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"IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

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Brother Knights,

First of all, I want to express my gratitude for all the prayers and concern for Janie. While the surgery was very successful, the recovery has had a few ups and downs. But thank goodness there has been nothing serious and the prognosis is very positive. So the prayers

definitely helped.

We are saddened for Father Willie at the loss of his mother last month. Since she was not from this area, we were not able to gather at the wake as is our custom for the family members of our brother Knights. However, at our meeting on September 8, we will gather early at 7:30pm and pray the rosary in her honor. Please plan to be there for this special prayer session.

The First Degree Team met on Aug. 20, and we are well underway to rejuvenating it and picking up new members.

Please consider getting involved and supporting the team in some fashion. This is a critical function to growing our council and assimilating new members as rapidly as possible into our council.

I hope everyone had a terrific time at the council picnic on Sunday, Aug. 23. Many thanks to Jim Schmidt, Jr. and Sr. for their efforts in coordinating all the food and fun. And thanks to those who helped out in any way.

Tom Rowan has the car raffle activity off to a great start and has many plans to promoting this major fund raiser for our council. Please support us not only with your donations, but also in soliciting from others outside the council. We plan to sell tickets as several locations, in addition to our usual sales at church after masses.

Thanks to Harry Pippin for taking the helm on our charity fund initiatives. We will be sending out the envelopes for the State Charity Fund soon. In addition, we are working on some new ideas for our own charity fund.

The Tootsie Roll Campaign will be underway soon. Thanks to George Landefeld for volunteering to support Mike Naumann in leading this project. Please give Mike and George your support in collecting at the various sites and dates which will be established and published soon.

Don't forget that the Supreme Office has designated Sept. 11 as World Day of Prayer for Peace. Not only do we pause to remember that horrible day in our history, and pray for all the lost souls and the families who suffered through it all, but also we should pray that day in a special way for peace throughout the world and especially the end to terrorism. I encourage all who can make it to come to the normal daily mass at 8:30AM at St. John the Evangelist Chapel on this day to offer our prayers for peace.

Finally, I continue to encourage all to routinely check the council web site, <http://kofc8736.org/index.php> for plans and events, as well as other valuable information relative to the K of C, church and community. The site is constantly being updated with new postings several times a week. We all want to know what's going on, and this is the best and quickest way to keep up to speed.

Be faithful and stay grateful.
Tom Zaegel

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Fr. Willie Franken; 410-592-6206; WFranken@archbalt.org



Dear Brother Knights,

Maybe you are like me and can't believe that the end of summer is near. Where did it go? It seemed to just fly by. With Labor Day, summer comes to an end and many activities begin in parishes and schools.

What do you think about your work? What do you think about the work that you, as Knights, accomplish? Do you ever think of your work as "holy" and an occasion for "evangelizing" others? It seems to me that the fruits of our labors are to give glory to God and to live out the gospel. There is a familiar saying that "actions speak louder than words." You and I are called to be evangelizing missionaries. We are to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by who we are, and by our everyday actions. God notices even the smallest act of love and kindness. As Christians, and as Knights, may we see the labors that we do as opportunities to give glory to God and to bring others to Christ.

Blessings and Peace,
Fr. Willie

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

New Poll Shows Americans Continuing to Move Toward Pro-Life Position on Abortion 86 Percent Favor Significant Restrictions; Majority Believes Abortion Hurts a Woman Long-Term

The American people continue to move to the pro-life perspective on abortion according to the latest Moral Compass survey by the Knights of Columbus and Marist Poll. The poll mirrored findings of other recent surveys, showing that more Americans identify as pro-life than as pro-choice, and that the vast majority of Americans favor restricting abortion.

Among the key findings:

- 86 percent of Americans would significantly restrict abortion.
- 60 percent of Americans would limit abortion to cases of rape, incest or to save the life of a mother – or would not allow it at all.
- 53 percent of Americans believe abortion does more harm than good to a woman in the long term.
- 79 percent of Americans support conscience exemptions on abortion for health care workers. This includes 64 percent of those who identify as strongly pro-choice.
- 69 percent of Americans think that it is appropriate for religious leaders to speak out on abortion.
- 59 percent say religious leaders have a key role to play in the abortion debate.
- 80 percent of Americans believe that laws can protect both the health of the woman and the life of the unborn. This includes 68 percent of those who identified as strongly pro-choice.

Additionally, the data showed that since October nearly every demographic sub-group had moved toward the pro-life position except for non-practicing Catholics and men under 45 years of age. Independents and liberals showed the greatest shift to the pro-life position since October, while Democrats were slightly less likely to be pro-life now than they were in October.

"The data shows that the American people are placing an ever increasing value on human life," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Far from the great divide that most people think exists when it comes to the abortion debate, there is actually a great deal of common ground. Most Americans are unhappy with the unrestricted access to abortion that is the legacy of *Roe vs. Wade*, and pundits and elected leaders should

take note of the fact that agreement on abortion need not be limited to the fringes of the debate and issues like adoption or pre-natal care. The American people have reached a basic consensus, and that consensus is at odds with the unrestricted access to abortion that is the legacy of Roe.”

The survey of 1,223 Americans was conducted May 28 – 31 and has a margin of error of +/-3 percent.

STATE REPORT
Columbus Day Ball



The Maryland State Council's main social event of the year, the Annual Columbus Day Ball, will be held October 10, 2009, at the La Fontaine Bleu, in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

On behalf of our Past Grand Knight and Worthy State Deputy, Richard V. Siejack and First Lady Pat, we encourage everyone to attend this gala event and enjoy the opportunity to come together and celebrate friendship, fraternity and pride in our Order.

The cost of this extravaganza will be \$42.50 per person. The event will feature a name brand open bar and a deluxe sit-down dinner.

The music will be provided by the Monaldi Brothers. Black Jacket is the preferred dress for this event, but business suit is acceptable.

If you have any questions related to the Columbus Day Ball please call: George Floria at 301-627-3923 or Jean Domingue at 410-798-7177. To purchase tickets, contact our Grand Knight Tom Zaegel as we are hoping to fill several tables.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

Brian O'Connor: District Deputy 1

Every Council a Star Council REPORT AS OF 07/14/09

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	3	0	3	0
9815	0	0	0	1
10100	0	0	0	0
11372	1	0	1	1
District Total	4	0	4	2

Star District Goals Net 7% increase New Members; 3.5% Insurance Members

I wish to begin by thanking all those councils Anne and I have had to visit during their installations. Your hospitality was wonderful and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at each and every one

I just received the membership report for July, 2008 and I wish to congratulate Long Green Valley Council for recruiting 3 new members and Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council for recruiting 1 new member and obtaining 1 new insurance member.

All the councils should be well underway selling car raffle tickets and are gearing up for the Tootsie Roll

program. This is the one time of the year you get a chance to meet other Catholics one on one and using this opportunity to ask them to join the Knights of Columbus. There should be Form 100's available for the sellers, both men and ladies, to use when selling tickets or giving out Tootsie Rolls. This should be true at any event where Catholic men will be available such as parish picnics, youth events such as soccer shootouts or fishing tournaments (parents are prime candidates), Sunday donuts etc.. Don't let an opportunity pass by and get to the end of the year searching for that 1 or 2 new members you need for Star Council

While the councils in our District do a good job at telling ourselves what a good job we do; we still don't publicize it well in our parishes and the community. There are many Catholic families in our parishes looking for an oasis where they can share the values of faith and family, as well as a place where they can socialize with other people with common interests. **Our organization is that oasis.** All you need to do is to help them see and understand that this is true and ask them to join

Brian O'Connor
District Deputy

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly 2378; Faithful Navigator Leonard Windsor

Our Sept. Meeting will be at Our Lady Of Grace Council, and will be our crab night. Any one eating crabs it is \$16.00 if you are not eating crabs there is no charge for the refreshments. We just ask that you contact either Godwin Ilonoh at goddyilonoh@yahoo.com, or Len Windsor at lwsr54@verizon.net. We would like to get a good head count to buy the crabs with. Cut off date for getting your name on the list is Sept.12.

Mary Queen of the Knights Bless you all.

INSURANCE MATTERS **FRATERNAL BENEFITS** **"Baby Boomers"**

This month's column is for the baby boomers. Do you know what is sneaking up on you? Retirement!

Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it?

Seems like just yesterday ... but it's coming – and coming fast.
And that's actually the good news.

There's a trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans. This may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement. Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but increasing numbers of employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40's and early 50's who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expected to change their pension plans in the next year were considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

"This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away."

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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

The weekend of Oct. 24 /25 is Membership Blitz and a Ministry Minute about the Knights at all Masses. I need some Brothers to either speak at the Masses or give out literature after the Masses. Please contact me if you can help. Thank you.

Retention: Through the Retention Process, five members, due to be suspended for non-payment of dues, were sent a standard letter. Two of the five have responded in a favorable way. This is a last step in the formal retention process and a last resort. We hope to avoid retention issues by keeping all members involved and active.

Our new retention initiative this year will also include informal contact with those who have not paid this year's dues and have not been involved in the Chapter. The goal is to avoid getting to that last appeal letter in the future.

There is a second degree ceremony schedule for Sept. 24 at Notre Dame Council in Towson starting at 8pm. Any first degree brothers wishing to take the next step in the degrees at this time should contact Jim Schmidt, Sr., Paul Weber, or Tom Zaegel.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

We were finally given the Green Light for painting the conference center. Work started at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday August 22nd. Special thanks to Eric Shcumacher for brining the paint. Gardening work was also performed on several evenings; dead tree branches were removed and 9 shrubs by the Chapel. The front of the school was trimmed, weeded and mulched. Thanks to Josh Pippin, Rob Vacek, Mat Lewis and Gavin Still (non member) for their hard work.

Breakfast for the Catechists will be held on Sept. 13th, volunteers will be needed.

The brunch is served after all masses on Sunday morning in the council hall. Invitations have been sent to all of the teachers and their assistants. We would like to have the brother knights and their families stop in after their mass to show appreciation and encouragement to our chatechists.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE



We are starting to recruit volunteers for our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. It funds our donations to organizations that assist people with intellectual disabilities like Camp Glow and the Special Olympics. We are looking for help in short (2 hour) shifts on Fridays and Saturdays between September 11th and October 17th.

Here are the locations and dates so far.

HUNT VALLEY GIANT

9/11&9/12, 9/25&9/26, 10/09&10/10

FRIDAY 10AM – 12 NOON, 12 Noon - 2PM, 4PM – 6PM
SATURDAY 10AM – 12 NOON, 12 NOON – 2PM

JACKSONVILLE SAFEWAY
9/18&9/19, 10/02&10/03, 10/16&10/17

FRIDAY 10AM – 12 NOON, 12 Noon - 2PM, 4PM – 6PM
SATURDAY 10AM – 12 NOON, 12 NOON – 2PM

Contact me by phone or email, see above, to indicate your preferred time and location. We will also have sign up sheets at council meetings.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Jim Schmidt Jr. 410-592-8891

We have recently acquired a pool table for the Council Home. To utilize the table we are starting a 9 Ball Pool League family activity that will meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30. The format is a four team league of six person rosters each. Three of the team's 6 players per team will play a team match so all team players need not be present at every match. Two teams will start the first match at 6:30 PM on Wednesday. The second pair of teams will report at 7:30 to follow with their match.

To make this an enjoyable family activity with handicapping performed via skill level calculations to keep matches competitive. Lower skill levels need to sink fewer shots to win a match against a higher level skill player. Wives and family members (age 12 and above) are welcome to play. There will be a small fee of \$3 each time a player shoots in a match to cover the cost of maintaining the pool table and equipment.

Ready to sign up? Send an email telling me who wants to play at lecturer@kofc8736.org and I will put you on the list. We have a limited number of slots so sign up now to be sure you are included.

Still undecided? Come to a demonstration event at 6:30 PM Wednesday on September 2nd. You can watch, play and learn about this family activity. ALL SKILL LEVELS are welcome. Coaching will be provided to help newcomers to the game progress in their skill level. Look for Pool League information to be posted soon on the LGVC website www.kofc8736.org and be in the know.

Joe

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

By the time you read this, the annual Council picnic and crab feast will be over. Over 100 people showed up making it the largest crowd in several years. With the enclosed pavilion, there was no excuse to not attend. Everyone filled up on hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausage plus lots of side dishes. Plus there was the wonderful crabs and desserts. The kids got to enjoy the pool. Mark your calendar for next year's picnic on August 22, 2010. It will be back at the same 4H camp near Rocks State park.

In October, we are planning some type of family activity that the whole family can enjoy. It might be a hayride or visit to a local fire company and then lunch. More details to follow at the September meetings.

PRO LIFE

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Pro-Life continues to ask you strongly to write all members of Congress in order to defeat the Health Care Bill that is now before them.

If you need addresses, please contact me at PGibb1@aol.com or call 410-592-2750.

LECTURER'S REPORT

Joe Wenderoth, (410) 491-5918, email lecturer@kofc8736.org

The July Lecturer program for the new 2009-2010 Council Year was an interactive presentation of Long Green Valley Council's planned programs for the coming year. Each Program Chairman provided their plans for activities and events as well as to solicit support for programs from members and invite their suggestions for improved activities. This will be followed soon with a service survey sent via link in an "all-hands" email. Please respond to the service survey when you see it. It will take only a few minutes to complete.

The August program was a visit by Monsignor John Fitzgerald of *The Apostleship of the Sea* to promote their programs to aid and support seamen visiting the port of Baltimore. As always, please advise me of any requests that you may have for Lecturer Programs for 2009-2010.

Last month's "Male and Female" puzzle answer is Bordeaux, phonetically engineered from the names of two animals (boar for male hog and doe for female deer) to form the name of a wine varietal. Advocate Jim Schmidt Sr is the winner! See him after a meeting for a free beer!

The puzzle for September follows. You can email (preferred) or snail mail answers to the Lecturer. The Knight's Ladies are also invited to compete as usual this month. The Knight's Ladies responses have been lagging lately and the men are beginning to dominate (unlike their role at home).

September Puzzle. Baseball Gear - Think of a word for an article of clothing worn below the waist. Then think of a word for an article of clothes worn above the waist. Put them together, without rearranging the letters, and you will get a word used in baseball. What is it?

Good Luck.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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

Please continue to pray for the following:

Brothers:

Marland Carlson
Joe Owens
Mike Sallese
George Landefeld

Relations:

Mary Jane Zaegel, Wife of Brother Tom Zaegel
Jerry Rowan, Uncle of Brother Thomas Rowan

Deceased:

Deborah Dozier, Wife of Brother Craig Dozier

NOTE: We have no system of routinely identifying those people whose health has improved to the point that they no longer need to be on the prayer list. Consequently, at the end of each quarter, we will delete all names that have been on the list for three or more months. Anyone with a request should contact the Chancellor, Bob McGraw, at either of the above addresses and they will be listed/reinstated on the prayer list.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joe Shimanek	1
Bill Loeffler	2
Charles Grebe	16
Ted Hartka	16
Bill Mester	18
Cal Guthrie	20
Ed Gibbons	21
Dennis Mitchell	22
John Pirisino	22

RAVENS GAMES

The Council Officers approved a plan for us to work Ravens home games just like we do the Oriole games, except that we will only have a small beer stand selling Sam Adams beer. The stand is located on the Concourse level. We need about 5 people to work each game. We are doing this to make up for the lost revenue from the Oriole games.

For all the games that start at 1:00 pm we must be there by 10:00 am. Parking is free on the lot behind the old Montgomery Wards building. If you go down Washington Blvd. go past the railroad tracks and there is an enclosed lot for you to park. It's free; the shuttle will take you to the stadium; and after the game, it will take you back.

Please phone or email me if you can help. Thank you.
Jim Schmidt Sr. 410-592-8891; snstrngjim@msn.com

The schedule for the Ravens is:

- 9/13 1:00 pm Chiefs
- 9 /27 1:00 pm Browns
- 10 /11 1:00 pm Bengals
- 11 /1 1:00 pm Broncos
- 11 /22 1:00 pm Colts
- 11 /29 8:30 Pm Steelers
- 12 /13 1:00 pm Lions
- 12 /20 1:00 pm Bears

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
SEPTEMBER				
1	Tues.		Knights' Ladies Meeting	Council Home
1	Tues.	7:05 PM	Baseball Game-Yankees	Camden Yards
3	Thurs	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
8	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting, any Rosary for Fr. Willie's deceased Mother	Council Home
10	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	
11	Fri.	8:30 AM	World Day of Prayer	St. Johns Chapel
11/12	Fri./Sat.		Tootsie Roll Drive	Giant, Hunt Valley
12/13	Sun.		Catechetical Sunday Brunch	Council Home
13	Sun.	1:00 PM	Ravens Game Beer Stand	Ravens Stadium
15	Tues.	7:00 PM	First Degree Team Meeting	Council Home
17	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Meeting	Our Lady of Grace Council
18	Fri.	7:05 PM	Baseball Game-Red Sox	Candem Yards
18/19	Fri./Sat.		Tootsie Roll Drive	Safeway, Jacksonville
19/20	Sat./Sun.		Car Raffle at all Masses	St. Johns Church
22	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home
25/26	Fri./Sat.		Tootsie Roll Drive	Giant, Hunt Valley
27	Sun.	1:00 PM	Ravens Game Beer Stand	Ravens Stadium
OCTOBER				
01	Thurs	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
02	Fri.	7:05 PM	Baseball Game-Toronto	Camden Yards
02/03	Fri./Sat.		Tootsie Roll Drive	Safeway, Jacksonville
03	Sat.	6/12 PM	Bull and Oyster Roast	St. Johns Hall
06	Tues.		Knights Ladies	
08	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	
10	Fri.		Columbus Day Ball	La Fontaine Blue
11	Sun.	1:00 PM	Ravens Game Beer Stand	Ravens Stadium
13	Tues.	7:30 PM	Business Meeting, and Rosary	Council Home
15	Thurs.	8:00PM	ABJC Meeting	
24	Sat.	6:00PM	October Fest	St. Johns Hall
24/25	Sat./Sun		Membership Blitz	St. Johns Church
27	Tues.	8:00PM	Social Meeting	Council Home



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Knights Ladies,

We have new officers for the upcoming 'year' (September).

President – Dana Rowan
Vice President – Joyce Manochch
Secretary – Jo Ann Reed
Treasurer – Janie Zaegel

By the time you read this, the September meeting will have been completed. Everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner.

You should plan now to attend the October meeting on October 6, at 7:00PM. It will be very interesting as the speaker will be Virginia Phillips and she will talk about genealogy. All of us wonder about our ancestors. Here is an opportunity to see how the Internet can help you find them.