

# VALLEY VIEWS

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### GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

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Brothers,

In the tradition I have established as Grand Knight, I will continue to provide my vision for LGVC in these Grand Knight messages. If you remember, my vision is incremental improvements with three focus areas. I'll update each area monthly with results and actions.

**Membership:** We're using a life cycle perspective (i.e maturing both new and existing members through degrees and avoiding Retention issues). Membership Director PSD, PGK Dick Siejack has enthusiastically geared up to lead the membership program and we have asked Worthy Warden Tom Rowan and Deputy Grand Knight Bob Renshaw to join us as the Core Membership Team. Other supporting members include Paul Weber, Financial Secretary and Chuck Bogdanowicz, previous Membership Director. Of course we count on all LGVC members to help us recruit and retain members. Dick and I plan to systematically communicate with everyone on the roster and reacquaint ourselves with members in one-on-one or small group sessions. Our goal is reinvigorating the Council from within and without. We will use a checklist with each member so that we understand all their concerns, interests and issues. This focus is not so much on Council growth in numbers but in quality activities, and practice of charity, fraternity and unity principles of the Order. We are always on the lookout for a "few good men" to swell the ranks. We'll zero in on prospective candidates who are already making a difference in the community and welcome them to join our family oriented Council.

**Council Home facility:** A series of repairs and renovations are in progress as we systematically maintain and improve the Council Home. In July, we have already held three meetings and three activity events. In all 6 cases, we used the new AV System to advantage to improve our presentation or add entertainment value to the gathering. Meanwhile, Jim Schmidt Sr and Tom Rowan have projects in motion to complete planned repairs or upgrades. We will



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continue to emphasize activities close to home.

**Communications:** We have communicated well in the past, but new and improved communications methods are available now. A Communications Team has been formed to integrate the functions of the Valley Views Newsletter, LGVC email, telephone rosters, mailings, meeting reports and minutes and other networking methods. We'll figure out what works, how to coordinate the various communication activities for efficiency and how we can best keep everyone informed on a timely basis. The new LGVC Weekly all hands email is an example. We have been able to update everyone (with email) on a weekly basis and to let them know when there is breaking information posted at our web site.

Remember, above all is charity, a selfless commitment inspired by our faith and extended to our community. I close with an altered phrase borrowed from another new administration in 1960. "Ask not what your Council can do for you, but what can you do for your Council."

Vivat Jesus

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Brother Knights,

"Time flies when you are having fun." There is a lot of truth to that age-old adage when you think back that it seems such a short time since our outgoing officers were installed. And now we have another Installation ceremony on August 14 for our new Officers. I am sure these new officers can be assured of continued support and prayers from all of their Brother Knights.

Prayer is, or at least should be, an active part of all Knights' lives. As we start off our new Fraternal year, let us all vow to work harder on our prayer life—praying for ourselves, our families, our Council, our new leaders, and of course for peace and justice throughout the world for those who live and those who very much want to.

## SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

In Service to One, in Service to All

My Brothers,

At the recent Grand Knight's College we shared the first of the new Knights of Columbus one minute TV commercials. That first ad titled "Legacy" was met with great enthusiasm. Last week, the second spot in the series was made available on the Supreme website. The second ad titled "Be the Difference" is just as powerful as the first. And now the third in the series, "Healing Haiti's Children" is available.

I encourage all MD knights to go to the Supreme website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). The new ad should play automatically the first time you enter the site. If it doesn't, click on the "Healing Haiti's Children" picture in the rotating slides just below the main image. You will be taken to a link that

will play the new video.

In fact, all three ads - "Legacy" "Be the Difference" and "Healing Haiti's Children" - are now available for download from the Supreme website in either Windows Media Player or RealPlayer/Quicktime format. I encourage everyone to download these great videos and use them to tell our story to everyone especially Catholic men who are not yet Knights. As one of the new ads says, "Be the Difference!" This is a great recruiting tool!

Vivat Jesus!, Steve Ransdell



**STATE NEWS**

The Maryland State Council is holding our annual Family Picnic on Saturday September 10, 2011 at Prince Georges Council #2809 in College Park. The Council Home address is 9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park MD. The picnic time is noon to 6 PM. We will begin with a Civil War Mass at noon with a display by Civil War re-enactors. There will be plenty of games like volleyball, horseshoes, bocce ball, basketball and more. The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, barbequed chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, string beans, assorted desserts, ice cream, soda, ice tea, water, beer and wine. Music by DJ WAZIN. The cost is \$10 per person. Children 12 and under are free. See your Grand Knight for reservation form. The deadline for reserving a spot at the picnic is September 1, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Chairman Brian Werring at [bwerring@md.metrocast.net](mailto:bwerring@md.metrocast.net)

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

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**Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 7/21/2011)**

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 13-5	1	0	1	0
9815 / 83	0	0	0	0
10100 / 8-3	0	1	1	0
11372 / 17-6	2	0	2	1
District Total	3	1	2	1

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

The Maryland State Council Charity Fund Golf Tournament is on Friday, August 26, 2011 at Oakmont Green Golf Club in Hampstead, MD. \$85 fee. Support this fundraiser and contribute in the Charity Fund Envelopes this year.

Membership is the lifeblood of every council. Share your interest in your council and your faith in a casual and comfortable way frequently. Selling Car Raffle tickets or giving away Tootsie Rolls are also good icebreakers.

A few key dates, to remember: First Degree at Fr Wolfe Aug 15 & Long Green Sept 20. Installations at Our Lady of Grace August 6 and Long Green August 14.

Vivat Jesus! Jim Cross PGK, District Deputy #4

## **BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS**

Vince Grauso, President, FDD, PGK, PFN

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on Aug 11th at 8pm. The topic for the evening presentation will be "How to Write and Win State Council Quarterly Reports."

Please send a representative from your council.

Thank you.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Tom Zaegel PGK, 410-557-4465, tomzaegel1@comcast.net

Bob Elliott, Chris Phillips, Tom Rowan and I represented our council at the recent Mason Dixon Council golf tournament for their charity fund raiser. It was held on Friday, July 8 at Pleasant Valley Golf Club. It was a beautiful day and we had a great time, even though we did not win. They didn't sell mulligans, so we had to do our best without them. We had numerous opportunities with putts stopping just a couple inches from the cup, but fell short.

**Many thanks to Paul and Mary Weber for handling the Steak Out dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup>. As always it was a first class affair. And Chuck Bogdanowicz did a terrific job cooking the steaks on our new grill. We were very pleased that our Chaplain, Msgr. Rick Cramblitt, and our SJE weekend associate, Msgr. Rick Woy, were able to join us for the evening. Everyone had a great time and the evening was capped off with the movie Secretariat shown on our big screen. It was great to see many of our veteran brothers there with their wives. Hopefully we can repeat this again later in the year.....it was really fun!**

We are still looking for a leader for the Pro Life area. If you would like to volunteer, we would be most grateful. You can contact me or Grand Knight Joe Wenderoth if interested.

If any of you are planning vacations this month, as yours truly is, we wish you a great time and safe travels. Other than installations, baseball and council meetings, looks like a quiet month for us. But we'll make up for it in Sept.

Please see the Program Leaders reports that follow, and check out the web site for any new developments.



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Pat Donohue, 410-941-5025, [donohuepj@comcast.net](mailto:donohuepj@comcast.net)

LGVC will continue our traditional 5th Sunday Mass attendance with some new twists. Our first for this council year was held at 9AM on Sunday, 7/31. Brother Knights and their families gathered in the Narthex before Mass and sat as a group in reserved seating close to the altar. Several members presented the offertory gifts. After Mass, Knights, family members, friends, and fellow parishioners gathered for coffee, donuts, and refreshments at the Council Home. A special thanks to Martha Schumacher at the parish office, the Knights' Ladies, and all who attended and supported this event.

Starting with the next 5th Sunday Mass on October 30th, we will feature a breakfast buffet after Mass along with a preview of the upcoming Sunday football games (we hope) on our large-screen TV. **This is a great opportunity to display our charity, fraternity, unity, and parish support. We look forward to seeing you there!!!!**

Pat Donohue will represent LGVC as an at-large voting member of the **Parish Council** for a one-year period starting in September. Updates of parish activities, plans, etc. will be listed in future newsletters.

Our Council will support the following **upcoming parish events**, beginning in September:

- SJE Wine Festival
- Catechetical Sunday Brunch
- Ministry Fair

More details to follow.

Yours in Christ, Pat Donohue

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Ray Dietz, Director, 410 592 5377, [craytrek@comcast.net](mailto:craytrek@comcast.net)

At the last meeting in July, our Programs Director Tom Zaegel read a recent letter from Msgr. Fitzgerald at the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry in Dundalk. It was also noted that Msgr. had some recent health issues as well. The letter advised that financial support has dropped off significantly over the past several months. While they have completed most of the expansion and major renovations project, they still need donations to sustain their operations. He recognizes that we are in times of financial distress in general.

Our Council has been a staunch supporter of the Msgr. and this ministry. Therefore, at the business meeting on August 9th, we will "pass the hat" among those attending to raise some cash, and we will vote on a motion to send a check donation from the Council funds in addition.

If anyone can be available to take the lead in an on-going support project, including if possible active participation at the facility, please contact Ray Dietz, Tom Zaegel (PGK) or Joe Wenderoth (GK). Please pray for Msgr's. return to good health and the success of this special ministry to our merchant seafarers.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Paul Weber, PGK, 410-879-0558, [apaulweber@msn.com](mailto:apaulweber@msn.com)

The installation of officers will be held on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 11:15 am Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church. A luncheon will be served in the church hall after the installation ceremony. All members and their wives are invited to attend. Reservations are required for the luncheon. If you plan

to attend the luncheon, please notify GK Joe Wenderoth not later than August 5<sup>th</sup> at 410-592-9718 or by email at [joewenderothsr@gmail.com](mailto:joewenderothsr@gmail.com)

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the council will host a "pizza and game night" in the council hall starting at 6:15 pm. The menu will include salad, pizza, dessert and assorted beverages followed by a game of chance that all can play. Be a HERO and treat your wife to a relaxing and enjoyable evening with your Brother Knights and their wives. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Your reservation and check must be received by September 13. Checks are payable to KC #8736 and mailed to Paul Weber, 2223 Larchmont Dr., Fallston, MD 21047.

The council's First Degree Team is busy preparing for upcoming degrees and is always looking for additional volunteers to fill both the speaking and non-speaking roles. If any brother is interested in being part of this most rewarding work, please contact Paul Weber or GK Joe Wenderoth.



### FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Our Ice Cream Social celebrating the Nation's 235th Birthday and the Council's 27th was celebrated on July 5th at the Council Home. Prigel Creamery on Long Green Road gave us an introduction to their farm operation on the big screen and we also sampled their home made ice cream afterward along with our birthday cake.

We'll see if there is interest for a tour of the creamery to watch them make ice cream.

The summer scavenger hunt project is underway under the leadership of brother John Canoles. There are currently 18 registered participants and all but 3 are students at SJE school. There are over 50 questions for the sleuths to solve by canvassing various areas throughout the local Harford and Baltimore Counties areas. Responses are due during the first week of September after the kids return to school. Winners will be announced and prizes distributed at one of the school and / or Church programs.

We are still trying to develop plans for a council family picnic. Anyone interested in helping out is requested to contact Tom Zaegel (PGK) or Joe Wenderoth (GK) as soon as possible. We would like to do something on a weekend at the end of August or early September.

The Schmidt family was recognized as Family of the Month at our July Social Meeting. Jim Sr has been an invaluable leader of the Home Committee and keeps our facility in great working order. Jim Jr leads our Baseball Concession team with his retail experience and savvy. He spends many hours for LGVC at Camden Yards ensuring that we are successful in this important fund raiser. Between them they form much of the energy that make us a successful organization.

### PRO-LIFE DIRECTOR

**Have a Heart for the Innocent**

Protect Children



The Defend Life organization of Maryland conducted several rallies at different locations throughout the state from July 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. These rallies are intended to give visibility to the pro-life efforts by visibly and very graphically showing the general public that happens to be in the area what abortion truly is. Thus it is called the "Face the Truth Tour". The goal is to convince everyone that

abortion should not only be illegal, but also to make it unthinkable. Many pro-life supporters are concerned that these tactics are too gross and many of the visuals used are too extreme, especially for the younger children that happen to be there as well. It is unfortunate that when you are in a war like this it becomes necessary to fight ugly with ugly. But the shock factor has been successful on numerous occasions. "We

live in a highly visual, semi-literate society” as expressed in the June Defend Life letter sent to us. These facts are not shown in the mainstream or other media. So these passionate defenders of life feel that the only way to bring attention to this cause and get change, is to take it to the streets.

There was also an article in the July 19th issue of The Catholic Review advising of the favorable rulings for pro life supporters by two judges this month. One of these was related to these Face the Truth activities in Harford County. Hopefully you saw this encouraging article. If not, you can find it on the Catholic Review web site: [www.catholicreview.org](http://www.catholicreview.org).

Another more peaceful way to support the pro-life efforts is by praying. The Archdiocese of Baltimore is sponsoring a Summer of Mercy 2.0 project and encouraging all of us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for 9 days from July 30th through August 7th. For more details please check their web site at <http://www.summerofmercy.com/>.

### YOUTH REPORT

Joe Owens PGK, Director, 410 557 6860, [kcjto@comcast.net](mailto:kcjto@comcast.net)

We do not have any planned activities for youth programs for the month of August. However, as the new Youth Activities Director for this fraternal year, I am planning to conduct an essay contest in September. The theme will be "My favorite Summer Activity". We will coordinate with Mrs. Delcher and her designated focal point at SJE School. We will also place an article and / or flier in the bulletin in late August. We will include all the children throughout the parish for participation and will contact Theresa Konitzer so the kids in the Religious Education Program will get direct contact as well. This is a great time to catch the kids coming back from the summer vacation and will allow them the opportunity to tell us all about it. The details are still be worked out, including judging criteria and prizes. However our target for conclusion is mid September at this time. I will be looking for some assistance with the judging and would greatly appreciate any volunteers for support.

### LECTURER'S REPORT

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



We featured the “All Star Game” on our big screen system after our business meeting in July. We showed a series of Knights of Columbus television ads which were produced by the Supreme Council at our social meeting. Please plan on coming to the August meetings to see what the next feature will be. I also have better material, thanks to the generosity of my brother members.

As always, I am 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 “Good story” I can use.

### 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



Paul Oliphant  
Msgr. John Collopy  
John Stansfield  
Bill Seibert  
George Thuman

Relations:

Tory Robinson, Wife of Brother John Robinson  
Karyn Hamilton, Daughter of Grand Knight Joe Wenderoth  
Nancy Pfister, Mother of Brother Ed Pfister and Grandmother of Brother Jimmy Greene  
Barbara Hartka, wife of Brother Ted Hartka  
Angela Sallesse, Sister of Brother Mike Sallesse

Deceased:

Joseph Murphy, Uncle-In-Law of Brother Harry Pippin  
Father Ed Hemler passed away he was the recent Pastor at St. Marks and the Chaplin of the Bel Air Council.

Other:

Jim Nelson Grand Knight of Our Lady of Grace

***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.***

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dick Siejack, IPSD, 410-557-9298, rvsiejack@aol.com

Brothers,

A special thank you and welcome to DGK Bob Renshaw and Warden Tom Rowan for accepting additional responsibilities to work with the Membership/Retention Team. They were appointed by GK Joe Wenderoth along with others who will focus their attention on Retention Activities.

Summer time is a **"Great Opportunity"** to recruit a new member into the Knights of Columbus. If you have the name of a family member, fellow parishioner, co-worker, neighbor or friend that you think would make a good Knight, please notify our Grand Knight or any member of the **Membership Team**. We will follow-up and you will receive the credit as his proposer and mentor. We seek new members for our Council to continue our growth in the many "Surge for Service" Council Programs.

Yes, we need **"NEW BLOOD, NEW IDEAS and NEW ENERGIES."** Do you carry a form #100 Membership Application on you at all times? Have you asked a Catholic man to join our Council? If you succeed and he becomes a Brother Knight you would be doing him and his family a good service as well as extending to them the **"Experience of a Lifetime."**

"May the good Lord continue to touch your hearts with love and mercy."  
Vivat Jesus



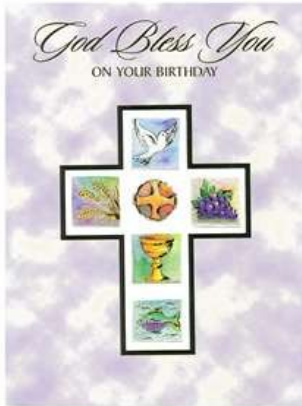
**INSURANCE**

Mark Bateman, Benefits Advisor; 410 340-8561; [mark.bateman@kofc.org](mailto:mark.bateman@kofc.org)

Bob Marlowe, State Insurance Director, has informed us that Jerry Henderson has moved on to another opportunity. Mark Bateman will be our new benefits advisor effective July 1, 2011. Mark and his wife Carol have four children and are long time Baltimore residents, living in Catonsville. Mark is active in his community and parish, volunteering as an usher at St Mark's. As a financial advisor he will be a resource to members.

Mark will visit us in August to introduce himself to the Council. Should you need to contact him, his number is 410 340-8561 and his email address is [mark.bateman@kofc.org](mailto:mark.bateman@kofc.org).

**BIRTHDAYS**



Craig Dozier	02	Bill Ensor	02
Ken Furman	02	Bob Cyphers	13
Jim Cross	14	Bob McGraw	15
Jim Schmidt, Sr. 15		Paul Schmidt	18
Dick Spinner	20	Russ Smick	21
Bob Dee	23	Mike Rusk	23
Doug Byerly	26	Mike Curran	26
Larry Daniels	27	Dick Weger	27
Tom Weber	28		

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bill & Frances Seibert	02 (53 years)
Pat & Marilyn Donohue	12 (33 years)
Bob & Diane Elliott	15 (24 years)
Ed & Carol Nordberg	16 (53 years)
Gene & Carol Messenger	20 (51 years)

**BASEBALL GAMES**

Bob Renshaw, 410-592-8406, [baltobob@comcast.net](mailto:baltobob@comcast.net)

We are down to only six more games this season, two of which are with New York and Boston. This is the time of year in which many of our regular volunteers are on vacation and we need others to step up and take their place. Please check your schedule against our games and volunteer for any additional games you can. Those who worked the Friday game on July 15 can attest to how valuable one or two more workers would have been.

Prior to each remaining game, those who have been trained will receive an email from Tom Zaegel and possibly a follow-up call from Bob Renshaw. Please respond either way, so that we can avoid duplicate contacts.

Our remaining schedule is as follows:

Aug 5 (Fri)	7:05 – Toronto	Aug 12 (Fri)	7:05 - Detroit
Aug 26 (Fri)	7:05 – Yankees	Sept 1 (Thurs)	7:05 - Toronto
Sept 16 (Fri)	7:05 - Los Angeles	Sept 26 (Mon)	7:05 - Boston

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LONG GREEN VALLEY COUNCIL 8736

AUGUST						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Officers meeting Council Home 7 PM	5 Baseball Game Toronto Camden Yards at 7:05 PM	6
7	8	9 Business Meeting Council Home at 8 PM	10	11 BCGK Meeting at 8 PM	12 Baseball Game Tigers Camden Yards at 7:05 PM	13
14 Installation of Officers at St. Johns Parish at 11:15	15	16	17	18 ABJC Assembly Meeting Council Home 8 PM	19	20
21	22	23 Social Meeting Council Home 8:00 PM	24	25	26 Baseball Game Yankees Camden Yards at 7:05 PM State Council Golf Outing Oakmont Golf Course at 1 pm	27
28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Officers meeting Council Home 7 PM	9	10 Pizza Party Council Home at 6:15 PM
11	12	13 Business Meeting Council Home at 8 PM	14	15 BCGK Meeting at 8 PM	16 Baseball Game Angles Camden Yards at 7:05PM	17
18	19		21	18 ABJC Assembly Meeting Council Home 8 PM	23	24
25	26 Baseball Game Red Sox Camden Yard 7:05PM	27 Social Meeting First Degree Council Home at 8:00PM	28	29	30	

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**Long Green Valley Council No. 8736**  
**c/o Tom Zaegel,**  
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## Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

**Cassie Wenderoth, President, [cassiewenderoth@gmail.com](mailto:cassiewenderoth@gmail.com)**

Ladies,

Now that summer is unfortunately half over, we are getting closer to the opening of a new year in October when we next meet. Meanwhile please spend a few minutes to think of any ideas you may have for Activities this coming year and email to one of the officers. Be on the look out for ladies to join us next year.

Remember that we have no meeting in September. We start October 4. Stay tuned to your e-mails and read the September Newsletter.

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