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"IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"



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Dear Brothers,

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6, was heavily attended by the parish. We used the opportunity to sell Christmas Cards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets. We also collected names and information for the Santa Knight Line which was also a resounding success. Joe Owens again highlighted our participation while he helped as Santa. Numerous other volunteers also helped by supporting our programs.

On December 18th Youth Chairman Chris Phillips presented the winning Keep Christ in Christmas poster winners and we used the occasion to present a check to the School. The Home School Association parents were made aware of the contributions by the Knights to the St John's School Operations.

We teamed with the Church Christmas Music Program at the request of Music Director and Brother Knight Doug Byerly on Sunday, December 21st. The Crib Lighting preceded the Music Concert program and was enhanced by several singers from the music program. The joint effort increased the typical attendance. After the Music Program in Church the Knights helped with refreshments in the hall, supplying drinks to go along with the food donated by the choir members.

The Knights again parked cars for Christmas Eve at the 4:00 P.M. Mass at the request of Father Willie. Thanks to the volunteers who make this an annual success.

In closing, as I write this news letter message while substituting for Grand Knight Bob Dee, I know that all have been thinking about him as he recovers from surgery. He advises that he is starting rehabilitation therapy.

I fervently hope that all enjoyed the serenity of another beautiful celebration of Christmas. As the Grand Knight mentioned in his last message, Christ's Birthday is a time for joy and peace. We should take time to reflect on this season as our country faces difficult times ahead.

December signals the end of another calendar year. We look forward to joining together again in 2009 to continue our good work for the Knights of Columbus and Long Green Valley Council. 2008 has been another year of exemplary achievement by Long Green Valley Council.

Cassie and I hope you have a safe and Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours,
Joe Wenderoth, Deputy Grand Knight
for

Bob Dee
Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT Fr. Willie Franken; 410-592-6206; WFranken@archbalt.org

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! May this New Year be one filled with good health and many blessings.



The beginning of a New Year is a time when people often make resolutions. A sample of resolutions would be to stop smoking, to lose weight, to renew a friendship, or to exercise more this year. All too often, our intentions to keep our New Year's resolutions dwindle over the year. We get involved in other activities and become too busy to complete our own resolutions.

As we begin a new year and a new presidency, I encourage all of us to be committed to protect the sanctity of life, from conception to death. May we pray for change in our country that puts an end to abortion, that respects the life of the elderly, and that peace may come to the lands of the Middle East.

May you enjoy a healthy and happy New Year.

Fr. Willie

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

A FORCE FOR RENEWAL

Carl Anderson

December marks the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II extraordinary document on the role of the lay faithful, [Christifideles Laici](#). Few documents could be more important to understanding the mission of the laity and few are as important to the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

In *Christifideles Laici*, John Paul II called the lay faithful to a great task: "a mending of the Christian fabric of society" which, he says, "is urgently needed." In this way, the pope repeated the call of the Second Vatican Council for lay men and women to work for the renewal of society according to Gospel values.

Many have seen the founding of the Knights of Columbus by the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney as a truly inspired vision of the role of Catholic men in the renewal of society, according to the Gospel values of charity, unity and fraternity.

In October, during the papal audience for our board of directors, Pope Benedict XVI referred to his visit to the United States last April, saying, "I wished to encourage the lay faithful, above all, to recommit themselves to growth in holiness and active participation in the Church's mission. This was the vision that inspired the foundation of the Knights of Columbus ... and it continues to find privileged expression in your Order's charitable works."

For more than a century, our founding principles have strengthened the "Christian fabric" of our councils, families, parishes, communities and even our countries. During this time, we have responded to many challenges, including war, civil discord, racial and religious discrimination, natural disasters and economic depression — challenges not unlike the many we face today.

Catholics, and especially Knights of Columbus, have contributed in extraordinary ways to meeting these challenges. We remember with pride our relief work after the devastating events of Sept. 11, 2001, and in the aftermath of hurricanes Rita and Katrina; our initiative for the first national blood drive during World War

II, and our job bank and job training efforts during the Great Depression. In keeping with our 126-year history, the Knights of Columbus will continue to make a positive and lasting contribution to our societies and communities.

We will do so bearing in mind the recent words of Pope Benedict to us in October: “may the Knights of Columbus discover ever new ways to serve as a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a force for the renewal of the Church in holiness and apostolic zeal.”

“Apostolic zeal” includes the commitment to stand for the whole Gospel and its values, even when, at times, those values are less than popular.

I was particularly moved to hear our Holy Father thank the Knights of Columbus for our Order’s efforts “to defend the moral truths necessary for a free and humane society, including the fundamental right to life of every human being.” We should all be encouraged that the pope is grateful for our efforts to build a culture of life in all the countries where we are active.

In this regard we have been faithful to the words of *Christifideles Laici*: “Above all, the common outcry which is justly made on behalf of human rights — for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture — is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition of all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.

Sadly, some in our society have lost sight of this truth — one more reason for the Knights of Columbus to “discover ever new ways to serve as a leaven of the Gospel in the world.”

”Vivat Jesus!

STATE REPORT

Thursday January 22, 2009 is the 36th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. The march is open to all Prolife Americans especially the Knights of Columbus. We will gather in our Nation’s capital to bring our prolife message to our legislators.

This year’s theme “Equal Care with No Exceptions means that the intentional killing of even one innocent preborn human is never justified and is unnecessary. American can and must provide equal care to both a pregnant mother and her preborn child – with no exceptions.

The march begins at 12:00 Noon on the Mall in Washington. Please talk with your Pro-Life Chairman about details for the March.



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	7	0	7	1
9815	1	0	1	0
10100	6	0	6	2
11372	3	2	1	-1
District Total	17	2	15	2

Star District Goals 21 New Members 11 Insurance Members

As you can see by the numbers above at the start the 2nd half of the year the District has reached 71% of its membership goal. We are however well short of the district insurance goals (18%). 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.

The GK's and DGK will be participating in the midterm meeting on January on January 3rd. There is a Baltimore March for Life on Saturday January 10th at 1:15 PM originating at the Baltimore County Credit Union Parking lot 8640 Belair Rd. and will end with a Mass by Bishop Madden at St Joseph's Church. Park at the church only!! The 2nd quarter reports are due at the District meeting on January 14th. The National March for Life will be Thursday January 22. KC will meet at the Mall at 12th St and Madison Drive NW starting at 12 Noon there will be a large KC Blue banner. You can take the Blue or the Orange Metro line and get off at the Smithsonian or Federal Triangle. There is also a bus available leaving from Dundalk Council at 7:30AM to get there in time for Mass at the Verizon Center call 410-529-2676.

Congratulations all those knights in the District who made their 2nd degree and to the 3 knights, 1 each from 9815, 10100 and 11372, who made their 3rd Degree in December. Also congratulations to Councils 9815; two of their soccer participants won the State finals.

We ARE called to Serve!!!!
 Brian O'Connor
 District Deputy

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS Michael Sallèse President, PGN, FDD, PFN: Msallèse11@verizon.net

The Chapter, on behalf of the Children of Villa Maria and St. Vincent de Paul, and the adults of Gallagher Center would like to thank all those who contributed to this year's charity appeal. We have already held the Breakfast with Santa and are preparing for the Summer picnic and it is through your generosity that we have been able to do this every year. Thank you.

The January meeting of the Baltimore Chapter will be held on Thursday January 8, 2009 at Holy Trinity Council in Severna Park, MD. Our meeting begins at 8:00 PM. The address for the Council home is 335 N. Ritchie Highway, Severna Park 21146.

Please keep your calendars clear for Friday February 6, 2009 for the Baltimore Chapter 99th Anniversary Dinner at Columbus Gardens. More information will be forthcoming about reservations. We hope to see you there.

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.



INSURANCE MATTERS

It is with regret that we report the resignation of Tom White, our insurance agent for many years, as Tom describes the reasoning below. We should all pray for Tom and his family, and be grateful for the service he provided the Knights of Columbus.

I hope all is well with you. Our daughter Annamaria was diagnosed with severe Autism at 15 months. Luisa and I had a difficult time dealing with Annamaria's various problems; she just turned 9 and is getting too strong for Luisa to handle alone. Annamaria is a blessing and a joy. She has had issues with self-injuries and dissociative behavior. I need to be home at night to help with her.



So, it's with a heavy heart and much prayer and consideration that I am leaving the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program after 17 years. This is solely our decision. The Knights of Columbus have been great and understanding with us.

I have been blessed with a wonderful opportunity. I recently accepted an Insurance Agency with Geico Insurance, which will be daytime hours.

I wanted you to know the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program is great and was a wonderful place to be the last 17 years.

Luisa and I are not looking for any help just understanding and your prayers.

Fraternally in Christ

Tom White

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

“Do you own a business?”

If so, there are some unique planning issues to consider that a non-business owner doesn't have to worry about.

- If you die, how will the business pay your family an income?
- If you have children that will eventually take over your business, how will they buy you out?
- How will you equalize the inheritances between your children who work in the business and those that don't?
- Have you set up a guaranteed buyer for your business when you die?

In most cases ... you are the main motivating force behind your business. It won't run without you. Allow the K of C with our unique product advantages to help you fashion a plan that helps you, your family and your business.

Robert Marlowe 410 823-3800 robert.marlowe@kofc.org

MEMBERSHIP Jim Schmidt, Sr, PGK; 410-592-8891; snstrngjim@msn.com

The following gentlemen need their second degree. Unfortunately there isn't nearby till Feb. 26 at Fr. Wolfe council.

Amasia, Bowers II, Byerly, Creamer, Dozier, Ewing, Ewing Jr., Glennon, Milarcik, Schammel, A. Schmidt, Vendetti, Whitehurst.

I'm sending this out early so you schedule for it. Also some you gentlemen still owe dues for 2008. Please contact Paul Weber ASAP.

There is a third degree on Jan. 23, it will be held Pope John Paul the Great council The council is located at Our Lady Queen of Peace Middle River.

K. Carr, Crumbling, Daniels, Hartka, Henninger, Jancuk, D. Kerins, Miller, Molinar, Pippin Schumacher.

Please contact the Grand Knight, Paul or me.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES Randy Keiser; mostincorporated@yahoo.com 410-491-6407

Note the upcoming March for Life in Washington on January 22 that is described in the Pro life section. Those of us who are not otherwise committed that day should try to attend. We are also in the preliminary stage of preparing for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 24.



CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- 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 Mike Naumann; 410-592-4884; mike.n@pioneernetwork.com

2008 THANKSGIVING PROJECT REPORT

The **Thanksgiving Project** was **successfully completed** with **79 Council members** participating. This project was started by **Brother Jim Welsh** and for **18 consecutive years** we helped feed the poor at Thanksgiving. A total of **\$4,906.50** was donated this year which includes a **\$1,934.50** Poor Box collection the weekend of 11/23/08. **In addition** to the **money donated**, **235** food items, **9** cooked turkeys and **102** frozen apple pies (**\$1,020**) were donated. The pies were donated by St. John the Evangelist parishioners

through the School's November Market Day event. **With these donations our Council provided food for 250 families and 80 individuals!**

The **total food supplied** was: **102** frozen turkeys, **1,050** lbs. of potatoes, **360** lbs. of yams, **300** lbs. of onions, **102** frozen pies, **200-5 lb.** bags of sugar, **105** boxes of stuffing, **107** cans of soup, **106** gravy packets, **106** cans of cranberry sauce, **492** cans of vegetables, **216** boxes of macaroni/cheese, **100-2 lb.** bags of brown sugar, **100** bottles of vegetable oil, **300** cans of tuna, **100** boxes of cereal, **61** misc. items, **12** boxes of oranges, **12** boxes of apples and **9** cooked turkeys.

These donations were distributed to Our Daily Bread Employment Center, the **125** families registered with Beans & Bread Outreach Center, the **100** families registered with the Missionaries of Charity – Gift of Hope Convent and a local family of **5**. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, cooked turkeys and all the food needed for complete Thanksgiving dinners were provided to the **62** students and staff at Our Daily Bread Employment Center 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 11/23/08 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, Ed Miller, Ed Gibbons, PGK Michael Sallese, PGK James Cross, J. Robert Elliott, Thomas Rowan and Russell Smick** for cooking a turkey for the Thanksgiving dinners; **PGK Carroll McComas, Kevin McComas, Marland Carlson and Charles Elbert** for providing their vehicles and time to make the food deliveries; **PGK James Schmidt Sr., PGK James Schmidt Jr., Tom Zaegel, John Caine, Pete Stankoski, Joshua Pippin and Paul Crowe** for their assistance with the food deliveries;

May the Lord reward all project participants in His special way.

John J. Mayni, Project Chairman

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

No Council Report for January.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES Jim Cross; 410-893-1266

Mike and Phyllis Nauman are the November Family of the Month. Mike has been a member of Long Green Valley Council for a little over a year. He has agreed to Chair our very active Community Activities Program. He personally directed this year's successful Tootsie roll Campaign. The Blood Drive and Thanksgiving Project are also doing very well. We appreciate the active roll Mike has taken in spite of the demands of running his own business selling 911 Center equipment.

The Santa Claus Breakfast was held at St John's Church Hall on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 8AM until 11AM. Many thanks to Joe Owens, Pete Stankoski, Jim Schmidt Sr., Joe Wenderoth, Paul Weber, Tom Zaegel and Ray Dietz for making the Santa Claus Breakfast and Santa Knightline a success.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES Chris Phillips

No Youth Report for January.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES Jim Cross; 410-893-1266

We will have a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at St John's Church Hall after the 5 PM Mass. The usual request for a donation to The Gabriel Network will be the price of admission.

The March for Life in Washington DC on January 22, 2009 will have a buses departing 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. In order to determine which bus will be most convenient for you check the Catholic Review the week before or call me near the date for current information.

Knights of Columbus buses will leave on January 22, 2009 at 7:30AM from Dundalk Council, 2111 Eilers Ave., Baltimore, MD 21222 and Patapsco Council, 1010 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD 21228. Call 410-529-2646 to sign up for one of the buses. A Continental Breakfast will be served at each location. Mass will be held at the Verizon Center with Reserved Seating. Buses return immediately after the March. We usually are back to the Departure point about 5 PM.

LECTURER'S REPORT Joe Wenderoth; 410-592-9718 Home; 410-682-1366 Work Lecturer@kofc8736.org

No Lecturer's Report for January.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT Bob McGraw; Work 410-887-1828; Cell 443-299-7732; rsmcgraw@verizon.net

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	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

Deceased:

Delores Stress, Aunt of Brother Jim Schmidt

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dick Lanham	1	Msgr. Martin 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	Gus Schmidt	31

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
JANUARY				
6	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights Ladies workshop	Council Home
8	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK meeting	
13	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
15	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Meeting	
17	Sat.	6:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner	St. Johns Church Hall
22	Thurs.		March For Life	Washington
27	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Social meeting	Council Home
FEBRUARY				
03	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights ladies	Council Home
05	Thurs	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
10	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
12	Thurs.	8:00 PM.	BCGK Meeting	
19	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Meeting	
24	Tues.	5:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	St. Johns Hall
24	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home



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Knights Ladies

Our December meeting was very short. It was followed by our Christmas Party (catered by Nancy, the Kitchen Witch). The meal was fantastic! We all enjoyed our gift exchange game – thanks to Mary Weber.

We will not be having a meeting in January. Instead, on January 6th at 7:00 PM in the Knights' hall, we will make lap robes! Jeanne Scheno has volunteered to help us. All we need to bring is one piece of cardboard 4" x 4", one piece 4" x 2", two pieces of fleece – 1 ¼ yds each and of course, a pair of good cutting scissors. Anyone is welcome – invite friends/relatives.

We had 6 lap robes donated for delivery to Walter Reed for returning soldiers. Anything donated in December, January & February will go to Walter Reed.

Hopefully, we will see you on January 6th! Happy New Year to all of our members.

March with the Maryland Knights of Columbus State Family!

MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, January 22, 2009
The Mall, Washington, DC

- Meet at 12th St. and Madison Drive, N.W. (Madison Drive is right on the Mall), starting at 12:00 Noon
- Metro – Blue or Orange line – Get off at either the Smithsonian or Federal Triangle stations.
- Look for the Knight of Columbus BIG BLUE BANNER – You can't miss it!
- Stand up for a Culture of Life with brother Knights from Maryland.

SEE YOU THERE!

