

VALLEY VIEWS JANUARY 2012



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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

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As we start a new calendar year here is an update for my three focus areas for LGVC: Membership, Council Home Facility and Communications.

Membership: Our Membership Team, led by Director PSD, PGK Dick Siejack had a great six months bringing new members into the Council and advancing existing members to higher Degrees. Member surveys will be mailed this month. Remember to carefully complete the survey so that we have your input for development of a standard operating procedure to supplement the bylaws. Here is a sample question: "If you do not regularly attend Council meetings, why not?" These will be multiple choice responses but you'll be able to add your own reason if the choices don't fit. We have also started taking digital photos of members for our Council records.

Council Home facility: The Church sponsored repairs to the foundation have been completed and the utility closet repaired. Timer operated heaters have been installed in both bathrooms and insulation has been placed in ceilings of ancillary areas such as bathrooms and office which previously were not insulated. We added a 220 volt line for a steam table to keep food warm more easily. The Council Home is in better shape than ever and we're ready to host MEMBER-sponsored events in the Hall for you. We can host up to 60 people for a birthday, anniversary or similar occasion. The sponsor will be responsible for the hall rental donation, set up and clean up with oversight by a Council representative. We do not have a certified kitchen so food must be prepared and brought to the Council Home.

Communications: We are striving to improve Council Communications in both directions and invite your ideas in the survey. There are many new communications techniques available that we will use to determine if they will work better than current methods of soliciting inputs.

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."

Vivat Jesus



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Msgr. Richard E Cramblitt

Happy New Year! I hope the year 2012 will be filled with God's choicest blessings for you and for your families.

I have heard many say that 2011 was a dreadful year and they are so happy it is ending. I am not sure anything is really going to change, but the dawn of a new year always seems to be a moment when we have hope for something better.

What would make 2012 better for you? What do you truly seek in your heart? Are you looking for a better world? For peace? For more security? For a better economy in America? Those are the sorts of things that fill all the media reports at New Year's. But are those the things that really matter? They are, no doubt important! But is that all there is?

Perhaps you might say that what you really want is good health, or a strong family, or a good steady job. These, too, are important. No one would deny it.

I offer you the suggestion that underlying all of our hopes is our sense of faith and our ability to trust in the Lord God. Faith, it seems to me, is like a bit of infrastructure. Faith underlies the way we approach life and supports the way we choose to live. A house without a furnace does no good in a cold climate. A highway without traffic controls is chaos. A life without deep, rich and genuinely practiced faith limps. No matter what you are hoping and dreaming will come to pass in 2012, I hope that you will plan to make the infrastructure of your life better! Deepen your faith and knowledge of God. Grow closer to the Lord. Make your prayer life steadier and regular. Stretch yourself in terms of your practice of the Catholic life.

Only when we have a sure foundation to stand upon in life are we able to meet the challenges life throws at us. Those challenges can be overwhelming. Cultivate faith deep in your heart, and then let that faith work for you when you need it.

May the Lord bless us all in 2012!

Msgr. Rick Cramblitt

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

In Service to One, in Service to All

Vatican Secretary of State Thanks Knights of Columbus for Work in Rome

Speaking at a concert celebrating the groundbreaking for the new "Largo Cavalieri di Colombo" in Rome, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone thanked the Knights of Columbus for the more than 90 years of service the organization has given to the City of Rome and the Vatican. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Rome's Mayor Giovanni Alemanno were among the attendees, and both also

delivered remarks on the Knights' long-standing relationship with Rome.

"I wish to express my gratitude to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and fellow Knights for the invitation to this Concert in this historical Basilica, linked to the memory of Saint Francis of Assisi and one of the most ancient Marian places in Rome, on the occasion of the naming of a Square, in this City, Cavalieri di Colombo," said Cardinal Bertone. "Thus, we are united for such a particular circumstance, which wants to be a demonstration of the recognition for your commitment and your love towards the great City of Rome, center of Catholicism and seat of the Successor of Peter."

"I am happy to convey the felicitations of the Holy Father Benedict XVI, who has asked me to mention that his venerated Predecessor Benedict XV was (the one) to invite the Knights of Columbus to establish themselves in Rome in 1920," the cardinal continued "Since then, the initiatives of your Order have successfully continued in the Eternal City, followed with a great and rewarding friendship."

The concert was held in the Church of Santa Maria in Aracoeli adjacent to the Campidoglio, and featured the Gospel Choir of St. Thomas More Church in Washington, D.C. in honor of the ground breaking. The square was dedicated to the Knights of Columbus in honor of its charitable works on behalf of the people of Rome.



STATE NEWS

The Knights of Columbus in Maryland have been very busy with our efforts to support pregnant women who have doubts about having an abortion.

On June 17, State Deputy Peter Davio, District Deputy Don Kern, and Ultrasound Chairman Richard Siejack were on hand to present a check to Dan Mohler. Dan is the Director for the Cecil County Pregnancy Center, and the check for \$25,000 will go to the purchase of their long awaited, but much needed, 4D ultrasound machine. Left to Right: IPSD Richard Siejack, State Deputy Peter Davio, Cecil County Pregnancy Center Director Dan Mohler, and DD Don Kern.

Then on December 13, State Deputy Peter Davio, Ultrasound Chairman Richard Siejack and Brother Knight Joe Hermann were at The Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns to present a check to Mrs. Carol Clews, Executive Director of the Center for \$26,000 to cover the full price of a Biosound MyLab 40 Console Based Ultrasound System.

These are the second and third ultrasound machines the Knights purchased in Maryland this Columbian Year. The first was presented to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland in Lexington Park. We expect to present another check within the next month for a fourth ultrasound machine, which will serve the Eastern Shore. We also have plans for several more within this year.

Your Donations are Saving Lives! These machines are made possible by your continuing donations to our Ultrasound program.

Statistics reveal that most women who consider abortion choose life after seeing an ultrasound image of their child. These families need your help!

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is teaming with local Knights on a major initiative to purchase ultrasound machines for the Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Each machine costs up to \$50,000. The Supreme Council will cover half of this cost. The machines purchased under this program are already in place and saving lives!

Donations made payable to Sonogram Fund of SMC #1470 Charities, Inc., may be mailed to: Jim McFillin, Maryland State Council Pro-Life Team, 45483 Braway Street, Great Mills, MD 20634
Defend Life!

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 12/20/2011)

Council /Goals	#	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 13-5	9	0	0	9	3
9815 / 8-3	4	0	0	4	2
10100 / 8-3	0	6	6	-6	-1
11372 / 17-6	9	0	0	9	1
District Total	22	6	6	16	5

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

Long Green got a First Place in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Participation is the key, "You gotta play to win". Start working on Basketball Free Throw plans and submissions for Teacher, Police, Fireman of the Year. Second Quarter Activities need to be done by December 31 and the Reports turned in to the State by January 15. Get them done a little early and have your Grand Knight turn them in at the Mid-term meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2012.

The Knights gave a new Ultrasound to the Essex Pregnancy Center in December making 3 in the State so far. More donations will help keep the Ultrasound Project going as several more centers are being considered. Support the DC March for Life on Jan 23 and the Annapolis March as well. Culture of Life extends to the Handicapped as well. The Polar Bear Plunge is on Friday and Saturday, Jan 27-28

At Sandy Point State Park by the Bay Bridge.

A few key dates to remember:

First Degree at Fr Wolfe Council on Feb 20, 2012.

Second Degree at Fr. Wolfe on Feb 29, 2012.

Third Degree at Cardinal Gibbons Mar 16, 2012.

Midterm Meeting for GK & DGK on Sat., Jan 7, 2012.

March for Life in Washington DC on Monday, Jan 23, 2012.
State Free Throw Contest on Saturday, March 10, 2012
State Convention May 4-6, 2012.

Vivat Jesus! Jim Cross, District Deputy #4

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

Vince Grauso, FDD, PGK, PFN

The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be celebrating its 102nd anniversary this year on Friday, Feb 3rd. The Anniversary Social will be at Archbishop Fulton Sheen Council # 7612 in Owings Mills from 7 - 11pm. The cost is \$35 per person for a full menu. (Flier attached) Everyone is welcome.

The Baltimore Chapter has also produced a Christmas Ornament for members. The cost for the ornament is \$10. One side contains the Chapter logo and the other side contains the K of C logo. I have attached the flier if anyone is interested in purchasing an ornament. The ornament is made by the company that makes the White House Christmas Ornaments. It is made of solid brass with gold plating. It can be picked up at any chapter meeting or can be mail ordered. I have a limited number of ornaments left.



FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly 2378

The Assembly will celebrate our Annual Renewal of Obligations on January 19 at the Fr. Wolfe Council in Abingdon. The March meeting will include a speaker from the Military. The Annual Fourth Degree Exemplification will take place on March 3. Plan now to attend and secure your reservations.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Here's hoping that all of our Knights families had a wonderful and safe Christmas and a great New Year celebration. And may we all have a successful and healthy year that exceeds our wishes and needs.

We are very grateful once again to Paul and Mary Weber for a terrific Christmas Dinner Party that was held at Belissimo Restaurant. The 39 Brothers and wives had a very wonderful dinner and a very enjoyable gathering.

We ended up doing pretty good with the K of C Christmas cards and Ornaments sales and fund raising effort. We made \$252 after costs, of which we donated \$50 to SJE School for their sales efforts. In addition we sold 21 Magnets for another \$105 profit. Thanks to all from the Council, Church and School who supported this fund raising project.

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to start working on our 2nd quarter Surge with Service Program reports which are due to the State Council Office by January 15.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Pat Donohue, 410-941-5025, donohuepj@comcast.net



5th Sunday Mass

The next 5th Sunday Mass will be held on January 29th at 9am. We will again sit together in church and gather for a buffet breakfast after mass in our newly renovated council home. Please plan to attend with your families and help us to show our solidarity and enjoy a great event.

Nativity Setup

Thanks to all for setting up the Nativity scene again this year in front of the chapel. In particular, I would like to thank Tom Zaegel for "rounding up the knights" as well as Jim Schmidt Sr., John Caine, Chuck Bogdanowicz, Keith Kruse and Chris Phillips. It was duly noted that the crosche needs to be refurbished before we use it again next year.

Annual Christmas Eve Parking

LGVC again did a stellar job in the parking supervision for Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm on Saturday 12/24. Special thanks to Bob Dee for coordinating and managing this annual event. The weather was good and we had approximately 13 volunteers. Thanks again to all who helped and I'm sure that the parish really appreciates the service that we provide for this important event which draws the largest attendance of any mass throughout the year.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

We will again coordinate the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21st. We will begin planning for this event in January and soliciting volunteers.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Ray Dietz, Director, 410 592 5377, craytrek@comcast.net

Our Tootsie Roll Campaign was a success. Many thanks to all our Brother Knights who volunteered at the various collection sites. At our last meeting we voted to once again cover all expenses with council funds so that 100% of the donations received will be distributed to Camp Glow and Gallagher Services.

We would like to support an upcoming fund raising event for the Apostleship of the Seas. There is a Bull & Oyster Roast at the Columbus Gardens on January 29th from 2 to 6pm, and the cost is \$35 per person (table of 8 for \$240). This is a nice event to warm-up a mid-winter day. Please see Tom Zaegel for details or to order tickets.

As a reminder we are seeking volunteers to assist with various Apostleship of the Seas support projects including Operation Shoebox and volunteering at the welcoming center in Dundalk. Please contact Ray Dietz 410-592-5377 if interested.

2011 THANKSGIVING FOOD PROJECT – John Mayni

The **Thanksgiving Food Project** was **successfully completed** with **79 Council members** participating. This project was started by **Brother Jim Welsh** and for **21 consecutive years** we helped feed the poor at Thanksgiving. A total of **\$5,654.86** was donated this year which includes a **\$1,201.50** Poor Box collection the weekend of 11/6/11. **In addition to the money donated, 762** food items, **7** cooked turkeys and **115** frozen apple pies (**\$1,150**) were donated. The pies were donated by St. John the Evangelist parishioners through the School's November Market Day event. **With these donations our Council provided food for 350 families and 140 individuals!**

The **total food supplied** was: **106** frozen turkeys, **4** fresh turkeys, **7** cooked turkeys, **65** jars of gravy, **49** boxes of instant potatoes, **980 lbs.** of potatoes, **370 lbs.** of yams, **265 lbs.** of onions, **144** pies, **100-5 lb.** bags of sugar, **181** boxes of stuffing, **109** cans of soup, **175** cans of cranberry sauce, **411** cans of vegetables, **111** boxes of macaroni/cheese, **100** bottles of vegetable oil, **102** cans of tuna, **105** boxes of cereal, **121**-jars of coffee, **100** jars of mayonnaise, **101** jars of peanut butter, **96** cans of soda, **216** dinner rolls, **520 lbs.** of Bananas, **225** bunches of Collard Greens, **132** stocks of celery, **120 lbs.** of yucca root, **332** misc. items, **10** boxes of oranges and **11** boxes of apples..

These donations were distributed to Our Daily Bread Employment Center, the **170** families registered with Beans & Bread Outreach Center and the **100** families registered with the Missionaries of Charity–Gift of Hope Convent. The food distribution schedules of these organizations required 5 separate deliveries (11/12, 11/18, 11/19, 11/22 & 11/23). On the 23rd, we provided cooked turkeys and all the food needed for **complete Thanksgiving dinners** to the **65** students/graduates/staff at Our Daily Bread Employment Center **and** to the Missionaries of Charity nuns who fed **75** senior citizens on Thanksgiving. Also, on the 23rd we provided 115 frozen pies to Beans & Bread. On 12/16/11, we delivered **\$508** of Fresh Produce to the Missionaries of Charity for their **Christmas Food distribution**. The remaining project funds of **\$577** will be used to help the Missionaries of Charity with their Easter Food distribution. **All of this could not have been accomplished without the generous support from Long Green Valley Council #8736 members, Knights' Ladies, St. John The Evangelist Church parishioners, St. John The Evangelist School and SJE School Market Day. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you.**

In particular, I would like to thank the following: Msgr. Richard Cramblitt for allocating the Poor Box proceeds on Nov. 5th & 6th to our project and **Jane Andrews** for managing the project account at St. John the Evangelist Church; **Diana Elliott** for her efforts in obtaining 115 Market Day pie donations; SJE School teachers Marilyn Donohue, Nicole Creamer, & Sara Macek for organizing a SJE School food collection drive which resulted in a donation of 355 food items; **Tom Rowan, Pat Donohue, PGK James Cross, PGK Robert Dee, Charles Bogdanowicz** and **J. Robert Elliott** for providing cooked turkeys for the Thanksgiving dinners; **PGK Carroll McComas, Kevin McComas, John Caine, Paul Wimmer** and **Jim Wright** for providing their vehicles and time to make the food deliveries; **PGK James Schmidt Sr., PGK James Schmidt Jr., Michael Keegan, Ted Burns, Pat Donohue, Ross Galeano,** and **Tom Wagner** for their assistance with the food deliveries.

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

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

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Flowers, candy, wine and romance will fill Long Green Valley on Sunday, February 12 as we celebrate Valentine's Day. Make plans to join your brother knights and wives for a special celebration which will begin by attending the 11:15 am Mass at St. John the Evangelist. After Mass, all couples will have the opportunity to participate in a special marriage renewal ceremony conducted by our chaplain, Msgr. Rick Cramblitt. Following this ceremony we will enjoy a delicious lunch/brunch in the council home. Additional details will be available at the January meetings and also by special messages sent via e-mail. Please note the council will supply the flowers, candy and wine but you are responsible for the romance.

Our First Degree Team is looking for additional members for both speaking and non-speaking roles. We typically perform three or four degrees annually and also conduct several rehearsal sessions. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact PGK Paul Weber.

Recently we began to announce wedding anniversaries in the monthly newsletter. To date, only 35 couples have forwarded their anniversary date. If you would like to be included in future editions, please send me the month, day and year of your wedding.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family of the Month

We are proud to announce that the Mayni's, John and Grace, are our Family of the Month for December. John has been our food drive chair for many years and does an excellent job every time. Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is our best Charity program each fraternal year. And Charity is the most important principle of our Order. A Community Activity, the Food Drive involves collaboration with several other organizations on Saint John the Evangelist campus. It also combines several aspects of charitable giving including not only monetary donations, donations of food stuff and materials but also in-kind donations such as shopping for and purchasing food, cooking food, collecting food, packing and loading, delivery and even service at the points of donation.



Our Food Drive Chairman John Mayni is well experienced in the job. He meticulously plans, organizes, builds his team, solicits donations, stores food, rounds up drivers and vehicles and then delivers the bounty to several different charities in the City of Baltimore. After the effort is completed for Thanksgiving he somehow multiplies the food and delivers more at Christmas from our bounty. Through all this work John keeps detailed records of contributions of every kind and provides excellent reports of the Food Drive results.

John and wife Grace are long term members of our Long Green Valley Council family and support many other functions as well. As nimble as John is with the Food Drive performance, he and Grace are even more nimble as ballroom dancers. John has done a great job for years as our

Council Recorder and then has filled in when our elected Recorder was not available at Council meetings. A consummate perfectionist, John has always been a quiet but important contributor in many ways to Long Green Valley.

John is truly an asset to Long Green Valley Council and for that reason and the many good works that he and Grace perform they are a worthy Family of the Month for December 2011!

Many thanks to the brother knights who helped out at the Breakfast with Santa last month. Pete Stankoski and Bob Renshaw collected the forms and donations for our Santa Knight-Line calls. We received \$111 in free will donations. Also thanks to Chris Phillips, Pat Donohue and Tom Zaegel for handling the Christmas cards, magnets and White House Ornament sales table. And a special thanks to Joe and Barbara Owens for their "Special Appearance" as always.

We are also grateful to Ray Deitz, Chris Phillips and Joe Owens for making all those calls from Santa in our Santa Knight-Line project. The families and children really appreciate these special efforts and cheer from the Knights.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

We will hold our annual Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser on Saturday, Jan. 21st in the Church Hall after the 5pm mass. Brother Mike Talipan has graciously agreed to lead the kitchen crew and Dean Manzoni will take the lead for the hall set up and serving efforts. They will need our help as always, so please let us know if you can be available as soon as possible. The free-will donations will be used to support a donation for one of our Pro Life projects.

The annual March for Life Programs will take place in Washington D.C. on Monday, January 23rd. There will be buses departing from St. Ursula after their Mass at 8:30a.m. The cost is \$12/person. Contact info: Michael Colbourne colbourne@yahoo.com. There will be other buses throughout the Bel Air and Cockeysville / Timonium area. If you would like to attend this very dynamic and uplifting event to show your support for the Pro Life movement, please contact our Grand Knight or Tom Zaegel for more information.

The Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night will take place on Monday February 20th starting at 5pm. We are hoping to have a large contingency from our Council and SJE Parish to join with Msgr. Rick this year to let our State Officials know our feelings and concerns about the items on their legislative agenda this year.....and more if necessary.

Youth Activities

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Once again we had a terrific response to our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. The judging process was a major challenge this year with so many artistic and creative entries. Thanks to all the brothers attending the Officers meeting in December for helping to select the winners. The contest winners were announced and prizes presented at the SJE School Christmas Program on Thursday evening, Dec. 15th. Our Grand Knight, Joe Wenderoth,

presented Mrs. Delcher with our Council donation of \$200, and Tom Zaegel announce the winners and Joe presented the prizes. Chris Phillips was there to support us. And we wrapped up with a presentation by Dick Siejack (IPSD) of a check for over \$1,000 from the residual State Deputy Fund.

The Post Contest Winners were:

Grades 1 -3	First Place	Alyssa Edwards
	Second Place	Mason Coleman
	Third Place	Margaret Simmons
Grades 4 – 6	First Place	Kelsey Boyle
	Second Place	Cailyn Tripp
	Third Place	Ryan Muhlenfeld
Grades 7 – 8	First Place	Gabriella LoPresti
	Second Place	Audrey Mellott
	Third Place	Brian North

All three first place posters had been submitted to the State for judging. And we were especially tickled to announce another State winner for our council once again. Gabriella LoPresti was the State winner in the Grade 7 & 8 Group. She will receive a plaque and \$100 prize in January. Congratulations to all of our winners and participants.

We are working on plans for the Basketball Free Throw Competition which will take place in January and February. Stay tuned for details to be provided in the weekly email, and at our meetings in January.

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:

- John Robinson
- Msgr. John Collopy
- George Thuman
- James Brayton
- Joe Owens
- Jim Schmidt Sr.

Relations:

Tory Robinson, Wife of Brother John Robinson

Nancy Pfister, Mother of Brother Ed Pfister and Grandmother of Brother Jimmy Greene
Angela Sallese, Sister of Brother Mike Sallese
Kevin Landefield, Son of Brother George Landefield
Louis Landefield, Brother of George Landefield
Rose Schmidt Granddaughter of Brother Jim Schmidt Sr.
Joseph Kruse Sr., Father of Brother David Kruse
Amanda Polk, Daughter-in-Law of Brother Larry Polk

Deceased:

William Loeffler
Paul Oliphant

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

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Brothers,

Wishing you and your Family a Blessed, Happy and Healthy New Year! What resolutions are you going to **make** and more importantly **keep** this year? Why not resolve now to ask and recruit one **New Member!** It simply starts with "asking a Catholic man to join our ranks!" Then.....explain to him why you joined and what the Knights mean to you and your family! If you provide me with his Name, Address and Phone Number, I will make the necessary contact and register you as his proposer. It is truly that easy. Together we will make a difference!

Currently, we are at the **Mid-Point** in this fraternal year and time is so important. We must continue to recruit new members so our Council can continue to grow and make a difference in many people's lives. We have attracted 9 new members into LGVC this year. Congratulations to our recruiters....but we still have a way to go!

In closing, a special congratulations to **Kevin Carr** and **James Milarcik** who took their Third Degree on 12/2/11. We wish you well and trust that you will become active in our many Council Programs.

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

Vivat Jesus

INSURANCE

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Knights of Columbus Benefits Advisory
Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things – take for instance the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married that should be up-dated to reflect your spouse or your children as beneficiaries.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. **We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary**, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, as they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you during the coming **New Year 2012** to discuss your family's needs.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dick Lanham	01	Harry Brocato	03
Danny Seibert	03	Ray Dietz	04
Paul Nolan	04	Ron Rider	05
Ross Galeano	10	James Greene	13
Richard Molinar	13	John Sochurek	20
Greg Monnier	21	Bill Davison	25
Michael Bathon	26	David Battista	26
George Landefeld	29	Gus Schmidt	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Joanne Furman 11 (21 years)



THE LUNCH BUNCH

Bob Renshaw, DGK

We are trying to re-connect with as many members as possible. Many of you may not be able to get out to meetings at night due to the hour, driving difficulties or conflicts with family responsibilities. You are proud to be a Knight and would like to participate more in our activities and we would like that too. Therefore, we are planning to get together once a month in the early afternoon to catch up on council activities, have a light lunch and socialize. This will not be an official business meeting in that business can not be conducted, but it will give us an opportunity to get together and enjoy the company of fellow Knights. Other, less flattering names have been suggested for our group, but let's just consider ourselves the Lunch Bunch.

For the first meeting, I plan to collect \$2.00 from each participant to off-set any cost for the food. Other people may have better ideas and we are open to all suggestions. This idea is fluid and can be adjusted to meet the members' needs as we go along.

We plan to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon. Therefore, the first meeting will be on January 17. Weather may be a factor. Remember, if Baltimore County schools are closed, we do not meet. If transportation is a problem, call or email me, Bob Renshaw (410-592-8406), baltobob@comcast.net). Conversely, if you are attending and can provide transportation for someone else, let me know, too.

We hope to see some of the folks we have missed at our regular meetings and that you will once again become involved.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
JANUARY				
01	Sun.		HAPPY NEW YEAR	
03	Tues.		NO Knights Ladies Meeting in January	
05	Thurs.	7:00PM	Officers Meeting	Council home
07	Sat.		State Mid Term Meeting	St. Joseph's
10	Tues.	8:00PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
12	Thurs.	8:00PM	BCGK Meeting	
17	Tues.	12:00PM	Lunch Bunch Social Meeting	Council Home
19	Thurs.	8:00PM	ABJC Assembly Meeting	Fr. Wolfe
21	Sat.	6:00PM	Spaghetti Dinner	Church Hall
23	Mon.		March for Life	Washington, DC
24	Tues.	8:00PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
29	Sun.	9:00AM	Fifth Sunday Mass/Breakfast	St. Johns/Council Home

FEBRUARY

02	Thurs	7 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
03	Fri	7:00 PM	BCGK Anniversary Party	A. Fulton sheen Council
05	Sun	5:00PM	Super Bowl Tailgate Party	Council Home
07	Tues.		NO Knights Ladies in February	
12	Sun.	11:15AM	Valentines Brunch/Renewal of marriage vows	St. Johns Church/Hall
14	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
15	Wed.		Mid Term Reports Due	
16	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Assembly Meeting	Mason-Dixon
20	Mon.		Md. Catholic Conference Lobby Night	Annapolis
21	Tues.		Schrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	Church Hall
28	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home

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Ladies

I hope that everyone had a Happy and Blessed Christmas and New Year. Thanks to all who supported our sales of White House Christmas ornaments. The Knights Ladies next meeting is Tuesday, March 6th at 7 PM in the Knights of Columbus Council Home.

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