



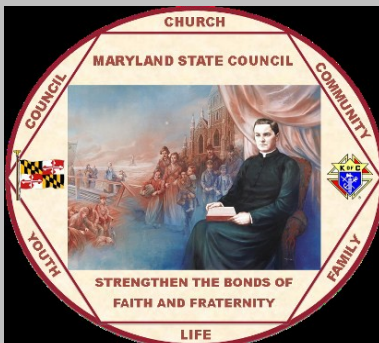
# VALLEY VIEWS

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## OUR FOUR CORE PRINCIPLES

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

**Charity** - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

**Fraternity** – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

**Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

## GRANDKNIGHTS REPORT

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This is my final Grand Knight Report for the Newsletter. I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to serve as Grand Knight of Long Green Valley Council for these past two fraternal years. Thank you to one and all for your participation in activities and help for the Council along the way. It has been a personally rewarding term and quite educational.

As you well know by now I chose the four focus areas of Membership, the Council Home, Communications and Service. So this is my final summary for each area, followed by an overall summary of my term of office.

**Membership:** We had our Member Blitz on Mother's Day weekend this year and we needed a dozen or so new members to make quota. We worked hard in my first year and made our member quota and Star Council. We will come up short during my second year, a year of some house cleaning involving members who have not paid their dues for several years. Making Star Council two years in a row is a daunting challenge during a time when membership is drastically slowing for all fraternal organizations. However, we did make some new contacts on Blitz weekend and I was excited that we had several new members join in May. I am working to immediately involve them in activities of their choice. In summary, I think that my two years have been a work of transition for Long Green Valley Council to a more involved membership with increased vitality.

**Council Home:** The Council Home has been repaired and improved substantially during my two years, thanks to participating members and especially the Home Committee led by Jim Schmidt Sr and his Home Committee team. You might remember the flooding and buckling foundation last year in the far corner of the building. We weathered that storm and the foundation and wall were restored, a major accomplishment with minimal cost to the Council. This substantial cost saving was possible because the Parish paid for most of the repairs because they appreciate our contributions on campus and want to keep us around.

Thanks also to Ken Furman, Tom Zaegel, Tom Rowan Sr and others who helped me bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with Satellite TV, speaker system, video projection, big screen, wifi computer access, Blu Ray and computer resources. We now have an impressive set of capabilities for multi-media presentations that will make us attractive for many activities and rentals. We are currently still under-utilizing these capabilities but I will propose some new activities, in another Council role, to correct that situation.

Basically the Council Home is now paying its own way as a performing asset and at the same time has more capabilities than before.

**Communications:** Though we did not make Star Council this year, we did make landmark achievements in communications. We received the award for the best web site [www.kofc8736.org](http://www.kofc8736.org) from the Maryland State Council at the Convention on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The web site is extremely well done and is a powerful tool. We don't use it to best advantage yet, but

webmaster Bob Elliott should be congratulated for his achievement. Our newsletter *Valley Views* was awarded second place in Division B, a tribute to all the contributors of source material and to editors Mike Sallese and Ted Burns (and editor emeritus Bill Davison). The LGVC weekly all hands email has been successful at keeping members with email up to date. The recent Communications policy mailing to all members served to formally announce our policy of electronic communications with only specific and personal exceptions. This policy allows us to save considerable administrative expense, go green by reducing paper usage, speed our communication process, create an easier two way communication with members and make Council communications more flexible and capable.

**Service:** We have always been a service organization. However, this year we have formally extended this service activity by appealing to members in distress to let us know about their issues and needs through our Chancellor. Subsequently we then appealed to other Brother members to help provide these services via visits, a helping hand, transportation and other in-kind services to those Brother Knights in need. This is the direct spirit in which the Knights were founded by Fr McGivney. There has been a slow start to this venture but we are making steady progress.

**Final Summary:** In summary then, I am pleased to report that we have achieved much toward accomplishing my goals in all the four focus areas. Thanks to you Brother Knights and Council members for your diligent patience and help in these regards. Though we may have sometimes fallen a little short of the goals I have proposed, I would point out that a man's reach should always exceed his grasp. Thus it is for a Grand Knight's term of office. "***Ad astra per aspera***" is a [Latin phrase](#) which means: "reach for the stars", or try to be better than you need to be, a true quest for excellence.

So, as we look forward to this new slate of officers and a new Grand Knight, I would offer this simple encouragement. Even if you perceive some fault or have a private grievance with a new Grand Knight and his administration, remember our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Give him your full allegiance and follow his lead, as I will. His leadership may change our Council trajectory, but we will be stronger if we are all pulling in the same direction. We'll do better if we do it together.

**Vivat Jesus**

### **Deputy Grand Knights Report**

Those who attended the Lunch Bunch in May enjoyed a lunch of Pulled Pork, potato salad, chips and cookies. Thank you, Larry Polk, for volunteering to prepare the food while we enjoyed companionship and camaraderie. Unfortunately, some of our cherished members were not able to attend due to illness. We hope to see them again, soon.

The next meeting is June 18 at 11:30 in the Hall. I plan to order out for subs, so if this sounds appealing, give me a call at 410-592-8406 or email at [baltobob@comcast.net](mailto:baltobob@comcast.net) so I will have an idea how much to buy. If you make your decision at the last minute, that's all right, too. We'd rather see you than worry about the food. If you are not able to attend meetings at night and want to remain active in the Council, this group is for you, plus where else can you get a decent lunch for only \$3.00?

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Msgr. Rick Cramblitt...410-592-6206...Cramblittre@sjehydes.org

**“It is in accordance with their dignity that all men, because they are persons, that is, beings endowed with reason and free will and therefore personal responsibility, are both impelled by their nature and bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth. They are also bound to adhere to the truth once they come to know it and direct their whole lives in accordance with the demands of truth. But men cannot satisfy this obligation in a way that is in keeping with their own nature unless they enjoy both psychological freedom and immunity from external coercion. Therefore the right to religious freedom has its foundation not in the subjective attitude of the individual but in his very nature.”** (*Dignitatis Humanae*, Second Vatican II Declaration on Religious Liberty, 2).



The Knights of Columbus promotes a robust vision of religious liberty that embraces religion's proper role in both its private and public dimensions. As both Catholics and Americans, we celebrate the essential relationship shared between religion and liberty, a relationship which has uniquely defined our country's identity and has fostered our country's development.

Every major achievement that has taken place within the American enterprise—the American Revolution; the abolition of slavery; the civil rights movement; reforms in education, labor and woman's rights—has been at the urging of religious people seeking a more just and humane society.

In this light, the Knights of Columbus recognizes religious liberty as an indispensable condition for authentic human development.

Consistent with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we believe that man, created in the image and likeness of God, possesses the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being, especially in moral and religious matters. Our Order remains steadfast in its conviction that religious liberty “is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person.” (Catechism, 1738).

We are therefore called to defend religious liberty against cultural trends that are increasingly hostile to Christianity, and impede men and women from freely exercising their religion by living in accordance with it. As the Second Vatican Council noted, although we must respect the just autonomy of the secular sphere, we must take into consideration the truth that there is no realm of worldly affairs that can be separated from God. Blessed John Paul II witnessed that when a society attempts to close the door to religion, it inevitably falls prey to a totalitarian reading of the human person that recognizes only the state as the ultimate arbiter of right and wrong. It is our duty as men of both Catholic faith and patriotism to resist militant secularism and to defend religious liberty at the international, national, state, and local levels. Without this necessary check on the power of the state, no principled limit can be recognized to prevent the expansion of government's power at the expense of personal liberty.

For more information, visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and hear Archbishop Lori discuss the Fortnight for Freedom at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/index.cfm>. We have included Archbishop Lori's message to all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore regarding the fortnight. Please make plans to attend the Opening Mass on June 21 and support our Archbishop and our Supreme Chaplain William Lori.

## **SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS**

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**In Service to One, in Service to All**

### **Knights of Columbus Mobilize for Oklahoma Tornado Relief Efforts**

K of C Charities accepting donations to assist victims

Following a devastating tornado in suburban Oklahoma City, Okla., the Knights of Columbus has initiated local disaster response efforts to help those affected.

The Knights of Columbus Oklahoma State Council has begun organizing relief efforts in and around Moore, Okla., to assist those displaced or otherwise negatively impacted by the storm. In addition, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council sent an initial donation of \$10,000 in support of the Oklahoma Knights' response.

As it did following Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, and the explosion in West, Texas, K of C is accepting online donations to assist relief and recovery through Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., at [kofc.org/relief](http://kofc.org/relief).

Donations may also be mailed to:

Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. Oklahoma Fund P.O. Box 1966 New Haven, CT 06509-1966

One hundred percent of all donations collected by Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. will be sent to those affected by the disaster. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of life and the damage caused by the tornadoes in Oklahoma," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "We will work with our state and local councils to help the people of Oklahoma recover from this disaster, and we ask all members of the Knights of Columbus to keep those affected in their prayers."

*Vivat Jesus!*

## **STATE COUNCIL NEWS**

William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy

### **Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity**

#### **Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity**

It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of the fraternal year. The 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Council Convention is now history and was a tremendous success. I want to thank John Trainor and the entire Convention Team for all the hard work that they did to make it a memorable weekend. There were 940 Pre-registrations, 76 Walk-ins, and 118 Children for a total of 1,016 convention registrations. The Convention Banquet Saturday evening was attended by 257 Knights and their guests.

We were very pleased to recognize our Convention Honoree PSD James Olivarri and Lady Bobbi. Our other special guests were Supreme Vice President of Membership Growth, Lou Barbour and his lovely wife. Lou provides outstanding leadership and guidance to the Maryland State Council.

Congratulations to all of the councils and individuals who were presented with awards and to all of the councils and individuals in our great state. It is through your hard work, dedication, and commitment that we accomplish the great works that we do, thank you!

All Grand Knights for the 2013-2014 Columbian Year should attend the Grand Knights Seminar at Mt. St. Mary's University on June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. A lot of valuable information will be given out that will help you have successful fraternal years. It is important that council election results are sent promptly to the state upon completion so that invitations can be sent to all GK-elects.

Although it is the final month of the fraternal year, there is still time to recruit new members and qualify for STAR COUNCIL. Don't forget the Columbian Award is due to Supreme by June 30th and is a requirement for the Star Council Award. Those of you who are close need to make that final extra push. There are several councils that have not recruited a new member, please make an effort to do so.

In closing I want to thank the entire State family for all of the effort you have made to make this the successful year that it has been. Now, let us continue this historic journey in the 2013-2014 fraternal year and continue to **"Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity."**

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

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My dear Brothers,

June is the end of one fraternal year but also the beginning of the new year. You have the opportunity to finish this year on an up note by bringing in a new Brother Knight and you can continue that effort by getting a second Brother Knight for July. The new Brother Knight can take his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on Monday June 17, 2013 at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council. There are no 2<sup>nd</sup> degree exemplifications in the immediate area this month, but on Friday June 7, there will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification at Patapsco Council in Catonsville. The new schedule for July and August exemplifications has not been established.

Congratulations to Grand Knight-elect bob Renshaw and to all the newly elected officers of Long Green Valley Council. I look forward to working with you in the new fraternal year. I commend GK Joe Wenderoth for a successful 2012-2013 term.

On Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM, our Worthy Supreme Chaplain and the Archbishop of Baltimore Most Reverend William E. Lori will celebrate Mass at the Basilica to begin a Fortnight for Freedom for Catholics and all people of religion to come together to pray, study and prayerfully act in support of all our freedoms, and especially the freedom of religion. Please make plans to attend and show the world the power of prayer. For more information go to the website [www.archbalt.org/fortnightforfreedom](http://www.archbalt.org/fortnightforfreedom).

Congratulations to Long Green Valley Council and to the Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley for the excellence of their programs as acknowledged by the State Council at the Annual Convention with numerous first, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards. Congratulations as well to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification Team for both team and individual honors also awarded at the convention.

Vivat Jesus

## **BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS**

**Gary Gray... 410-608-9529... GAG50401@verizon.net**

Brothers,

On Thursday June 13, 2013, the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will hold elections for Chapter Officers for the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. The meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Council (#3414) Home in Severna Park. The meeting begins at 8:00 PM.

Grand Knights and the most immediate Past Grand Knight are eligible to vote as long as the council has paid its annual dues to the Chapter. Long Green Valley Council is current on its Chapter dues.

Chapter meetings are open to any member of the Knights of Columbus. Our meetings offer you the opportunity to talk with State Council Officers and the State Council Membership and Program team members. Grand Knights should bring their Deputy Grand Knights and the Program team to our meetings as well as anyone who is interested in what the State Council and the Baltimore Chapter does.

I thank Long Green Valley Council for its support of the Chapter. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Vivat Jesus

## **FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

**Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378**

**Tom Wojtek...410-893-1934...[twojtek@comcast.net](mailto:twojtek@comcast.net)**



Sir Knights and Dear Ladies,

At our May meeting on May 16 at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council Home, election of Assembly Officers was held and Sir Knight Lee Eder was elected to the post of Faithful Navigator. Lee will begin his tenure as Faithful Navigator on July 1, 2013 and serve through June 30, 2014. Please offer him your support as you have done for my predecessors and me.

I will preside at my last meeting on Thursday June 20, 2013. I thank you for your support of the Assembly this past year and look forward to working with Lee next year as I serve as Trustee.

Contact me at [twojtek@comcast.net](mailto:twojtek@comcast.net) or 410.893.1934 for information about joining the Fourth Degree!

Vivat Jesus!

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

**Tom Zaegel, PGK...410-557-4465...[TomZaegel1@comcast.net](mailto:TomZaegel1@comcast.net)**

We are in the process of closing out our Fraternal Year 2013, and will be starting the planning process for next year shortly. We not only welcome and pledge our support for the new Grand Knight Elect, Bob Renshaw, but also all the other officers who have been elected. Congratulations to GK Joe Wenderoth on completing his second successful year at the helm. Thanks to Joe's leadership, our council is stronger than ever, and we are building not only on the traditional programs but also added many others. I know I speak for the Program leaders in expressing our appreciation for his guidance and support.

Bob is in the process of filling the Program Leadership positions. I am very proud of our team this past year and our many accomplishments as always. I thank each of you for your talents provided and dedicated efforts. I sincerely hope that there will be several brothers stepping up to support Bob and the council in the coming year as Program and Project Leaders. This is critical in order for us to achieve our Surge with Service goals. Unfortunately, I will be stepping aside as



the Program Director. I certainly plan to actively support Bob and the Council, but due to some new duties evolving for me at SJE Parish, I feel the need to throttle back a little on council responsibilities at this time. I am truly hopeful that I can help to mentor some new program leaders, and look forward to working with and helping them to continue our successful tradition.

Vivat Jesus

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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### St. John's Annual Spring Fling

The St. John's Annual Spring Fling was held from Thursday May 9 through Saturday May 11. LGVC coordinated and staffed the "beer garden", the Big Wheel, and assisted in many other areas including the food concession. The Lady Knights also solicited donations and ran the bake sale table. In spite of a couple of rainstorms, the event was a rousing success and much of it was due to LGVC's involvement and support. I would like to personally thank all those who volunteered or attended this important parish social and fund raising event. In particular, I would like to recognize, PGK Tom Zaegel for his help with the parish staff and Tom and Dana Rowan for coordinating the beer garden and bake sale.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

-Saturday June 1st Red Cross **Blood Drive Church Hall 7:00 AM - 1 PM**

Please help Ray Dietz schedule appointments for the **Blood Drive** at St John's on Saturday, June 1st(7AM - 1 PM). Help recruit **blood donors** by asking friends, family and neighbors to schedule **donation appointment times**. Ray does a great job for the Council and Community each year for the **blood drive**, but he could use your help for this worthy activity. Call him at [410-592-5377](tel:410-592-5377) or send an email to [craytrek@comcast.net](mailto:craytrek@comcast.net) to schedule an appointment for yourself or a friend. Disasters such as the Oklahoma Tornado or Hurricane Sandy put a strain on **blood supplies**. Give the gift of life. Also let Ray know if you can help at the drive with the refreshments, registration, etc.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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As we come to the end of the 2012–2013 fraternal year, I would like to thank all the brothers and their families that supported the various council activities by their attendance or by working behind the scenes. I hope that you enjoyed the Ironbirds game and fireworks last July, the pot luck supper and movie in September, our Christmas dinner at the Williamsburg Inn, the always popular Valentine Mass and dinner and the many tailgate parties throughout the football season.

In the near future we will hold the Installation of Officers Mass and dinner and invite all to come and congratulate the newly elected officers. The date will be announced shortly.

## **CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES**

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For years, the Maryland Legislature has successfully resisted attempts by the Pro-Life movement requesting the passage of laws requiring regulation and inspection of abortion clinics throughout the State.

With the recent conviction of Dr. Kermit Gosnell of Philadelphia to life in prison for deliberately causing the deaths of three new-born babies in his abortion clinic, described by the FBI in a Grand Jury report released in 2011 as a "filthy, decrepit House of Horrors", attention has been drawn to the conditions existing in many abortion mills throughout the nation.

Because abortion clinics in Maryland are not regulated, the number of babies aborted in the State is not known. Are there newly born children whose deaths are not reported? In addition, what about the threat to the health of the patients who are treated in unclean clinics?

Perhaps our Legislators will now reconsider the passage of these laws.

### **Mary Golds on Mothers' Day**

Thanks to the efforts of many Council members, we were able to present a Mothers' Day flower to all of the mothers and grandmothers who attended masses at St. John the Evangelist Church the weekend of May 11 and 12. On Friday afternoon, District Deputy Mike Sallese met me at Bishop Sheen Council with his truck where we picked up 15 flats of marigolds. Upon our arrival at the Council Home, we were met by a team consisting of brothers Ed Gibbons, George Thuman and Paul Wimmer who painstakingly repotted over 400 flowers into plastic cups, which contained a message wishing the recipient a Happy Mother's Day and thanking them for choosing life. I particularly appreciate George's diligence in staying to sweep and mop up the spilled potting soil. Pouring dirt into over 400 little cups does get somewhat messy.

Beginning at the 5:00 o'clock mass on Saturday and continuing through all three masses on Sunday, volunteers from the Council distributed the flowers. We received many comments of appreciation and since we have been doing this for many years now, some of the women have a tradition where they plant the flower once they get home. I tried to keep track of the brother Knights who participated and would like to thank brothers Mike Bathon, Ken Furman, John Caine, Russ Smick, John Walega, Nick Greaves, Bill Davison, Ray Dietz, Pete Stankoski, Jim Brayton, and George Thuman. If I have missed anyone, I apologize. Everyone may be assured that their help was appreciated.

This is a State Council program to promote life by appreciating our mothers. Everyone who participated received the reward of seeing the looks on these women's faces when they were each individually wished a Happy Mothers' Day.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Joe Wenderoth...410-592-9718...joewenderothsr@gmail.com



This final Family Activities report for the 2012-2013 Fraternal Year is devoted to my selections for **Family of the Month** for each month from July 2012 through June 2013. These 12 families rendered outstanding service to the Council all year long and can be cited for specific major accomplishments. I have also designated one of these 12 families as our **Long Green Valley Council Family of the Year**. Please congratulate these members and wives when you see them.

These selections are also relayed to the State to register our selections with their Family of the Month program.

For the sake of brevity in the Newsletter, I will only name the Families here, month by month. The full report of Family accomplishments will be made available at the June Social meeting.

- July 2012 - Paul and Mary Weber
- August 2012 – Jim and Joanne Cross
- September 2012 – Ken and Joanne Furman
- October 2012 - Ray and Margie Dietz
- November 2012 – Paul and Jean Wimmer
- December 2012 – Jim Schmidt Sr and Jim Schmidt Jr
- January 2013 – Tom and Jane Zaegel
- February 2013 – Chuck and Eileen Bogdanowicz
- March 2013 – Tom Rowan Sr and Dana
- April 2013 – Pat and Marilyn Donohue
- May 2013 – Bob Renshaw
- June 2013 – Dick and Pat Siejack



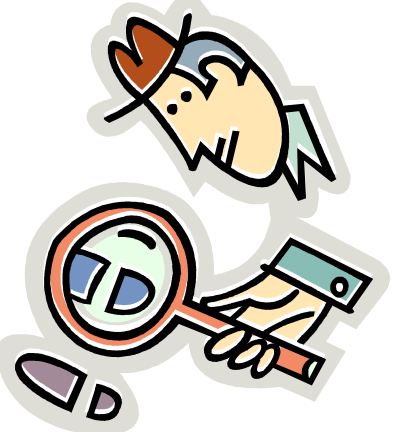
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**The Long Green Valley Council Family of the Year for 2012 - 2013 – The Rowans**

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

John Canoles...443-299-6269...espijc@aol.com

Our Youth Activities are drawing to a close with the end of the school year and our fraternal year. We will launch the 2013 version of our successful Scavenger Hunt contest by asking St John schoolchildren to sign up before the school year ends. The Scavenger Hunt keeps the participating children busy during the summer, reading the clues and finding the landmarks that they refer to as they complete their answer sheets. Cash prizes will be awarded in the fall to the winners.

If you have a school age youngster in your Family, send an email to me to get the details for entering the contest. There is a small



entry fee. The whole family can get involved. You will learn many interesting and useful facts about our community.

If **you** would like to help with Youth Activities, especially if you can attend during the daytime 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 need to certify character, but it is easy and quick to be certified and you will be ready to help with our youth events. It protects both the children and us. 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:

Sick/Prayer List

### Brothers:

PSD Phil Asplen, Jr.  
Msgr. Jack Collopy  
PGK Bob Dee  
PGK Larry Flynn  
PSD Gene Hogan  
Brother Frank Huebler  
PGK Joe Owens  
PGK John Robinson  
Brother Pete Stankoski  
Brother Bob Snyder (Administrative Assistant to the State Deputy)

### Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Lillian Beachman, Mother-in-Law of Brother Sam Gibson  
Margaret Dee, Wife of PGK Bob Dee  
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson  
Kenny Kreiner, Friend of Brother Bill Zoli  
Dr. Cam Martin, brother-in-law of Brother Pete Stankoski  
David Pusey, Cousin of Chancellor Paul Wimmer  
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson  
Angela Sallese, Sister of PGK Mike Sallese  
Nancy Tejnecky, Sister of DGK Bob Renshaw  
Jered Wenderoth, Son of GK Joe Wenderoth

**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.

### **Current Initiatives:**

At present, our greatest need is for visitors to PGKs John Robinson and Bob Dee. Please contact me if you can arrange time to visit with either John or Bob.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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

Brothers,

A special congratulations to Brothers Mike Curran, Phil Gill, Kirk Larter and Franz Wittelsberger who took their 1'st Degree at LGVC on 5/28/13. Kudos to Joe Sliwka who took his 2'nd Degree at Fr. Wolfe Council in early May. We extend our best wishes to them and their families as they continue on their Knighthood Journey. Please note there will be a 3'rd Degree at Patapsco Council on Friday 6/7/13, and if you plan to attend kindly notify the Grand Knight and myself.

With only a few weeks remaining in this fraternal year, have you recruited a new member into the Knights of Columbus? As we close the pages on this year and look toward a new beginning, why not put forth the extra effort and sign-up a new member for our Council. What a great way to end and begin the New Year!

A special kudos to Long Green Valley Council and Worthy Grand Knight Joseph Wenderoth on the awards and recognition achieved at the Annual State Convention this past month. You and the Council members continued to carry the standard motto of a proud tradition of excellence for our Council, while continuing to make a difference in people's lives.

In closing, this being my last article on Membership, I thank our Worthy Grand Knight and the Council members for all the support given to our team and for allowing me the honor of serving as its Membership Director for the past two years. Trusting we did make a difference! I wish Bob Renshaw, our Grand Knight Elect, and all the newly elected Council Officers much success in the upcoming fraternal year.

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

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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Think you are too old for coverage? Maybe not!

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need. When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.



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If you have put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply.

This change came in response to a question I have heard before: "My wife and I are almost 80, do the Knights offer anything to take care of our final expenses?" In addition, it can help the members who thought they were "too old" to attain our coverage.

This extension of our coverage ages allows me to help members I could not help before. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

David Digiorgio	8	Willie Schammel	12
Bob Grill	20	John Canoles	22
John Mayni	27	Joe Owens	27
Tom Rowan, Sr.	27	Mike Stritzinger	27
Msgr. Jack Collopy	29	Joe Golabiewski	29

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Harry & Elizabeth Pippin	5	(3 years)
Joe & Cassie Wenderoth	7	(49 years)
Mike & Christine Rusk	15	(22 years)
Chuck & Eileen Bogdanowicz	20	(43 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***

At Long Green Valley Council's May 28 meeting, we conducted our election of Council Officers for the Fraternal Year of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The following Brother Knights were elected for Council Offices:

Grand Knight – Bob Renshaw

Deputy Grand Knight – James Schmidt, Jr. PGK

Chancellor – Paul Wimmer

Warden – Tom Rowan

Treasurer – Jim Cross, PGK

Recorder – John Bushman

Advocate – Chuck Bogdanowicz, PGK

Inside and Outside Guards: John Stansfield (OG), Ted Daniecki (OG), Pete Stankoski (IG),  
John Walega (IG)

Trustee (3-Year Term) – Joe Wenderoth, PGK

Delegate and Alternates to the 2014 State Council Convention:

Delegate Joe Wenderoth

Alternate 1 A. Paul Weber, PGK

Alternate 2 Michael Sallese, PGK

The Grand Knight appoints the Chaplain and Lecturer. The Supreme Knight appoints the Financial Secretary to a 3-Year term. A single Trustee is elected each year to serve a 3-Year term. All other Officers serve a 1-Year Term. Tom Zaegel has 2 year left on his 3 Year term and Bob Dee has 1 years left on his 3-Year term.

Installation of Officers will take place on Wednesday July 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

## FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently, you may have read in the news about a number of issues within our own Archdiocese that should raise concern for all us who are proud to call ourselves Catholic Americans.

Earlier this spring, Johns Hopkins University's Student Government Association was widely criticized for denying official club status to the antiabortion student group, Voice for Life. It was only after much public outcry and scrutiny in the media that a panel of student judges reversed this decision.

Such selective stifling of our constitutional freedoms to speech and religion is eerily similar to the attempts by Baltimore City to enact an ordinance that seeks to compel prolife crisis pregnancy centers to post signs referencing abortion. Two lower court decisions have agreed with the Archdiocese and representatives of these centers that such an ordinance targets these centers purely because they are prolife.

In addition, in early May of this year it was announced that two residents of Carroll County are filing a lawsuit in federal court to prevent the County's Board of Commissioners from beginning its meetings with a prayer. They are being represented by a lawyer for a group whose goal is to promote "a progressive society where being good without a God is an accepted way to live life."

These are just three examples of the many ways in which God and all things of God are being marginalized, and those who believe in God are asked to practice their faith solely behind the closed doors of a church. This is the heart of our argument against the proposed HHS Mandate, which is scheduled to go into effect this August when many religious employers, businesses operated by people of faith, and individuals will be forced to violate their religious principles to comply with the new healthcare law.

For these reasons, the Catholic bishops of the United States have called for a Fortnight for Freedom in the days leading up to the Fourth of July. This is a time when we as Catholics—people who believe in the Constitution and the freedoms guaranteed by it—can come together to pray, study, and prayerfully act in support of those freedoms, most especially the freedom of religion.

This will begin with an opening Mass here in Baltimore, the Premier See, at our Basilica, a shrine to religious freedom erected under the guidance of Archbishop John Carroll, whose family was instrumental in the earliest days of both our Church and our Nation, and with the interest of our Nation's third president, Thomas Jefferson, who had direct influence over the designing of America's First Cathedral.

I hope you will join me at the Mass, which will take place on June 21 at 7 p.m. More information about the Mass, a list of events, resources, and other opportunities for marking the Fortnight for Freedom can be found at [www.archbalt.org/fortnightforfreedom](http://www.archbalt.org/fortnightforfreedom).

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori  
Archbishop of Baltimore  
Archdiocese of Baltimore  
320 Cathedral Street  
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## Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

### Today's Pregnancy Choice: Infanticide

In Nazi Germany, people existed behind a façade that the Holocaust was not happening. There was a blurring of conscience, a numbing of the mind, creating a psychological haze that allowed society to ignore the gruesome, inhumane horrors of Auschwitz, Buchenwald, and Dachau. In the United States, 40 years of jaded rhetoric about women's rights, choice, fetuses, and women's health, while never mentioning the child, motherhood and God, has deluded the American mind allowing over 50 million unborn children to be killed through the "mother's choice."

Now the trial of Kermit Gosnell, the Philadelphia abortionist, has provided a long-overdue glimpse into the unregulated abortion industry and of the abortionist's insensitivity toward human life and callous disregard for the health of mother and child. The public has come face-to-face with the reality that pregnancy means the mother bears a child, who quickly forms fingers and toes, has a beating heart, responds to stimuli, and can feel pain. As Gosnell's attorney said: "Abortion isn't pretty. It is bloody. It's real." And the reality is that abortion is a violent and brutal practice that kills the child. Murder is being committed routinely, not only of children in the womb, but increasingly of infants delivered alive.

A worker at Gosnell's abortion clinic, testified she saw him cut the necks of babies who were delivered alive at least 30 times. After the birth of one late-term child, clinic employees heard the baby cry before Gosnell came into their room with the dead infant, an incision in its neck, and tossed it into the waste bin.

In his clinic, police found lifeless bodies stuffed in cat food containers, in jars of toxic fluid, ground in garbage disposals, flushed down toilets, and stored along with employees' lunches in a refrigerator. The unrepentant abortionist has been sentenced to three life terms in prison.

Gosnell is not a rare outlier in the abortion industry. A series of videos recorded by Live Action, Life Dynamics, and Operation Rescue show that his brutal, gruesome practices and the killing of new born children are common throughout the country.

At the Aaron Women's Clinic in Houston, Texas, late-term abortionist Douglas Karpen regularly allowed late-term babies to be born alive. Then, he would either cut the spinal cord, introduce an instrument into the soft-spot of the fetus, suffocate the child by putting his finger down its windpipe, or twist "the head off the neck with his own bare hands." When one child was born alive on the facility's hallway floor, the abortionist simply "put it in a trash bag" and left it to die.

At Emily's Women's Health Center in the Bronx, New York, staff members explained the clinic's late-term abortion procedures to a pregnant undercover reporter. She was told that it was unlikely her baby would come out in one piece as they would do a suction abortion. The pregnancy would be terminated "inside the body" and then the baby's parts removed. When asked what would happen if after the abortion the baby was still breathing, a counselor responded that they would "put it in a container – like, a jar – with solution...The solution will make it stop." When asked what to do if she delivered the child at home during the two-day abortion procedure, the counselor said, "If it comes out, then it comes out. Flush it."

At A Gyn Diagnostic Center in Hialeah, Florida, Sycoria Williams had a botched abortion in 2006. Her baby was born alive and then killed. It took investigators one week and three separate searches to find the corpse of the infant girl. Her body had been hidden on the roof or in the dropped ceiling of the abortion clinic, and later placed in a biohazard bag within a medical-waste box. It was badly decomposed,

discolored, and infested with maggots. No one was successfully held responsible for the infant's death in either criminal or civil court.

At his Washington, DC, clinic, Dr. Cesare F. Santangelo was videotaped saying that no baby has ever been born alive during the late-term abortions he performs. He reassured a 26-weeks pregnant undercover reporter that if "you delivered before we got to the termination part of the procedure...we would not help it. We wouldn't intubate." He added "It's all in how vigorously you do things to help a fetus survive at this point."

LeRoy Carhart, who operates in both Maryland and Nebraska, is one of only four abortionists in the country who admit that they perform abortions past 26 weeks, a period when the baby, with medical care, can survive. In an undercover video, he jokingly tells an investigator for Live Action, who is in an advanced state of pregnancy, about taking her unborn baby out in pieces with "a pickaxe, a drill bit." He also says that during the lengthy abortion procedure she will be carrying a dead baby for three days. During that time the baby "gets soft and mushy," saying, "It's like putting meat in a Crock-Pot"...like meat "in a slow cooker." Is this not reminiscent of the cremation ovens of Buchenwald?

How can humanity become degraded to the point of killing newborn children and treating them like trash? How can a person tell a mother to flush her baby down the toilet? Have consciences become so distorted that a doctor can snip a baby's spinal cord, place it in a jar of toxic liquid, or stuff it in a bag as medical waste?

What can the future of our nation be when we routinely violate the Commandments of God? When we take an innocent child's life, which we have declared to be a God-given, unalienable right? When we have given women license to choose death for their unborn children?

As a nation, we should reflect on the words of Thomas Jefferson, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep forever." Pray for an end of abortion. Pray for our country. Pray for your family.



*"Baby Boy B," with slit neck*

**Baby boy B with incision in neck, aborted by Gosnell**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>ACTIVITY</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>JUNE</b>				
01	Sat.		Blood Drive	St. John Hall
04	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights Ladies Meeting	Chapel & Council Home
<b>11</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Council Business Meeting</b>	<b>Council Home</b>
13	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BC of GK Meeting Election of Officers	Holy Trinity Council #3413
14	Fri.		Flag Day	
16	Sun.		Father's Day	
18	Tues.	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch	Council Home
29	Thurs.	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Meeting	Officer Transition
25	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting / Officer Transition	Council Home
<b>29-30</b>	<b>Sat. &amp; Sun.</b>		<b>Grand Knight Seminar</b>	<b>Mt. Saint Mary's University</b>
<b>JULY</b>				
04	Thurs.		Independence Day	
06	Sat.	6:00 PM	Ironbirds game	Ironbirds Stadium
<b>06</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>State Council Installation</b>	<b>St. Clement, Rosedale</b>
<b>09</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Council Business Meeting</b>	<b>Council Home</b>
11	Thurs.	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting	
<b>16</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	<b>Council Home</b>
16	Tues.	7:00 PM	Membership and Program Seminar	Cardinal Gibbons Council
17	Wed.	7:00 PM	Council Installation of Officers	St. John Church
18	Thurs.	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Meeting	
23	Tues	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home

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## Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

Thank you for a very successful year (see below). Although we are a small 'auxiliary', we have made a difference to so many in our Council, parish and community. Just to name a few.... our continued support of our seminarian, our overwhelming snack collection for troops in Afghanistan, our donations to Catholic Charities for victims of Sandy, our gifts to our First Communicants, our Baby Shower for Birthright and our Spring Fling Bake Table support. We also managed to have fun along the way with classes on chocolate making and a wine tasting (can't beat that combination). **Mark your calendars for our 'Welcome Back Dinner' on October 1<sup>st</sup>. See you in the Fall !**

Awards won at 115<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus Convention Ocean City, Maryland 5/4/13

First Place Best Auxiliary (cat. B) - Knights' Ladies of Long Green

First Place Best Reoccurring Project (cat. B.) - Knights' Ladies of Long Green

Second Place Best New Project (cat. B) - Knights' Ladies of Long Green

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