council Home</i>
13	Thurs.	6:00 PM	March for Life	Annapolis
13	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	Bishop Sebastian Council
25	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>8:00 PM</i>	<i>Social Meeting</i>	<i>Council Home</i>
<u>27</u>	Thurs.	8:00 PM	AJCA Meeting	Council Home
30	Sun.	7:30 AM	Fifth Sunday Mass/Breakfast	St. Johns
31	Mon.	3:30 PM	Baseball Game	Camden Yards

APRIL

01	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights Ladies	Council Home
03	Thurs.	6:45 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
05	Sat.		Fourth Degree Exemplification	Frederick
08	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
10	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	St. Agnes Council
12	Sat.		Catholic Bee	St. Johns
18	Fri.	7:05 PM	Baseball Game	Camden Yards
22	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home

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Knights' Ladies,

Ladies...the meeting you've been waiting for all year has finally arrived!! On Tuesday March 4th after a short business meeting beginning at 7:00 PM, we will have our 2nd Annual "Unwanted, Wrong Size or Just Plain didn't like Christmas Gift Auction" to benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor. Please bring an item (or two or three) to auction. We had so many laughs last year at this auction some of the ladies didn't want the evening to end.

On March 6th beginning at 9:00 AM we will be baking our 600+ Leprechaun Muffins for Stella Maris residents in the Knights' Hall. Please join us because you can never have too many cooks (or wrappers, or mixers, or oven watchers). We will end with our traditional Irish lunch. (Bring your pot holders, timers and aprons.)

We will deliver the Muffins on Tuesday March 11th at 1:00 PM. Come see the 'smiling Irish faces' at Stella Maris when they see those blueberry muffins.

Mary Weber, Co-President