

VALLEY VIEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Membership: As we start the last quarter of the fraternal year, we need quite a few members to attain Star Council recognition as we achieved last year. However, let's not focus on numbers. Any new Knight who sincerely believes in our Order's principles and participates in our activities is a welcome addition. Please ask a Catholic man if he knows about the Knights, encourage him to consider joining, and let Membership Director Dick Siejack know if you have contact information.

Council Home Facility: We have done well this year renting the Council Home to raise money to support Hall Operating costs. Our Council Home is busy these days, but there is still more room for your family event. Let us know when you need the Hall and tell your wife you don't need to paint, buy new furniture or make other improvements to host your party at home!

Communications: Our webmaster, Bob Elliott, will present the web site and its features. Plan to attend. When you attend our events, ask a Brother Knight, or even a non-Knight friend to attend as well, and bring them along. Personal communications and recommendations are always best.

Service: We have reached out to help Brother Knights and their families and parish families who have illnesses or mobility issues. Most of these initiatives take only a few hours and most can be a one time commitment. Please let Chancellor Paul Wimmer know that you can help.

I was pleased to recognize Paul recently for his service as Chancellor and his leadership of the Thanksgiving Food Program this year. I nominated him as Council Honoree and attended a Baltimore Council of Grand Knights where he received recognition from the Chapter and our Council.

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

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Since 1981, the Knights of Columbus has collaborated with the Reverenda Fabbrica di San Pietro on major restoration and building projects at the St. Peter's Basilica, including the recent refurbishing of two chapels in the ancient grottoes beneath the basilica. The Fabbrica is the Vatican office responsible for construction and upkeep at St. Peter's.

"Whenever the Knights of Columbus has undertaken a project with the Vatican basilica and the Reverenda Fabbrica di San Pietro, it has done so as a sign of our Order's loyalty and fidelity to the Church, to the Holy Father as Vicar of Christ and to the memory of St. Peter himself," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

"That the Knights of Columbus has been chosen to enjoy this close relationship with St. Peter's, a symbol of faith and fidelity, is a source of pride to Knights and their families throughout the world."

Here are highlights of projects undertaken at St. Peter's Basilica by the Knights of Columbus over the past few years.

2011

With the January 14, 2011, announcement of the May 1 beatification of Pope John Paul II, the Knights of Columbus begin an online campaign to allow members of the JP II Generation the opportunity to say thanks to Pope John Paul II. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori attended the beatification in Rome.

During 2011 World Youth Day in Madrid, the Knights of Columbus host the Love and Life Centre at the Palacio de Deportes from August 16-21. This offers thousands of English-speaking pilgrims the opportunity to participate in various liturgies, celebrations, catechetical programs and other World Youth Day activities.

On December 5, 2011, the funerary monument of Pope Innocent VIII in St. Peter's Basilica is re-dedicated following a restoration undertaken with the support of the Knights of Columbus.

On December 6, 2011, in recognition of a near century of service and dedication to the people of Rome, the City of Rome began construction on a square to honor the Knights of Columbus. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was on hand for the groundbreaking. At a concert celebrating the groundbreaking, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone thanked the Knights of Columbus for their 90 years of service.

2012

A special reliquary commissioned by the Knights of Columbus was present at a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in Mexico on March 25, 2012. It contains the relics of 25 saints and 13 blessed – including six saints and three blessed who were members of the Order – who were martyred during the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the 1920s.

From Dec. 9 to Dec. 12, the Knights of Columbus co-sponsored the "Ecclesia in America" conference at the Vatican. The conference, which addressed the history and the future of the Church in America, was co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and with assistance from the Institute for Guadalupan Studies in Mexico City. Pope Benedict XVI addressed the conference attendees following the Mass that officially opened the conference.

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SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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In Service to One, in Service to All

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus extend cordial best wishes and prayers to our newly elected pope. The election of Pope Francis - the first pope from the American hemisphere - highlights the fact that America is the continent of baptized Christians, and a place of central importance to the faith today. Pope Francis is well known also for his emphasis on charity - the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Both in our efforts for evangelization and in our charitable work, we will strive with him to bring the light of Christ to the people of our continent during his historic pontificate.

Vivat Jesus!

STATE COUNCIL NEWS

William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy

Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity

On Friday May 3, 2013 the Maryland State Council will convene the 115th Annual Convention in Ocean City, Maryland at the Princess Royale Hotel. A Mass and the opening session of the Convention will be held in the Caribbean Hall beginning at 7:00 PM. The Mass is open to all. At the same time, there will be the Ladies Activities in the Palmetto Ballroom. On Saturday at 9:00 AM, the Awards Program will be held in the Atrium with the second session of the Convention to follow immediately in the Caribbean Hall. At 3:00 PM we will gather in front of the Hotel to walk to St. Luke's Church for Mass at 4:00 PM. On Sunday at 9:30 AM we will hold the closing session of the Convention in the Caribbean Hall. On Friday and Saturday evening we will hold an Open House of the Hospitality Rooms in the Atrium Area between 8:00 PM and Midnight. On Sunday we will hold Mass in the Mako Room at 7:30 AM.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Princess Royale for a great weekend of Faith and Fraternity.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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Brothers,

We are in the fourth quarter of the fraternal year and all councils should be making preparations for the election of council officers for the new fraternal year beginning on July 1. Each Grand Knight should have appointed a Nominating Committee that is charged with establishing a full slate of candidates for each office to be elected this year. If you are asked to stand for election for a particular office, please make yourself aware of the duties required of that office so that you are prepared to begin your service to the council on July 1.

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BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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Brothers,

On Thursday April 11, 2013 we will hold our 1227th Meeting at Westminster Council #1393, at St. John Church in Westminster. We will honor our Past Chapter Presidents at this meeting.

At our June meeting we will be conducting the election of Chapter Officers. We are looking for Brother Knights who are interested in serving the Chapter and all our Councils in the new fraternal year. Please consider serving and let the Nominating Committee know of your interest by letter or e-mail. In your notification please include the Brother Knight who will be making your nominating speech on June 14.

Our May 9 meeting will be held at Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7612.

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FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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On March 2, Archbishop John Carroll Assembly added 13 new Sir Knight members at the 4th Degree exemplification in Frederick Md. Seven men from Fr Maurice Wolfe Council and 6 new Sir Knights from St Ignatius Council took the 4th degree. We already have seven names for the next 4th degree exemplification later this year or in March of 2014. Won't you join with us and rekindle your 4th degree membership or take the next step to full Knighthood and join the 4th degree?

Our April meeting night is April 18, 2013 Thursday night at 8 pm. Your patriotism helps to promote our order and is a wonderful example to encourage your family and friends to be thankful for their freedoms. Join us at the next meeting to help plan for the Memorial Day, Flag Day and Fourth of July events. Contact me at twojtek@comcast.net or 410.893.1934 for information about joining the Fourth Degree!

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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I attended the Annual Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference on Saturday, March 16, at Calvert Hall College High School. The theme this year was "Proclaiming Christ in a Secular World." The mission of this growing organization throughout our Archdiocese and the U.S. is "to strengthen men's spirituality in the Archdiocese through evangelization and discipleship."

As you may recall, this opportunity was published in our news letter and in the SJE bulletin, as well as noted in our Church Programs report at several meetings. Sadly, I did not push it harder since I had not personally had any first hand experiences with this organization. So I was the only representative from St. John the Evangelist parish to attend. However, I was please to see another member of our council, Mike Keegan, who was there representing his parish, St. Ignatius, Hickory. There are 72 parishes in our archdiocese that have CMF groups and ministries. While SJE does not, I did note that in addition to St.

Ignatius the following parishes have CMF organizations: St. Francis Xavier (Hunt Valley), Immaculate Conception (Towson), Immaculate Heart of Mary (Baynesville), St. Joan of Arc (Aberdeen), St. Joseph (Cockeysville and Fullerton), St. Margaret (Bel Air), St. Mark (Fallston), Nativity (Lutherville), and Our Lady of Grace (Sparks). The organization is strongly endorsed and supported by The Holy Name Society and recently the Knights of Columbus; there are now two board members from the Knights.

There were three very dynamic and impressive speakers at this conference, and none were clergy.....all Lay Apostles.....and surprising that all three hailed from Michigan. Last year there were 440 attendees at the conference.....this year over 700 (including priests, deacons, and seminarians), so the popularity is growing quickly. There was ample opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession with over 30 priests there to support. And the event was capped off in the afternoon with a mass celebrated by Archbishop Lori, our Supreme Chaplain, who remained after to shake hands with every man there.

As we find ourselves in the middle of this “Year of Faith”, there have been numerous challenges put out by the Archdiocese, our parishes, and the Knights of Columbus for each of us to identify what we are personally doing to strengthen our faith and that of those around us. Here is an organization that is dedicated to that very effort. One of the speakers at the conference asked the audience: “raise your hand if you are an evangelist!”; and many raised their hands. Then he asked how many of you are baptized Catholics, to which everyone raised their hands. He then reminded us that at Baptism we are all commissioned as evangelists as part of our entrance into the faithful community. Most of us are not comfortable speaking out about our faith....who is willing to die for it. We should not confuse evangelization with “preaching”. Few of us are capable of this kind of evangelization. Yet we need to be constantly aware of the threats around us to our right to practice our faith as well as profess it. Government and complacent attitudes are eating away and eroding our rights of religious liberty. So we need to reinforce ourselves, families and friends....as well as those seeking to know and learn more about us. A large portion of us are Catholic by birth. So we may have taken a lot for granted as opposed to those among us who chose to convert to our faith. The term “born again Catholic (or Christian)” does not necessarily imply that we have fallen away and come back. Rather it means that we have recommitted to the faith and the guidelines of our catechism, and wish to become stronger and in deeper communion with it.

I am not trying to be Tom the Evangelist here.....and tell all brothers that we must go out and spread the “Good News”. Rather I am saying that times are changing and we must change accordingly to become stronger and better Catholics. And it appears that the Catholic Men’s Fellowship offers an excellent means for us to gather together, share our issues and needs, and reinforce ourselves in our faith.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Bishop Lori Visit to St. John’s – Sunday, March 17th (St. Patrick’s Day)

Considering the rather hurried nature, Bishop Lori’s visit/mass celebration at St. John’s was an epic event. I think we were all impressed with his eloquence during the service and homily. Even though the Bishop was on a tight schedule, he took the time to greet St. John’s parishioners both before and after mass. LGVC played a significant role in the celebration by arranging for the resplendent Color Guard as well as several dozen council members and their families seated as a group as a show of support and

solidarity for the Bishop of Baltimore and our Supreme Chaplain. Special thanks to Msgr. Rick for arranging Bishop Lori's visit and acknowledging our participation in his closing remarks.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th

Once again we will team up with SJE Parish for the celebration of the **Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7th at 5 pm**. We will participate in the special service to be conducted in the Chapel and hope to see a large contingency from our council at this event. There will be a light dinner for all attendees in the council home following the service.

St. John's Annual Spring Fling May 9th - May 11th

With the recent bout of snowy weather, it's hard to believe that spring is upon us. By any rate, please start planning for the St. John's Annual Spring Fling to be held from Thursday May 9th through Saturday May 11th. As is our tradition, LGVC will be coordinating and staffing the "beer garden". We also encourage council members to volunteer in other areas of need or to simply attend and support the parish. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Martha Schumacher at the parish office (410) 592-6206 x 100. As the event draws near, there will also be volunteer sign-up sheets available after all masses.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Labels for Education

St. John's School collects Campbell's Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education which can be redeemed for computer and classroom supplies. The Labels for Education can be found on Campbell's Soups and Prego or Pepperidge Farm Products. The Box Tops for Education are on General Mills cereals, Kleenex products, and a variety of food and other products.

If these are products that you use, please clip the proofs of purchase and bring them to a meeting. We have a collection box set up and will take them over to the school as needed. If the school can benefit from such a simple effort, we should be more than happy to participate.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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My Brothers All,

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME...Continue your 4th of July holiday celebration by joining your council family at Ripken Stadium on Saturday, July 6. The Ironbirds will be hosting the Brooklyn Cyclones (New York Mets). Gates will open at 6:00 pm for 7:05 pm start time. Following the game there will be a spectacular fireworks presentation, which all will enjoy.

We have purchased tickets for the Party Deck, which includes admission to the game and a pre-game buffet. The "all you can eat buffet" will be available from 6:15 pm until 7:45 pm. Buffet includes hot dogs, hamburgers, Italian sausage, baked beans, cole slaw, cookies, watermelon, soda and iced tea. You will also receive an Ironbirds baseball hat, a game program and free parking.

There are 42 tickets available on a first-come, first served basis. Tickets are priced at \$35.00 a person. Children under 5 are free. Tickets can be obtained by mailing your check (payable to KC #8736) to Tom Rowan, 2010 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, MD 21047.

The Lunch Bunch

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The Lunch Bunch was plagued by an unusual number of regulars who had medical and dental procedures scheduled for the third Tuesday. Fortunately, we welcomed three new brothers who contributed to the gathering. We enjoyed seafood salad, cole slaw and a home baked chocolate cake.

The next meeting will be on April 16 at 11:30 in the Council Home. We are planning on having pizza and chips. This activity has been enjoyed and appreciated by a faithful core of Council members, but we welcome new members at any time.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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On Monday, March eleventh, our Council was proudly represented in the annual Maryland March For Life in Annapolis. Organized by Maryland Right to Life, Inc., the March is held to remind Maryland legislators that there is still opposition to Maryland's strongly anti-life legislation.

Despite these restrictive laws, there have been several concrete Pro-Life accomplishments:

- ∞ In 1993, the Treatment Pending Transfer Act guaranteed patients life-giving care by an unwilling provider until a transfer to a medical facility can occur.
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- ∞ In 1999, the Prohibition of Assisted Suicide Law was passed.
- ∞ In 2002, the Safe-Haven Act provided for unwanted newborn children to be dropped off at a safe location.
- ∞ In 2005, the Fetal Homicide Law allowed for prosecution of violent criminals who take the life of an unborn "viable" child.
- ∞ In 2011, the Cord Blood Banking Program, emphasizing the successes and potential of ethical adult stem cells, was passed.

And, on Saturday, March sixteenth, members of the Council family joined with the Parish Respect Life Committee and others for an hour of prayer before the Belair Plaza abortion clinic.

KofC Leader Fired by School for Opposing Planned Parenthood

Bill Diss, recognized as an outstanding teacher and the only one in Oregon certified to teach college-level computer science to high school students for dual credit, was fired from his job in the Portland Public Schools for opposing Planned Parenthood. After the last student left his class on March 19, police came in and escorted Bill out of Benson High School, where he has taught for 11 years. He was immediately placed on administrative leave "pending a recommendation to the superintendent that you be dismissed from your employment with the Portland public schools."

In 2007, Bill opposed, on his own time, the construction of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in an African-American neighborhood in Portland. The organization tried but failed to have his teaching license revoked. In 2009, a press release from American Life League stated Bill has organized one of the most effective efforts against Planned Parenthood in the country. It's no surprise Planned Parenthood will resort to anything—even going after his teaching license—in order to silence him." Then, in September 2012, Bill objected to Planned Parenthood representatives addressing students he was tutoring about teen pregnancy. Planned Parenthood filed a formal complaint with the school. Since then Bill has received biweekly letters from the school nit-picking his teaching skills, and he has undergone a dozen

administrative hearings this year. Two weeks ago he was informed that his contract will not be renewed next year. Then on March 19, he was escorted from the school.

Information about the September 2013 events appeared in the January 2013 issue of *Pro-Life News*. Pray for Bill, who is Culture of Life Director for the Oregon State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and his wife.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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The St John's **Community** came together for the Long Green Valley Fish Fry on March 15th. Families, especially from the St John's School, attended to support the event and we had a movie for the kids after they finished dinner.

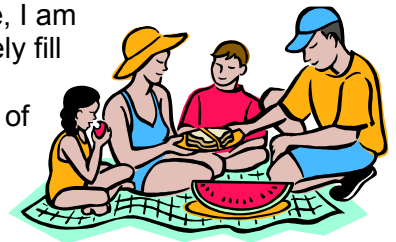


Family friendly events like the Fish Fry do more than bring a family into a church community setting. These events introduce fathers, grandfathers, sons to a Knights of Columbus atmosphere of **wholesome family togetherness**. What better opportunity to promote the K of C brand? We had a delicious fish platter and sides, or sandwich or kids meal for dine-in or carry out meals that evening.

This fund raiser also filled a preplanned void in the Council budget. In addition, we also crafted an event designed to boost attendance at Friday Lenten Services and to support our **Church Activities**. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help. It was great to have the opportunity to work together and enhance fraternity. A special thanks to Fish Fry Chair Tom Rowan for an outstanding job. It appears that the Council will have a hallmark event to offer for years to come.

Family of the Month recognition was not part of our meeting protocol this year as it has been in the past. As Grand Knight, I also took on the role of Family Activity Chair since that position fell through the cracks with no one volunteering to take it on, and those who were asked, declined. Though we have had a pretty full set of events for Family Programs this fraternal year, I was busy planning, preparing, executing and reporting those Family events and so did not get around to naming a Family of the Month each month. Family chairman is not a huge responsibility, but added to Grand Knight Duties, something had to give – for the moment.

Now that the spring season is upon us and Council Activities ease up a little, I am working to catch up with Family of the Month designations and will retroactively fill every month of the 2012-2013 fraternal year with an award recipient. The Families deserve the recognition and I am anxious to honor them. All Family of the Month awards for the fraternal year will be recognized at one meeting in May, submitted to the State and listed in the newsletter. Stay tuned to see who the awardees will be.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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The Council continues close collaboration with St John School and their activities resulting in improved school programs and Council programs for student competition and educational growth. Thanks to the coordination efforts of Program Director Tom Zaegel and our Youth Activities Chair John Canoles, the Council has a full schedule of Youth events, both accomplished and planned.

Awards will be presented to Council Competition Winners in the Basketball Free Throw Contest. At this writing, the arrangements for presenting awards have not been made.



Girls (age as of January 1st)
12 years McKenna Rukowicz
13 years Sarah Decker

Boys (age as of January 1st)
12 years Brandon O'Neill
13 years Spencer Blair
14 years Tyler Page

Our next Youth Activity is a support effort for St John the Evangelist School and their Grandparent's Day on Friday, April 26th. We will help with traffic control and other logistics so that the School will be able to devote themselves to showing the grandparents around. This event will not be as extensive as the Open House in January. We need help from 7:30 AM until 12:15PM. STAND training is not necessary for this activity.

If **you** would like to join in and help with Youth Activities, especially if you can attend during the day time when school is in session, please consider taking STAND training required by the archdiocese when we work with youth. The test can be taken on line at the archdiocesan web site. You will also need to provide contact information for references. It is sad that the world has come to this, but it is easy and quick to be certified and you'll be ready to help with our youth events. Let us know if you need more information.

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 Bob Dee
PGK Larry Flynn
PSD Gene Hogan
PGK Joe Owens
PGK John Robinson
Brother Bob Snyder (Administrative Assistant to the State Deputy)

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Father of Steve Cohen, State Treasurer
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson
Kenny Kreiner, Friend of Brother Bill Zoli
Dr. Cam Martin, brother-in-law of Brother Pete Stankoski
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson
Angela Sallese, Sister of PGK Mike Sallese
Jered Wenderoth, Son of GK Joe Wenderoth
Andy Stromberg, Son of Dave and Carol Stromberg (Friends of Brother Paul Wimmer)
Carol Schoenborn, Friend of John Walega

Deceased

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:
Ian Mulholland, Son-in-Law of Brother Tom Wagner

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 we will consider other service projects.

CURRENT INITIATIVES:

At present, our greatest need is for visitors to PGK John Robinson. John is at home, but goes to adult day care. Please contact me if you can arrange time to visit with John.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Brothers,

Special congratulations to Brothers Bill Zoli, Shawn Vogt and Frank Sliwka who took their Third Degree at Fr. A. Leo Abendschoen Council on 3/22/13. We extend our Best Wishes to them and their Families as they completed their Knighthood journey.

April leads us into the final quarter of this **Fraternal Year**. It is perhaps the most critical time of the year as we strive to focus on meeting our councils goals and quotas as part of the Fr. McGivney Founders and Columbian requirements. Time is quickly running out, as we direct our full recruitment and retention efforts into high gear. If we wait any longer, we certainly make meeting our goals and quotas extremely difficult. Yes, we have a long way to go, but with a little more determination we will close out our year on a positive note.

We continue to ask you to **carry a new form #100 Membership Application** with you at all times and ask a Catholic man and his family to join our Council. Please remember.....**the easiest way to get someone to be a Knight is to ask him!**

A strong reminder.....there are a number of members who failed to pay their annual dues of \$42.00 for this current year and a few for the past several years. With your consideration, kindly send your dues check to Financial Secretary, Paul Weber and resolve this issue.

While we are talking membership, we will have our **Membership Blitz** over the weekend of May 11/12. We will be busy with the Spring Fling and the Marygold Program also that weekend, so our works will be visible and give us an opportunity to cite them in the ministry minute from the pulpit for the Knights.

I invite any of you to volunteer to speak for the Knights at a mass, especially a "younger" member who is not a gray beard. We want to connect with a younger audience.

Please let me or GK Joe Wenderoth know that you are willing to speak at Mass.

In closing, we commend you for the hard work and efforts put forth so far this year in the spirit of promoting membership and retention. You are making a difference in many people's lives!

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

Vivat Jesus

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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Insurance check-up for 2013

Have you insured your most valuable asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carroll McComas	02	Larry Flynn	11
Sam Gibson	11	Frank Budzynski	12
Craig Messenger	13	Ted Burns	16
Tom Romanko	24	Bob Torr	27
John Schlee	28		

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Jane Sallese	12 (38 years)
Tom & Joan Wagner	16 (47 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 listing.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

In May, we will conduct our election of Council Officers for the Fraternal Year of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The following positions will be voted upon:

- Grand Knight
- Deputy Grand Knight
- Chancellor
- Warden
- Treasurer
- Recorder
- Advocate
- Inside and Outside Guards
- Trustee (3-Year Term)

The Chaplain and Lecturer are appointed by the Grand Knight. The Financial Secretary is appointed to a 3-Year term by the Supreme Knight. A single Trustee is elected each year to a 3-Year term.

Mike Sallese has been appointed to chair the Nominating Committee and may approach you to run for an office. Please give his request your kind consideration and seriously consider running for office in our Council. We have built a great history with the leadership provided by men like you that were willing to serve their Brother Knights as Council Officers.

If you are interested in serving as an Officer, you can nominate yourself by contacting Mike and letting him know of your interest. Mike has a summation of the responsibilities of each Officer.

In the May Newsletter, we will publish the slate of Officers so that you know who we will be voting for at our May meeting.

REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

Pope Francis: What Might We Expect



On Wednesday, March 13, on the fifth ballot, Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J. was elected as the 265th successor of St. Peter. As pope, he chose the name Francis. Here were breaks from tradition: the first person from the Americas, the first Jesuit, the first Pope Francis to head the Barque of St. Peter.

After 35 years of continuity in Church direction, through the reigns of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI, what must we expect of this new Petrine leader? His two predecessors upheld the Church's traditional teachings against abortion, artificial contraception, same-sex marriage, and ordination of women, while striving for clerical discipline, to rein in abuses implemented in the "spirit" of the Second Vatican Council, and increase the outreach of and zeal for the faith through a New

Evangelization.

In the short time since the election, certain preliminary indicators give us a clue to what might lie ahead for the Church. Like his namesake, Pope Francis is devoted to the poor and the indigent. As a cardinal, he demonstrated deep compassion for the victims of sexual diseases, even celebrating Mass at an AIDS hospice, where he washed and kissed the feet of 12 patients. At a gathering of Latin American bishops in 2007, he said: "The unjust distribution of goods persists, creating a situation of social sin that cries out to Heaven and limits the possibilities of a fuller life for so many of our brothers." Although a strong proponent of social justice, he approaches it from the concepts of charity and love, rather than with the political aspects of liberation theology.

He has been steadfast in the defense of life, staunchly opposing abortion and euthanasia. In 2005, he celebrated the Mass for Holy Thursday in a maternity hospital, where he washed the feet of 12 expectant and new mothers. Before he did so, he told them: "All of you are women who have chosen life. I, as a priest, am going to repeat the act of Jesus, and carry out a concrete act of service for women who have said yes to life. In washing your feet, I am washing those of all mothers, and of my mother, who felt me in her womb."

At a gathering of priests and laity in 2007, the then-cardinal supported life even in cases of rape saying: "[I]n Argentina we have the death penalty. A child conceived by the rape of a mentally ill or retarded woman can be condemned to death." Then in 2012, he said, "Abortion is never a solution...respect the human being small and helpless...allow birth and then be creative in the search for ways to bring it to its full development." On the morning after his election as pope, he went to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he prayed and while there blessed the unborn child of a pregnant woman.

When the issue of same-sex marriage arose in Argentina, Cardinal Bergoglio opposed legislation to legalize it, resulting in a public rebuke from his country's president. While the legislation was being considered, he wrote to the contemplative nuns in Argentinian monasteries, asking them to pray, saying: "At stake is the identity and survival of the family: father, mother and children. At stake are the lives of many children who will be discriminated against in advance, and deprived of their human development given by a father and a mother and willed by God. At stake is the total rejection of God's law engraved in our hearts. Let us not be naive: this is not simply a political struggle, but it is an attempt to destroy God's plan. It is not just a bill (a mere instrument) but a 'move' of the father of lies who seeks to confuse and deceive the children of God."

The new Pope has also been a staunch defender of life in its latter stages. In 2011, he denounced a culture in which the elderly are treated as if they are disposable and worthless due to their advanced age, stating: "In Argentina there is clandestine euthanasia. Social services pay up to a certain point; if you pass it, 'die, you are very old.' Today, elderly people are discarded when, in reality, they are the seat of wisdom of the society."

Pope Francis recognizes that, as beneficial as these social actions are, they must be carried out with a transcendental purpose, with sacramental reverence. In the absence of this, he said, the Church will be nothing but a compassionate NGO [i.e., non-governmental organization]. As cardinal, he led the bishops of Latin America in developing a joint statement, called the *Aparecida Document*, on the situation of the Church in their region. The document states: "We should commit ourselves to 'eucharistic coherence', that is, we should be conscious that people cannot receive Holy Communion and at the same time act or speak against the commandments, in particular when abortion, euthanasia, and other serious crimes against life and family are facilitated. This responsibility applies particularly to legislators, governors, and health professionals."

In his first homily as pope, given at Mass with the cardinals in the Sistine Chapel, he spoke about the need for moving forward with the Lord and having the courage "to walk in the Lord's presence, with the cross of the Lord; to build the Church upon the blood of the Lord, which was poured out on the cross; and to confess the only glory there is: Christ crucified. And in this way the Church will go forward."

These markers are modest and do not predict future actions. They do, however, tell us something of the heart and the values of Pope Francis that will guide his decisions.

Pray for the Pope. Pray for the Church. Pray that, under the guidance of Pope Francis, we will have the courage to walk with the Lord in the face of a strongly secular culture.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
APRIL			
02	Tues 7:00 PM	Knights Ladies	Council Home
04	Thurs 7:00 PM	Officer Meeting	Council Home
07	Sun 5:00 PM	Divine Mercy w/Dinner after	Saint John Chapel &
09	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Council Home
11	Thurs 8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	Westminster Council #1393
12	Fri 6:30 PM	Cash in the Attic	Council Home
13	Sat 1-3 PM	The Catholic Bee	Church Hall
13	Saturday	4th Degree Exemplification	Washington, DC
16	Tues 11:00 AM	Lunch Bunch	Council Home
18	Thurs 8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	
19	Fri	St. John HASA Fathers Golf Tournament	
23	Tues 8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
MAY			
02	Thursday	State Council Convention Golf Tournament	
03,04,05		State Council 115 th Annual Convention	Ocean City
06	Mon 7:00 PM	Officer Meeting	Council Home
07	Tues 7:00 PM	Knights Ladies	Council Home
09	Thurs 8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	Archbishop Fulton Sheen #7612
09,10,11		Spring Fling	St. John Church
11	Saturday	Membership Blitz at all Masses	St. John Church
12	Sunday	Membership Blitz at all Masses	St. John Church
12	Sunday	Mothers' Day, Marygold Program	St. John Church
14	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Council Home
16	Thurs 8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	
21	Tues 11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch	Council Home
24	Friday	Council Golf Outing	
27	Monday	Memorial Day	
28	Tues 8:00 PM	Social Meeting & Council Elections	Council Home

Cash In The Attic Auction

April 12, 2013

Knights' Hall

Time: 6:30 p.m.

(Light refreshments will be served)

It's that time of year again Ladies!

Time to clear out or *fill up* those cupboards, closets, and attics in order to raise funds for the Knight's Ladies of Long Green Valley.

Please help us make this fundraiser a success by:

*Donating quality barely used or new household items, jewelry, holiday decorations, etc.

OR:

* Come that evening and bid, bid, bid. Yes, we know, you already have enough stuff. Just come to have a good time, sit back, and watch everyone else bid! (but we guarantee you will go home with *something*)

OR:

* Spread the word to your friends, neighbors, relatives, fellow parishioners. The doors are open to all. (HOARDERS are *most welcome* and so are husbands with deep pockets!)

If you have any questions or want to donate items, contact: Dana Rowan 443-299-6143 or danarowan57@gmail.com

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Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

Our next meeting for the Knights' Ladies is Tuesday April 2, 2013 at 7:00pm. Pray for no more snow. We have a special meeting planned to welcome you all back from our long, long 'Winter Hiatus'. After a short meeting, we will welcome John Wilkerson, owner of Long Green Valley's newest winery, DeJon Winery. John will share some stories about the winery located so close to our Council Home and lead us in a wine tasting of his award winning wines. We will have cheese and crackers as well as desserts, coffee, tea and soda available. Since we have to pre-purchase the wines according to Maryland Law, (wine-tasting can only be enjoyed without permit at the winery itself) we ask that you RSVP by email marygweber@verizon.net or call 410 879-0558 by March 28th if you can join us for this fun meeting.

On Friday April 12th we will hold our Cash in the Attic fundraiser. First...plan to empty out those cupboards and donate your treasures. Next, come to the auction, bring some friends and bid and bid some more. See flyer in newsletter for more information or email Dana Rowan on danarowan57@gmail.com or 443-299-6143.

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