



# VALLEY VIEWS DECEMBER 2010

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

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Dear Brothers,

As we have finished the numerous charitable activities in Nov. and given thanks for our many personal blessings, it is especially gratifying to see the spirit and enthusiasm of Father Michael McGivney so vibrantly displayed and visible throughout our Council. Many thanks to all who supported the Thanksgiving Project in any way and especially to our Leader, John Mayni, and his distribution team. It was once again very successful and please read the details in the Community Section of this newsletter.

Many thanks to Paul Weber for coordinating and leading the Council Memorial Mass, and to our Chaplain, Msgr. Rick, for the beautiful mass and homily. This was one of the most heavily attended services that we have had in many years. Thanks to all who came, and took time to remember and pray for our deceased brothers and ladies.

We are rapidly approaching the midpoint of our fraternal year, and the holiday season is upon us. Let us not forget the needy in our community who will be supported by the State Council Charity Fund. You will soon be receiving our letter requesting donations along with a return envelope. Our Council has been among the leaders in number of donations and amount donated for the last few years. We are proud of this recognition of our council, and hope to increase our support this year once again. Please respond and be generous in your tax deductible contributions to this special state program.

This is also the time of year that our worthy financial secretary will be sending out your dues notifications. It was necessary to purge six members from our roster earlier this year. There are still four members who have not paid dues for this current year. While reminders have been sent throughout the year, they will be billed for both years in this mailing. We do not desire to drop anyone for lack of dues payment. But without responses, they become a financial burden on the rest of the brotherhood. Yet we are willing to defer payments if someone is experiencing financial hardship and cannot afford the dues at this point. All that we ask is that you advise us of your situation, and actively participate in at least two council charitable projects. Current and past dues can also be paid in quarterly increments per the Council bylaws.

Included with the dues billing will be the annual service survey forms that we request you fill out and return with your dues payment. We are required to provide the totaled information from these inputs to the Supreme Council early in the coming year. It covers the 2010 calendar year, not the fraternal fiscal year. You will also have the opportunity to include an additional \$10 with your dues payment if you desire to receive the monthly newsletter via U.S. Postal Service mail. Those who paid in the current quarter will not need to pay until next year.

I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Party on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> in our Council Home. Details can be found in the Council Report section. While we are starting to see some old members get active once again, along with new members getting active, there are still numerous needs and opportunities that need your support. Please get involved and be active so you can be a part of the experience of a lifetime.

May you and your families have a joyful, safe and blessed Christmas, and may God bless us all with a wonderful and prosperous New Year. And also don't forget to stay faithful and be grateful.

Tom Zaegel

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Msgr. Rick Cramblitt



Dear Brother Knights,

The blessed season is upon us!

In the mind of most Catholics I think that Advent and Christmas are thought of as two separate seasons of the year. One is before the Christmas feast and the other after. In my own mind and heart they are not two seasons but one. Advent is time spent with a focus on the coming Christ; Christmas itself is time spent rejoicing that Christ once came; the Christmas season is time spent living out the consequences of the Incarnation. This is all one grand event that has the mystery of God-become-man at its center.

Most of us have routines that we gladly keep during these days of the Advent-Christmas season. We pray. We go to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. We shop, bake and decorate. We plan which social gatherings to attend or host. It is all wonderful, but it is all so expected! Every year we tend to do the same things, and in keeping a routine holiday we lose the sense of wonder and awe at what God has done. That is why I am encouraging you to look at the Advent-Christmas season as a single event. When the Christmas feast itself is past embrace the whole season of the Incarnation! The Christmas season lasts from Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> this year. It includes a series of great feast days and is meant to be a time of actively living out the truth of God-with-us. The actual Incarnation is anything but an expected event! Who could ever have imagined that God the Almighty would become human? If you accept this truth, then spend the entire Christmas season by acting on the implications of God who has come among us.

How do you do that? Every one can think of his own response. At St. John parish we are going to distribute a "12 Days of Christmas" program for home use. It will be full of ideas for each of the 12 days of the season. We are also going to encourage participation in a Magi Project. The three Magi brought gifts to the Christ child; we will be asking parishioners to respond to God's gift of Himself to us by making a gift of food to the poor. What better way could there be to acknowledge the truth of what we celebrate at this season?

If you pray even a little about keeping the entire Christmas season, you will be able to see how important it is that you should make a response to what we celebrate, the mystery of God-among-us. And I am sure you will devise an appropriate activity for you and for your family that will make Christmas live well beyond Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great holiday! I will see you at Mass!

## SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS In Service to One, in Service to All

### The Posada — An Advent and Christmas Celebration

The Posada is a traditional Christmas celebration that Franciscan missionaries developed in America with the goal of introducing the faith. It continues to be popular throughout the southwestern United States and all of Latin America and is a rich tradition for Knights and their families to share.

The Christmas Posada expresses perfectly the suspense and surprises of the season. It is a prayer, a play, a party and a gathering for families, parishes and whole communities. It is a celebration that children and adults can enjoy together, as well as those from all different cultural backgrounds.

Even if you are not familiar with the Christmas Posada, the Knights of Columbus invites you to join this ancient observance that will open for you the deeper meaning of a joyful season. To help you understand the tradition, the Order offers the booklet *The Posada: An Advent & Christmas Celebration* (#9898-E,S,F).

Through distribution of this booklet, the Order hopes to bring the rich Posada tradition to all Knights and their families as a way of encouraging a sharing of cultures in the Americas around the celebration of the birth of our Savior. This booklet provides all that is needed to conduct a Christmas Posada with your family and your Knights of Columbus council. Copies of the booklet can be viewed in [digital format](#) or [downloaded](#) from the Supreme Council website or ordered by using a Requisition Form (#1) and mailing it or faxing it to the Supply Department.



## STATE NEWS

Brother Knights and Ladies,

The State Council publishes two monthly newsletters. The first newsletter which comes out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month is called the Beacon and is filled with information about what has occurred over the past month both at the state and local council level and the months to come. There are also articles of good news & good deeds from our councils.

You can read the latest edition by going to our website [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org), scroll down on the right side under the image of our Blessed Mother and down several lines to the line "Beacon". Click on this and you will download the online copy.

The second newsletter is called "Leaders in Action" and comes out around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. This is intended for the council leadership as well as those who intend to step up into leadership positions. There are also articles on meeting procedures, recruitment and significant issues confronting society that we can take a lead in espousing the Church's positions. To get a copy of this e-mailed to you, let your Grand Knight know and he will add you to his distribution list.

On behalf of the Maryland State Council Officers and Ladies, I extend to you our wishes for a blessed and safe Christmas. May the peace that Jesus brought to the world overcome our worldly conditions and spread throughout the world.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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Every Council a Star Council      numbers as of 12/2010

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 14-5	1	6	-5	-1
9815 / 7-3	2	0	2	2
10100 / 7-3	0	0	0	1
11372 / 18-6	2	0	2	0
District Total	5	6	-2.00%	11.70%

Star District Goals 46 New Members; 17 Insurance Members

December is the month that we see Occasional Catholics at Mass. Make them feel welcome but missed and missing out on the spiritual and communal benefit of being a fully active member of the Catholic Church and maybe even the Knights of Columbus. That is a better gift than a tie or pair of socks.

The Mid Term Election changed a few faces in government. Pray that the newcomers and survivors will not just breathe a sigh of relief and continue business as usual.

A few key dates, to remember: First Degree December 6<sup>th</sup> at Fr. Wolfe and November 25<sup>th</sup> at Long Green Valley. A 2<sup>nd</sup> degree will be held at Fr Wolfe on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Christmas Day, December 25.

Jim Cross  
District Deputy

## **BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS NEWS**

**Sam Orlando, President, 410 531 3691; [samorlando6@yahoo.com](mailto:samorlando6@yahoo.com)**

One of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights' mission goals is to enable charitable programs for those children and adults who are vulnerable and less advantaged. To that end, we are committed to having a profound impact in the communities and on the lives of those that we assist and serve. One of our most treasured works has been serving and advocating for children and families, and those who live with developmental disabilities. The Chapter is committed to making a difference in the lives of the children who attend/reside at the Villa Maria School at the St Vincent's Center and Gallagher Services for People with Developmental Disabilities in Timonium, MD.

Our first event this fraternal year will be the Christmas Party at St. Vincent/Villa Maria and Gallagher Centers. We will provide a breakfast, entertainment, Santa Claus and presents. The date is December 4, 2010 to work at one of the locations. If you think you would like to help, please email Sam Orlando at [sorlando6@comcast.net](mailto:sorlando6@comcast.net) to be put on the list of those helping "God's Special Children"

Also, on December 9, 2010, the Chapter will hold its own Christmas party with food, music and singing to be held at Fr. A. Leo Abendschoen Council #11615. This is an open meeting and all are invited. Cost is only \$8.00 per person. Please make your reservations with Walt Wankowski at [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net) and let's start getting involved with the Chapter.

Also mark your calendar for the 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Baltimore Chapter on February 4, 2011 at Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521. Contact Pat Ruckle at [psrbelair@aol.com](mailto:psrbelair@aol.com) for more information.

## **FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

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**Faithful Navigator Mike Novak 410 515 6867; [j.m..novak@comcast.net](mailto:j.m..novak@comcast.net)**



The Archbishop John Carroll Assembly will be holding our meeting/Christmas Party on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Long Green Valley Council home. We are doing it a little different this year as Sir Knights and their ladies shall be in attendance and we are asking each Sir Knight to bring something this year. Officers should bring a bottle of wine. Sir Knights whose last name begins with A thru P bring an appetizer. Sir Knights whose name begins with a Q thru Z bring a dessert. Long Green Valley will provide the main entrees – finger foods – like meatballs or wings etc, We will be charging approximately \$10 per person to reimburse Long Green for the food and drinks.

Please let Joe Stout know if you are coming. You can reach him at 410-472-0867 or stout.je@pg.com.

We are asking for donations of personal care items for the Apostleship of the Sea or phone cards that we can send overseas to our servicemen & women. We will hold a raffle that will benefit a scholarship program.

If you can help with the set-up or kitchen help, please let Mike Sallese now at 443-852-1442.

### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Chuck Bogdanowicz, PGK: 410-592-5913; chuckbog@msn.com**

I want to welcome and congratulate our four new members who took their First Degree at our Council on November 23. They are: John Walega, Mike Patterson, John Richards and Steve Harris. Please introduce yourself to these new members and make them feel at home. We also have four other prospects which I am working on and hope to recruit them in the near future.

One of our goals this fraternal year is to get all the members in need of their Second and Third Degree completed. There is a Second Degree on January 3, 2011 at Belair Council and on February 15, at Notre Dame Council. We are planning on attending the Third Degree at Dundalk Council on February 26. There is also a Third Degree at Cardinal Gibbons Council on March 18. Please keep these dates open if you need these degrees. The membership team will be contacting you as these dates draw closer.

### **FRATERNAL BENEFITS**

**Jerry Henderson, 443 752 1694; gerald.henderson@kofc.org**

#### ***"I Already have Insurance at Work"***

Many jobs offer some form of group term life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with a professional agent. That would be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which I'd be happy to provide free of charge), any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is a very real possibility that you could change employers or lose your job ... or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case you could one day find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for privately owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis so that you'll know exactly where you stand.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

[Mike Sallese, PGK; 443-852-1442; msallese11@verizon.net](mailto:msallese11@verizon.net)

We continue to be busy with our Council activities in support of all program areas. Please check out each activity section for an activity that you can support.

On behalf of the entire program team and their ladies, we wish you a most blessed Christmas Day and Christmas season. May your holidays be filled with family, fun, peace and joy.

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

[Eric Schummacher, Director 410 557 6989, schumacherem@sjehydes.com](mailto:schumacherem@sjehydes.com)

Thanks to all who attended our Council Memorial Mass. We had several widows and family members of deceased Brother Knights and a turnout of the Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Color Corps to take part in Mass. Our thanks to Monsignor Rick for celebrating Mass.

We will hold our annual Lighting of the Creche on Sunday December 19 at 5:30 PM. Please make every effort to attend for a nice evening. Immediately afterwards, St. John will hold the Choral Concert in Church.

As always, we will be helping out on Christmas Eve by directing the automobile parking for Mass attendees. Mass will be at 4 PM, 8:00PM and Midnight. We normally help out at 4:00PM Mass. Those of you who have helped out before know how much fun it is and we encourage all our Brothers to join us. The time to meet prior to Mass will be addressed at our meetings this month, but expect to be there at least 90 minutes before Mass begins. And pray for dry weather.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

[Mike Naumann 410-592-4884 mike.n@pioneernetwork.com](mailto:mike.n@pioneernetwork.com)

Through your efforts and the full support of the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church, we have had a very busy November and accomplished what we need to accomplish in service to our fellow man. Ray Dietz and his helpers continued our tradition of busy blood drives 59 units of blood were collected, achieving our goal and helping up to 177 people. We completed another highly successful Thanksgiving food drive through your charity. We will have a full report in the January 2011 newsletter. In addition to our food drive, we raised over \$2500 for the charities we support through the Tootsie Roll Drive during October and November.

In the near future, we will be looking for volunteers for a one day work party in January to paint an interior room at the AOS Center. More info to be forthcoming.

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

[John Stansfield: 443-504-7503; ressq351@Verizon.net](mailto:ressq351@Verizon.net)

The Annual Council Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at 6:15 pm in the council home. All members and their wife/guest are invited. Dinner will consist of Filet Mignon and Crab Imperial accompanied with Caesar Salad, two vegetables, rolls & butter, dessert and coffee. Beer, wine and soda will also be available. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

Checks, payable to LGV KC #8736, must be received by December 14, 2010. Forward your check to Paul Weber, 2223 Larchmont Dr., Fallston, MD 21047. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Paul at 410-

879-0558 or email [apaulweber@msn.com](mailto:apaulweber@msn.com)

Our Ravens tailgate parties at our Council Home have been rousing successes. We will continue the parties for the rest of the season as long as you are interested. Please register for the next game by sending an email to [tailgate@kofc8736.org](mailto:tailgate@kofc8736.org) to reserve a spot for you, family members, friends, and neighbors. Come join us for food, fun and fellowship. Bring the family and help cheer the Ravens to victory. Proceeds pay for the Council Home operation, and will help fund our charitable activities. Let us know if you are coming with an email to [tailgate@kofc8736.org](mailto:tailgate@kofc8736.org) - or just drop in unannounced. No one will be turned away. There is a new feature to the menu each week. Try it, you'll like it!

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

[Jim Schmidt, Jr., PGK, 410-592-8891; jmtrn@aol.com](mailto:Jim.Schmidt@pgk.com)

St. John's Home and School Association will be holding the annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 4 from 8 to 11 AM . Cost is \$5 per person and children under 5 are free. We will be there to help Santa with his "Santa Knightline". Please let me or GK Tom know if you can help.

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

[Joshua Pippin \(410\) 292-5897 j\\_peregrin@msn.com](mailto:Joshua.Pippin@msn.com)

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest has come to a close. We will be judging the entries we receive and submitting our selections to the State Council for further judging. There will be winners in three categories: grades one through three, grades four through six, and grades seven and eight.

The Basketball Free Throw contest will be happening in January/February so we will need some more help then. Lace up your basketball shoes and start practicing your free throws – but unfortunately only the kids can go on to compete at the State Council level.

### **PRO-LIFE**

[Jim Cross, PGK & DD; 410-893-1266; James.cross@comcast.net](mailto:Jim.Cross@comcast.net)

December is not only the month that we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ but also the Immaculate Conception of Mary. With that in mind we are soliciting donations for the Ultrasound Project which is being run by Long Green Valley Council's own IPSD Richard Siejack. You may make a check out if you wish, made payable to St John's Church. Cash donations at meetings or activities will be accepted as well. Please put Ultrasound Project on the memo line to aid the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. The Supreme Council matches the money for purchasing the ultrasound machines dollar for dollar. Consider this a Christmas present for both the Baby Jesus and the babies that may retain the Gift of Life because their mothers saw their image at an ultrasound equipped Pregnancy Center.

### **LECTURER'S REPORT**

[Chuck Bogdanowicz, PGK: 410-592-5913; chuckbog@msn.com](mailto:Chuck.Bogdanowicz@msn.com)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

I am always interested in any programs or speakers you might want to have and welcome any suggestions. Please feel free to contact me if you have any contacts or leads or have a "story" I can use.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Matt Cuculis	2	Frank Henninger	4
Larry Polk	4	Jack Murphy	6
Chuck Bogdanowicz	7	Bob Black	10
Ron Carr, Jr.	12	Mike Lynch	12
Gary Bowers, II	16	Gary Terrinoni	16
Joe Wenderoth	16	Sal Bollino	17
John Stansfield	17	George FitzPatrick	21
Mike Sawyer	23	Paul Crowe	24
Ron Carr, Sr.	26	Chuck Daley	30
Rev. David Kruse	30	Mike Keegan	31

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Bob McGraw, Work 410-887-1828, Cell/Text 443-299-7732, E-mail [rsmcgraw@verizon.net](mailto:rsmcgraw@verizon.net)

**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:**

John Robinson

### **Relations:**

Tim Lince, Brother-in-Law of Brother Thomas Rowan

Tory Robinson, Wife of Brother John Robinson

William Schmidt Jr., Brother of Jim Schmidt

### **Deceased:**

Joann Kolodny Jace, Mother of Brother Kenneth Furman

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.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
02	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
04	Sat.	8:00 AM	Breakfast with Santa	Church Hall
05	Sun.	8:00 PM	RAVENS Tailgate Party	Council Home
06	Mon.	8:00 PM	First Degree	Fr. Wolfe Council
07	Tues.	6:30 PM	Ladies Meeting Christmas Party	Council Home
09	Thurs.		BCGK Christmas Party	Fr. Abendschoen Council
09	Thurs.	7:00 PM	SJE School Christmas Program Poster awards Ceremony	St. Johns Church
12	Sun.	8:30 PM	RAVENS Tailgate Party	Council Home
14	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
19	Sun.	12:30 PM	RAVENS Tailgate Party	Council Home
19	Sun.	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Light up for Christ(creshe) followed by church Choir concert and social	Church Hall
21	Tues	6:15 PM	Council Christmas party	Council Home
23	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Assembly Meeting	
24	Fri.	2:00 PM	Parking for 4:00PM Christmas Mass	
25	Sat.		Christmas	
26	Sun.	12:30 PM	RAVENS Tailgate Party	Council Home
28	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
<b>JANUARY</b>				
01	Sat.		HAPPY NEW YEAR	
02	Sun.	12:30 PM	RAVENS Tailgate Party	Council Home
06	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
08	Sat.		Mid Term Meeting and Pro Life Mass	Cardinal Gibbons
11	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
16	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	
20	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Meeting	Fr. O'Neil Council
22	Sat.	6:00PM	Spaghetti Dinner/ Pro Life Day	St. Johns Hall
24	Mon.		March For Life	Washington, DC
25	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home
30	Sun.		Tentative Sour Beef & Dumplings Dinner	
31	Mon.		Annual Fraternal Activities Survey Due	



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# Knights Ladies of Long Green

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The Ladies will not have any meetings during the month of January but will hit the ground running in February with a speaker from the Department of Mental Health. Ms. Susan Parks will be presenting an uplifting talk on the benefits of having an "Attitude of Gratitude". It will be an excellent opportunity to lift us out of those dark and dreary February doldrums. Anyone is welcome - so spread the word. We meet at 7:00 PM in the Knights' hall. There will be a brief meeting prior to the presentation. Coffee, soft drinks, and desserts will be served. See you there.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas holiday. And Happy New Year!!!!

President Dana Rowan