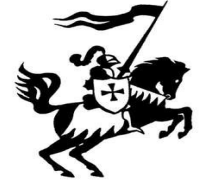


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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

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Membership: The State membership goal is one new member per Council per month. Please consider asking a Catholic man to join. As we strive to reengage existing members and step up our retention effort, a service survey inquiry was sent by US Mail to reach the widest possible audience. Members are asked to estimate hours of personal service for 2012, whether for the Knights other organizations or on their own, so that we can accumulate the hours for our annual report to Supreme.

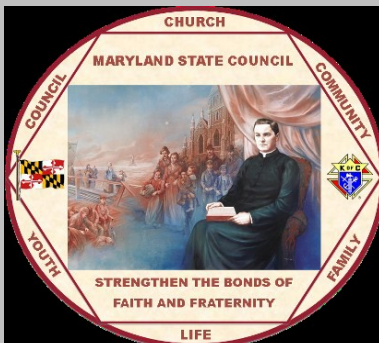
Council Home Facility: We have completed internet reception improvements that improve our capabilities for meetings and social events. Please consider renting the Council Home, or recommending it to family, friends or neighbors for their family party. We will also consider regular rentals by businesses to supplement the private parties.

Communications: The updated Communications Policy will consolidate changes made incrementally over the last two decades to keep pace with rapidly changing technologies and cost reduction. We will mail all members a copy because the policy states responsibilities of the Council and of each member for effective communication. It will also allow each member to specify what they want to receive and how from among the options we provide. Primarily, we are adding more emphasis on email and the web site. We can also use your help. Ask a Brother Knight friend to attend our events with you.

Service: Our new focus area is more emphasis on service to those in need. You can do this by helping those in need, especially Brother Knights and their families and parish families who have illnesses or other issues.

Remember, above all is charity, a selfless commitment inspired by our faith and extended to our LGVC and SJE 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."

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On Sunday, October 21st, Pope Benedict presided over Mass at the Vatican and canonized seven new saints. These men and women are given to the Church as examples of holiness and are worthy of imitation in the strength of their faith. They are:

- St. Jacques Berthieu d. 1896, - a French Martyr)
- St. Pedro Calungsod (d. 1672 – a Philippino Martyr)
- St. Giovanni Battista Piamarta (d. 1913 – an Italian Founder of religious communities)
- St. Maria del Carmel (d. 1911 – a Spanish Foundress of a religious community)
- St. Marianne Cope (d. 1918 – a German-American)
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha (d. 1680 – a Native American)
- St. Anna Schaeffer (d. 1925 – a German laywoman.)

Two of these seven are American saints.

Marianne Cope was a Sister of St. Francis of Syracuse, N.Y. She went to Hawaii to care for the lepers and it was she who nursed St. Damien of Molokai when he himself became a leper. Following his death, she continued his work among those stricken with leprosy. “At a time when little could be done for those suffering with this terrible disease Marianne Cope showed the highest love, courage and enthusiasm.” (Pope Benedict XVI) She was an immigrant from Germany to the United States in those days of the great waves of immigration. (More Germans came to the USA than any other immigrant group.) She is called the “Angel of the Lepers.”

Kateri Tekakwitha is known as the “Lilly of the Mohawks.” She converted at the age of 20 and was promptly persecuted by her own people. She fled to Canada (near Montreal) and there was noted for her intense spirituality. She only lived to the age of 24. In the list of saints she is noted as “American laywoman.” She is indeed a true American – not an immigrant like John Neuman, nor the descendant of Europeans like Mother Seton. St. Kateri is a woman of the soil of this great continent. “Kateri impresses us by the action of grace in her life in spite of the absence of external help and by the courage of her vocation, so unusual in her culture. In her, faith and culture enrich each other. May her example help us to live where we are, loving Jesus without denying who we are. St. Kateri, Protectress of Canada and first Native American saint, we entrust to you the renewal of faith in the first nations and in all of North America. May God bless the First Nations.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

Pope Benedict has rightly noted the “in every age saints are the true reformers of the Church’s life.” It is the saints who have called the Church to close conformity with Jesus and they have done it by the simple example of their own life. They lead us to look at our own humble lives so that we might be inspired to be like them in their profound following of Jesus.

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SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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New Cardinals

On October 24th, Pope Benedict XVI announced a Nov. 24 consistory to create six new cardinals. Among them are two members of the Knights of Columbus.

Cardinal-designate James M. Harvey is a Wisconsin native and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee by Pope Paul VI on June 29, 1975, in St. Peter's Basilica, following his studies at the Pontifical North American College. Pope John Paul II appointed him Prefect of the Papal Household and consecrated him a bishop on March 19, 1998, and elevated him to the dignity of archbishop on Sept. 29, 2003.

Cardinal-designate Harvey is a member of Milwaukee-Pere Marquette Council 524 and Bishop Henni Assembly 1196 in Milwaukee. While announcing his elevation to the college of cardinals, Pope Benedict XVI also indicated that Cardinal-designate Harvey would be appointed Archpriest of St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of the four papal basilicas in Rome.

Cardinal-designate Luis Antonio G. Tagle was born in Manila and ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Imus on Feb. 27, 1982. Pope John Paul II appointed him bishop of that diocese and he was consecrated and installed on Dec. 12, 2001, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Last year, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Archbishop of Manila where he was installed on Dec. 12.

From 1987-1991, Cardinal-designate Tagle studied at The Catholic University of America in Washington, earning his doctorate in Sacred Theology, summa cum laude. He later taught theology at the Ateneo de Manila University.

Cardinal-designate Tagle was a Columbian Squire and, as a seminarian, received a Father George Willmann, S.J. scholarship from Filipino Knights. He is a member of Mother of God Council 15427 in Luzon.

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STATE COUNCIL NEWS

William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy

Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity

One invitation we don't want you to miss is the Annual Maryland State Council Memorial Mass on Sunday November 11, 2012, at Father Donald's parish, St. Clement Mary Hofbauer, 1212 Chesaco Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21237. If you haven't done so already, it's time to turn in those names of brothers or wives of brothers who passed away this past year. The Necrology will be read beginning at 2:30 P.M. and Mass will begin at 3:00 P.M.

In order to get the names of fallen brothers or wives on the necrology list it is important to send the names to Brother Pat Corcoran, 1602 Martha Court, Unit 302, Bel Air, MD 21015 This must be done immediately as Pat needs time to prepare the list for Mass.

Wouldn't it be nice if every council was represented at this Mass? Our hope is that those of you who had known those that died would be present to celebrate and pray for their souls. Put it on your calendar and bring several friends and the widows of your fallen brothers. Make a day of it and go out and eat afterwards and share the day.

Please remember that we have an important election this Tuesday November 6th. Please urge your family, friends, neighbors to use this right to vote that has been given us by the very blood of so many brave men and women who have died for our freedom. To shirk this responsibility at so critical a time, is to fail our call to be faithful citizens. Be sure to vote and remember that you should vote your conscience.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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Brothers,

Sherri and I wish to be the first to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope the day is spent with family and friends. There might even be some football games on the TV.

District 27 has had a 2nd Degree Team for a number of years. Lately the team has been made up of Brother Knights of Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council. We would like to get all our councils involved in some way so we are inviting all interested Knights to consider joining the team either in a speaking or non-speaking role. If you are interested, please contact District Warden Johnm Schmidt at 443-686-2441 or JohnRSchmidt@catholic.org. We have a 1st Degree Exemplification within the District almost monthly and could use a 2nd Degree for the new members on a bi-monthly basis but need members to put on the 2nd Degree. Please remember how significant the 2nd Degree was to yo and join us to offer the Degree to others.

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BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will hold our annual Memorial Mass on Thursday November 8, beginning at 8:00 PM at Holy Family Church in Randallstown. We will honor all the deceased Past Grand Knights and Chapter Officers, especially those who have passed away since November, 2011. Please make plans to attend.

On Saturday December 1, 2012 the Chapter will once again sponsor a "Breakfast with Santa" for the children of Villa Maria/St. Vincent de Paul and the adults of Gallagher Center. Help is always needed and appreciated for this special event. Please contact me or Mike Sallesse if you can help out.

Please remember that our meetings are open to all Council Officers and Activity Chairmen and any other Brother Knight who would like to attend.

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FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Brother Knights,

I welcome all my Brother Knights who have not yet done so, to consider taking the next step in the Knights of Columbus. I invite 3rd degree members to join our 4th degree Archbishop John Carroll Assembly. Our Assembly meeting night is on the Third Thursday of each month at 8 pm. We rotate the location of our Assembly meetings between 5 councils to enable our 4th degree Sir Knight members to meet in their own council homes during the fraternal year. The Assembly has been meeting at Long Green Council in Hydes, Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council in Abingdon, Our Lady of Grace Council in Parkton, Fr. O'Neill Council in Lutherville, and St Ignatius Council in Hickory.

If you wish to join, mark your calendar for the next 4th degree exemplification, which will be conducted on Saturday, March 3, 2013 in Frederick, Md. Our next meeting will be at the Long Green Valley Council Home on November 15, 2012 where we will conduct our Memorial Mass in St John's Historic Church at 8 pm for the deceased members of our Assembly. You are invited to attend the Mass and share our refreshments after Mass in the Church Hall. If you would like more information about the process of joining the 4th Degree, please contact either your Grand Knight, a 4th degree member of your council or me - Tom Wojtek @ 410.893.1934 or twojtek@comcast.net. I would be glad to help any knight interested in reactivating your 4th degree membership or transferring to our Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378.

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PROGRAM DIRECTORTom Zaegel, PGK...410-557-4465...TomZaegel1@comcast.net

I encourage you all to not only read the program articles that follow, but also to get involved. We have many charitable activities going on at this time of the fraternal year, and your help and support is greatly needed and appreciated by those we serve. In addition, there are many more charitable programs that we would love to conduct if we had more leaders step forward. While financial donations are greatly appreciated and very helpful to our cause, we desperately need more active involvement and participation. It is regrettable that the 20 / 80 rule applies to our council.....only about 20% of the brothers actively participate and support the programs. While we recognize that many of our members who are getting up in age are not as able to participate as in the past, we need some of the younger brothers to step up and fill the gaps. As has been reported, even our financial support has been dropping off severely. Case in point is the major reduction in the car raffle donations which comprises a significant portion of our annual council income.....not to mention the State Council Charity Fund. We are entering into the season where we are typically most generous to all of the programs and people with serious needs. I encourage all of my fraternal brothers to be as charitable as possible with not only your donations, but also your time and talents.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIESPat Donohue...410-941-5025...donohuepj@comcast.net**October Fifth Sunday Mass**

The Fifth Sunday Mass and Activity for September was held on the 29th. We are trying to rotate the Mass times to allow as much opportunity and participation as possible. We decided to combine this event with a Council Activity and to move the event to Saturday evening Mass along with a Pot Luck dinner and movie. Over 25 Knights and family members came together to celebrate and share the Eucharist at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Hydes, Maryland on Saturday, September 29th at the 5 p.m. Mass. Our group sat in a reserved section of the Church, and participated in several aspects of the celebration including Presentation of the Gifts and Eucharistic Ministry at Communion. We were very pleased that our Pastor and Council Chaplain, Monsignor Rick Cramblitt celebrated the Mass and attended the dinner after Mass. As a result, we were able to further demonstrate our involvement in the Parish Family Life for the parishioners in attendance.

Veterans Day Program

Under the leadership of Bill Bilo, LGVC will make a Veterans Day presentation in the church hall after 9 am mass on November 11th. We are asking all council members and their families to attend this program in support of our military veterans that have proudly served our great nation. Please wear your LGVC nametags as a sign of unity and fraternity. If you are a Veteran and would like to participate in any way or

have any suggestions please contact Bill and / or GK Joe Wenderoth as soon as possible.

Memorial Mass

The annual Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 27th. The mass will be in the St. John's Chapel starting at 7 PM and a reception will follow in the council home. Please plan to attend to pay your respects for former LGVC members and their families that are in attendance as well as all deceased brother knights. If you know any of the widows of our deceased brothers, please feel free to contact them and offer your encouragement and possible transportation.

Parish Clean-Up

The fall parish clean-up will be held on a Saturday in November. We will send out an update in the weekly news summary as soon as a specific date/time is provided from the parish office. We will need volunteers to help with the clean up especially around the council home.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

BLOOD DRIVE

Ray Dietz, Chairman

Our Fall Blood Drive is on Saturday, November 17th from 7am to 1pm sponsored by The Long Green Valley Council of the Knights of Columbus. It will be held at our usual location in the now much improved & renovated Church Hall located at St John The Evangelist Catholic Church 13305 Long Green Pike Hydes MD 21082.

Kindly email craytrek@comcast.net or call [410-592-5377](tel:410-592-5377) for your preferred time. Appointments are scheduled in 15 minute intervals throughout the morning. You may also sign up for donation times the weekend before, at all masses.

Again this is the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Our goal is 75 to 80 acceptable donors which helps to save nearly 250 lives.

THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Paul C. Wimmer, Chairman

A letter was mailed to all Council members on October 19th detailing our Annual Thanksgiving Project. If you have not responded to date, please consider participating in this worthwhile project.

Long Green Valley has been conducting this Community Activity 22 consecutive years! The project was started by Brother Jim Welsh and has gradually grown in size and scope over the years because of your continuing support. Of all the Council's charitable activities throughout the year, the Thanksgiving Project is by far the largest. We touched the lives of approximately 1,190 individuals (which included 350 families) during the holidays last year.

This year we are going to support the **100 needy families registered** with the Missionaries of Charity-Gift of Hope Convent's outreach program. We will also provide fresh turkeys and all the items needed to make a complete Thanksgiving dinner for the Nuns and AIDS patients at the convent. In addition, we are planning to provide cooked turkeys and all the items needed to make a complete Thanksgiving dinner for

the **50 men** residing at Our Daily Bread Employment Center and for the center's staff. Finally, due to construction/renovations currently in progress at Beans and Bread, they are not having a food distribution program this year; however, we are planning to provide baked pies for their Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Your donations of nonperishable food items or money to our Council's Thanksgiving Project will provide a ray of hope during the holiday season to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Baltimore City.

Please call me at 410-592-5943 if you can help with the project food pick-ups and/or deliveries which are tentatively scheduled to take place between 7:00 am and 12:00 pm on November 19th and 21st. **Exact delivery dates will be firmed up in early November.**

I also need volunteers to purchase **and** cook a 16 – 20 pound turkey ready for pickup on the 20th of November. Call me for pickup arrangements. Note that the turkeys are baked without stuffing and placed in a covered aluminum tray for delivery. Your continued support of our food program is greatly appreciated.

Our Apostleship of the Sea outreach in the Port of Baltimore is going strong. If you are thinking of joining with Brothers Bill Bilo and Chuck Bogdanowicz for this interesting program please contact them to learn about it.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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The Pot Luck Supper scheduled for Saturday, November 3 has been cancelled due to the rental of the Council Hall.

Tailgate parties will be held on November 4 (Cleveland Browns) and November 11 (Oakland Raiders). The hall opens at 12:30 pm.. Come and enjoy the game with your brother knights and their families. An excellent variety of food is offered each game for the nominal cost of \$10 a person. Beverages are also available at reduced rates.

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner. Make plans now to join your brother knights and wives for our annual Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 14th at the newly renovated Williamsburg Inn, 11131 Pulaski Highway, White Marsh.

The festivities begin at 6:30 pm with cocktails (Cash Bar) followed by dinner at 7:15 pm. Menu includes salad, choice of salmon with mango salsa, chicken marsala or English cut prime rib, baked potato, vegetable of the day, dessert, rolls & butter, coffee and tea. The cost is \$35 per person. All money must be received by November 30th. Make checks payable to KC #8736 and mail to Paul Weber, 2223 Larchmont Drive, Fallston, MD 21047. Please use the reservation form included in this publication when mailing your check.

The Lunch Bunch

Do you ever wonder, "What's happened to good old _____ (you fill in the blank)?" Well, we do, too, and have provided an opportunity to get together during the day time to socialize, reminisce and catch up with old friends and council activities. Meetings start at 11:30 and we generally eat lunch at noon. We

try to vary the menu resulting in an enjoyable meal.

If you are one of those sorely missed members (and if you've been away for a while, I'm sure that you are) we hope to see you on the third Tuesday, November 20, at 11:30 am in our Council home.

Please keep Bob Renshaw in your prayers. He had a double knee replacement on 10/23 and is recovering.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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Congratulations and thank you to all the brother knights who, after masses on the weekend of October 20-23, conducted a successful fund drive to help defeat question 6 (the Civil Marriage Protection Act, House Bill 438) on the November ballot!

Why a Culture-Of-Life program is important!

Did you know that our federal government has:

- α Appointed two pro-choice, pro-abortion judges to the Supreme Court.
- α Funded research that requires killing human embryos
- α Promoted selective abortion based on the sex of the unborn child
- α Passed a health care bill that rations life-saving medical treatment
- α Forced religious schools and hospitals to provide health-care plans that violate their religious and moral convictions.
- α Strongly supported Planned Parenthood.
- α 7. Blocked several states trying to prevent federal funding for Planned Parenthood.
- α 8. Funded private organizations that promote and perform abortion around the world?

An easy way to support a pro-life cause, for example, Maryland Right To Life Foundation, is to go online and click on to goodsearch.com. This is an organization that will contribute a percentage of your purchase in any of its hundreds of companies to your charity of choice. Go on-line, enter "Maryland Right To Life Foundation", and register. You will receive an e-mail asking you to confirm your account!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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It's time to start preparing for Christmas. Our first item is the Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 1. We'll be in the Church Hall gathering a list of children's names for a call from Santa. Please don't forget your children or grandchildren and sign them up for their own call.



Long Green Valley has long been the caretaker of the Nativity set placed in front of the Chapel for the Advent season. This year we will have the lighting ceremony on Saturday December 15 after the 5:00 O'clock Mass. Please make arrangements with your family to attend Mass and join us for the lighting ceremony. Afterwards we will have refreshments in the Council Home.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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We will be conducting our annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest with St Johns School. We will need judges to help when we receive the children's posters. Please help us judge these excellent entries.

We are hoping to conduct our Soccer Shoot Out at St Johns School if the weather cooperates. If you are STAND Certified please sign up to help conduct the contest when the date is arranged.

The Basketball Free Throw Contest will be held in January. Please consider volunteering when the call is made for help in this fun and easy contest.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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Please contact me by e-mail (preferred) or by phone if you know of any brother or family member that is in need of our prayers.

Please pray for the following:

Brothers:

Msgr. Jack Collopy
PGK Ross Galeano
PGK Joe Owens
DGK Bob Renshaw
PGK John Robinson
Chancellor Paul Wimmer

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Pat Gibbons, Wife of Brother Ed Gibbons
Dr. Cam Martin, brother-in-law of Brother Pete Stankoski
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson
Carol Schoenborn, Friend of John Walega

PLEASE 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, Paul Wimmer, by e-mail (preferred) or by phone and they will be listed/reinstated on the prayer list.

SERVICE:

In support of Grand Knight Joe Wenderoth's fourth focus area of Service for the 2012/2013 fraternal year, please consider adding your name to the Council Welfare Volunteers List by contacting me by e-mail (preferred) or by phone. Our primary focus will be service to brother Knights and their families who are in need. In addition, as resources permit, we will strive to offer service or assistance to other St. John the Evangelist parishioners and will also consider other service projects.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Brothers,

Please note that there will be a 1st degree at LGVC on Thursday 11/29/12, candidates are to report at 7:30 P.M. Your attendance is very important as we expect several candidates to take this degree and become Members of our Council.

I must constantly remind you... Membership/Retention is the responsibility of all our members. Are you honestly carrying-out this responsibility? Are you carrying a form #100 membership application with you at all times? Have you asked a Catholic man and his family to join our Council? If you succeed, you will be providing him and his family with the same fraternal benefits and fraternal spirit that you share. I offer you this challenge, if you provide me with the prospects name, address and phone number, I will make the necessary contact and register you as his proposer. Let us continue to work as a team and witness our Council's growth as we continue to support our Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Culture of Life Activities. Yes, we can and we will make a difference!

Have you taken your 2nd and 3rd Degrees? If not, please contact me or Paul Weber about receiving the honors of those Degrees. We would like to get all our Brothers through the 3rd Degree. All the Degree ceremonies have been changed and the 3rd Degree has become a beautiful and natural progression of the 1st and 2nd Degree ceremonies. Please give it some thought and talk with us.

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

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INSURANCE NEWS

My Brother Knights and Ladies,

Are you in need of insurance or some other financial service that the Knights offer? If you need advice or want to know what we offer please give me a call.



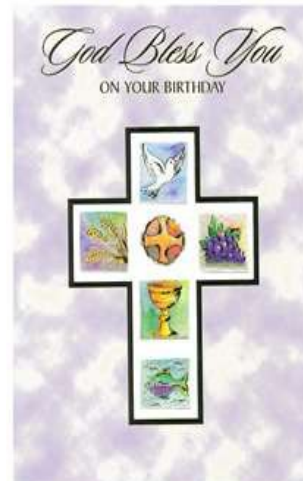
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Caine	01
Howard Kline	03
Tim Whitehurst	03
Dr. Paul Field	04
Norman Ray	06
Marty Salisbury	06
Kevin Carr	07
Paul Weber	07
Jug Brown	09
Scott Messenger	09
John Richard	12
Paul Wimmer	12
Bill Bilo	15
Charles Imhoff	15
Joe Kerins	15
Tim Calvert	24
Jim Courtney	24
Anthony Cariello	27
Doug Phelps	27



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Kim Hock	06 (25 years)
Bill & Ida Davison	09 (55 years)
Chuck & Deanna Daley	14 (54 years)
Tom & Dana Rowan	22 (26 years)
Frank & Bernadette Huebler	23 (62 years)

If you don't see your anniversary listed above, please give the date to Paul Weber and we'll gladly add you to our listings.



Long Green Valley Council's Annual Christmas Dinner



Friday, December 14, 2012 6:30pm
Williamsburg Inn (newly renovated)
11131 Pulaski Hgwy. White Marsh

Cost \$35 (includes salad, entrée, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity)

Start your holiday season celebrating with fellow Brothers and their wives and guests. Festivities begin with cash bar at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:15pm. Please detach reservation form below with meal selection and mail along w/check made payable to KC#8736. Reservations must be received by November 30th.

(Reservation form)

Name _____
Wife /Guest _____

Please indicate # of meals

- _____ Roasted Salmon with Mango Salsa
- _____ English Cut Prime Rib
- _____ Chicken Marsala

Each of the above are served with Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable, and dessert.

Detach and mail along with check to Paul Weber, 2223 Larchmont Drive Fallston MD. 21047

REFLECTIONS

Conscience and the Ballot

Lawrence P. Grayson

On November 6, we will have the opportunity to vote for the people who will lead this nation in the coming years. As Catholics, we have an obligation to cast that ballot with a well-formed conscience, aware of the teachings of our Church and of the positions of those who seek to represent us.

A central tenet of Catholic moral and social doctrine is respect for the dignity of every person. This is more than religious dogma. While it is reinforced by faith, respect for human dignity is a principle embedded in human nature itself, and therefore common to all humanity. It is fundamental to our nature as having been created in the image and likeness of God.

Numerous issues affect human dignity. Among these are abortion and adequate health care, same-sex marriage and affordable housing, religious freedom and fair wages, euthanasia and immigration policy. All issues, however, are not morally equivalent. Certain moral principles are so fundamental to human good that a violation of them constitutes an intrinsic evil that cannot be justified by any circumstance or any motive no matter how laudable. These principles, which can be discerned by human reason alone, include the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death, marriage as the union of one man and one woman, the right to live according to one's conscience, and freedom of religion.

All people should condemn and oppose, without exception, any and all abuses of these principles. Such violations include: abortion, human cloning, embryonic stem-cell research, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, and government-coerced secularism. The Church's position on these matters is immutable, and is not open to individual judgment.

Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori recently reminded Catholics that in casting their vote, "The question to ask is this: Are any of the candidates of either party, or independents, standing for something that is intrinsically evil, evil no matter what the circumstances? If that's the case, a Catholic, regardless of his party affiliation, shouldn't be voting for such a person." Similar counsel is being made by an increasing number of bishops.

On issues that do not involve intrinsic evils, Catholics may have legitimate differences in the judgments they make, and may even have morally-acceptable opposing views. How to assist the poor, how to create jobs, how to stimulate economic growth, stabilizing Medicare funding, limitations on welfare, national security, whether to engage in war, and how to save Social Security are examples of such matters. Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles said that in these areas "sincere and faithful Catholics are always going to have legitimate differences of opinion over how best to apply the Church's moral principles."

Where intrinsic evil is not involved, choices often reflect different approaches to implement a good end, rather than stand in opposition to the good itself. Morality thus rests not on what is to be achieved, but on how it is done, on the motives, means and circumstances involved. In these cases, the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity come into play. Solidarity simply means that, in a biblical sense, every human being is my brother, my sister, my neighbor. It follows from Jesus' command "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

At the same time, the way to assist our neighbors should follow the principle of subsidiarity. The problem at hand should be addressed at the lowest societal level possible — that is, at the level closest to those in need. When applying these principles which the Church and human reason offer, people may arrive at different, morally-acceptable conclusions, approaches, policy choices and political strategies.

A candidate's positions on issues of an economic, social, or foreign policy nature usually allow for prudential judgment. No matter how beneficial to society-at-large a candidate's positions on these issues may be, they cannot outweigh his or her support for an intrinsic evil. This is true even for quality of life concerns such as health care for all, adequate housing and food for the needy, alleviating the effects of unemployment, promoting job opportunities, or stabilizing social security. All of these are morally subordinate to non-negotiable issues such as abortion.

Where do the presidential candidates stand on matters of Catholic concern? According to a voter's guide recently issued by Priests for Life, President Obama supports taxpayer funding for abortion, the continuance of *Roe v. Wade*, limitations on rights of conscience, narrow exemptions for religious liberty, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and gay marriage. In contrast, Governor Romney has an opposite view on each of these issues.

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, of the Diocese of Springfield, IL, analyzed the platforms of the two major political parties and found that the Democratic platform supports abortion regardless of the ability to pay, is in favor of same-sex marriage, recognizes gay rights as human rights, and calls for the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act which is the federal law that defined marriage as the legal union of one man and one woman. The bishop stated that the Republican platform has "nothing in it that supports or promotes an intrinsic evil or a serious sin." He added, "you need to think and pray very carefully about your vote, because a vote for a candidate who promotes actions or behaviours that are intrinsically evil and gravely sinful makes you morally complicit and places the eternal salvation of your own soul in serious jeopardy."

As you prepare for the forthcoming elections, strengthen your understanding of the Church's views on moral issues, learn the positions of the various candidates on these matters, and cast your ballot accordingly. You will find helpful guidance for voting put out by the Maryland Catholic Conference, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Priests for Life.

Vivat Jesus



Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

Hope everyone enjoyed our Welcome Back Dinner. It was wonderful seeing so many happy, hungry ladies. We are inviting everyone back for dessert on Thursday, November 15th at 7:00pm. We will have a short meeting and then have a dessert demonstration by Marta of 'Sweet Stuff' just in time to plan a fabulous dessert for Thanksgiving. No, that date isn't a misprint. The first Tuesday of the month, our normal meeting date is election night and we want everyone to exercise their right to vote without having to rush to a meeting. At our Thursday November 15th meeting will be discussing our Christmas gathering and making plans for a Christmas project.

One of our Knights' Ladies fundraisers is the sale of 2012 White House Christmas Ornaments. I encourage each lady to canvass friends and family and contact Cassie Wenderoth on 410 592-9718 to order ornaments. They feature Pres. Taft's first steam-engine car used at the White House. They are still only \$20.00 and make a perfect gift.

A note of thanks to all the ladies who manned the tables during St. John's Ministry Fair, made blueberry muffins for 'Sunday Morning at St. John's' and those who sold ornaments at masses on Nov. 3rd and 4th. Volunteers are truly a blessing.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
NOVEMBER				
1	Thursday		All Saints Day	
2	Fri	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
4	Sun	12:30 PM	Ravens Tailgate Party	Council Home
6	Tuesday		Election Day	
8	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Memorial Mass	Holy Family Church
11	Sunday		Veterans Day	
11	Sun	12:30 PM	Ravens Tailgate Party	Council Home
11	Sun	2:30 PM	State Council Memorial Mass	St. Clement's Church, Rosedale
13	Tues..	8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Council Home
15	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Knights Ladies Meeting	Council Home
15	Thurs.	8:00 PM	AJCA Meeting/Memorial Mass	St. John's Chapel &* Hall
22	Thursday		Thanksgiving Day	
27	Tues.	7:00 PM	Council Memorial Mass	Chapel
29	Thurs	8:00 PM	First Degree and Social Meeting	Council Home
DECEMBER				
1	Saturday		Breakfast with Santa	Church Hall
2	Sun	12:30 PM	Ravens Tailgate Party	Council Home
6	Thurs	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
8	Saturday		Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
9	Sun	12:30 PM	Ravens Tailgate Party	Council Home
11	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Council Home
13	Thursday	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	
14	Fri	6:30 PM	Christmas Dinner	Williamsburg Inn
15	Sat	5:30 PM	Light Up the Creche Scene	Chapel
16	Sun	12:30 PM	Ravens Tailgate Party	Council Home
20	Thurs	8:00 PM	AJCA Meeting	
25	Tuesday		Christmas Day	
30	Sun	12:30 PM	Ravens Tailgate Party	Council Home
31	Monday		New Year's Eve	

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