

VALLEY VIEWS

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KNIGHGRANDTS REPORT

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Membership: The Fraternal year is drawing to a close soon as we close out the 3rd quarter. Ask a Catholic man if he has an interest and let Membership Director know if you have contact information.

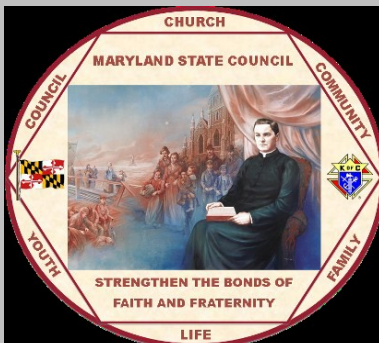
Council Home Facility: Our Council Home is busy these days, but there is still more room for your family event. Let us know when you need the Hall and tell your wife you won't need to paint, buy new furniture or make other improvements to host your party at home!

Communications: Our webmaster, Bob Elliott, will present the web site and its features in March. Plan to attend. When you attend our events, ask a Brother Knight friend to attend as well, and bring him along. Personal communications are best.

Service: We are reaching 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.

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

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Knights of Columbus Launch Prayer Campaign During Papal Transition

Ask Catholics to sign online pledge to pray and to tweet prayer commitment to the pope

The Knights of Columbus is asking its members and all Catholics to pray daily for the pope and the church in anticipation of Pope Benedict XVI's retirement and the election of a new pope.

The Knights' campaign comes at a time when Pope Benedict XVI has publicly asked for prayers for himself, his successor and the church. During the papal audience on Wednesday of this week, the Holy Father said: "Continue to pray for me, for the church, and for the future pope." He also thanked all those who have kept him in their prayers.

The Knights are asking people to record their pledge to pray at Prayer for the Church.com. The names of those who have made the pledge online will be brought to the Installation Mass for the new pope. In addition, physical prayer cards are available from the Knights of Columbus for use by parishes, schools or local Knights of Columbus councils. Cards can be ordered by calling (203) 752-4483 or by emailing communications@kofc.org. The Knights are also encouraging people to send their prayerful support to Pope Benedict XVI directly by tweeting "I am praying for you" and the has htag # prayer for the church to the pope's twitter account @pontifex.

The prayer, written by Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, reads:

"O Lord Jesus Christ , Supreme Pastor of Your Church,
we thank you for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI
and the selfless care with which he has led us
as Successor of Peter, and Your Vicar on earth.

Good Shepherd, who founded Your Church
on the rock of Peter's faith
and have never left Your flock untended,
look with love upon us now,
and sustain Your Church in faith, hope, and charity.

Grant, Lord Jesus, in Your boundless love for us,
a new Pope for Your Church
who will please You by his holiness
and lead us faithfully to You,
who are the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Amen."

"Until a new pope is elected, we ask Catholics worldwide to pledge to say this prayer daily for Pope Benedict, for the church, and for our future pope, and to encourage their friends and

families to do the same " said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

The Knights of Columbus has worked closely with the Vatican during the Pontificate of Pope Benedict. In December of 2012, at St. Peter's Basilica, the pope addressed attendees of a conference co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

Supreme Knight Anderson serves on several Vatican committees, and has worked both with Pope Benedict XVI and with his predecessor Blessed John Paul II. Earlier this week, Anderson released a statement noting:

"In these remaining days of his papacy, our thoughts and prayers are with Pope Benedict XVI, who has worked so hard in leading the Church, and has always been such a good friend to the Knights of Columbus. We wish him all the best in his retirement. In addition, we pray for all those cardinals who will take part in the conclave, and for his successor, that God may inspire them as they carry out the mission with which they are entrusted."

For more information visit PrayerfortheChurch.com or follow the campaign on Twitter at @KofC

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SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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In Service to One, in Service to All

Statement of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on the Retirement of Pope Benedict XVI

Brothers,

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STATE COUNCIL NEWS

William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy

Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity

On Sunday March 24, 2013, the Maryland State Council will celebrate the 131st anniversary of the founding of our Order with a 3:00 PM Mass at St. Clements Mary Hofbauer Church at 1212 Chesaco Avenue in Rosedale. All Brother Knights and Ladies and guests are invited to attend. After Mass, there will be an Awards Dinner for the winners of the Police Officer, Fire Fighter, EMT, Family and Catholic Teacher of the Year. Cost to attend the dinner is \$25 per person and must be paid by March 15, 2013. The Chairman for the dinner is George Floria and he can be contacted at 301-627-3923. More information is available from your Grand Knight.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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Brothers,

Have you elected your delegates to 5this year's Convention in Ocean City? Have you submitted their credentials to the State Advocate to allow the delegates to be seated at the convention? There is still time, but remember "Tempus Fugit..."

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BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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Brothers,

Our March meeting will be held at Pope John Paul the Great Council #1`3859 in Middle River on Thursday March 14, 2013 and will begin at 8:00 PM. This month we will honor the "Honored Guests of our member councils. If your council has named an Honored Guest, please let us know his name and we will prepare a certificate honoring him as well.

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FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Our ABJC Assembly has submitted 17 names of new Sir Knights to make their 4th degree at the exemplification in Frederick on 3/2/13. Lee Eder is running the hospitality room for the Assembly. If you plan to be in Frederick for the degree, join us for some hospitality and welcome our new Sir Knights. If you can check in with Lee to help in any way, your assistance would be appreciated. I shall provide a list of the names of the new Sir Knights for the next newsletter in

case we add anyone or have someone unable to make it to the degree in Frederick on March 2. There are already 8 prospects for next year that could not make this degree due to their personal scheduling conflicts. Thanks to our Admiral Mike Novak, sponsors and others for your help in recruiting these men into the Patriotic degree. Please contact me with names for the next exemplification so we can add them to the list for the next exemplification.

Our March meeting will be held at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council #11372. We will meet on Thursday March 21, 2013 and will begin at 8:00 PM.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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“No rest for the weary” sure holds true for our council activities and programs. Once again we can tout our accomplishments for the parish, community and council over this past month. But right on the heels of these tremendous efforts we take on a new major initiative to raise funds for the council to support our various projects for charity. Tom Rowan, with the critical support of Brother John Richard and a vast army of additional council brothers, is launching our First Annual Lenten Fish Fry. We are greatly encouraged at this point with the enthusiasm and commitment of so many to get involved. We sincerely hope that new activities like this will stimulate and energize our rank and file. It is good to see the new, and relatively new, brothers volunteering their time and talents. Yet I feel that I can safely say that several of our brothers, though tiring from running so many projects over the last few months, are getting rejuvenated and revitalized thanks to the many who are chipping in to support. We hope to continue this momentum and perhaps find a few willing volunteers to take the lead in some of these initiatives. As you have heard at meetings and some reports, we are trying to launch our own Wheel Chair project. We are very pleased that Bob Porter, a recent transfer into our council, has volunteered to take the lead on this program. He will be meeting with the Council Officers soon to discuss strategy and action plans. If you are interested in getting involved with this new project, please let Ray Dietz, GK Joe, or me know.

I recently purchase DVDs of the two movies that were promoted and encouraged by Supreme over the past year: “For Greater Glory” and “October Baby”. While they were not shown widely in theatres in our neck of the woods, none the less they are very powerful and inspiring movies that I encourage you to see. I am hopeful that we can show these movies at one or more of our Council or SJE Parish activities in the near future.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Long Green Valley Concert Series

The **Jesus Christ Super Star** dinner theater was held in the church hall on Thursday, February 7 at 6pm. As you all know, **LGVC** prepared and served dinner at this event – which had well over 200 attendees. By all reports, it was a rousing success both from a performance and dinner standpoint. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every council/parish member for either helping with this event or attending the dinner theater. Thanks again for all your hard work and support!!!!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Due to various conflicts and logistical obstacles, the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner to be held on February 12th was cancelled this year. We hope to reinstate this popular event next year.

Catholic Men's Fellowship Annual Conference – Saturday, March 16th

This year's conference, "Proclaiming Christ in the Secular World", will be held at Calvert Hall HS on Saturday March 16th. Registration starts at 7:30 am (Donuts and coffee available) and the Conference runs from 8:30am to 4:00pm and includes lunch. There are some excellent speakers and a closing mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Archbishop Lori. This is a collaborative event with the Holy Name Society and the **Knights of Columbus**. The Objective: To strengthen men's spirituality in the Archdiocese through evangelization and discipleship. Registration Fee: \$40.00, Students \$20.00 (registration fee includes lunch). Please plan to attend.

Bishop Lori Visit to St. John's – Sunday, March 17th

Bishop Lori is tentatively scheduled to celebrate mass at St. John's on Sunday March 17th. As the date approaches, we will be contacting all brother Knights for a show of support and solidarity, at this mass, for the Bishop of Baltimore and our Supreme Chaplain.

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. 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. The Service time will be announced in the parish bulletin as well as LGVC weekly email updates. There will be a light meal for all attendees in the council home following the service.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2012 THANKSGIVING FOOD PROJECT UPDATE

After our Thanksgiving and Christmas food donations to the Missionaries of Charity–Gift of Hope Convent, the Beans & Bread Outreach Center, and Our Daily Bread Employment Center, we had over **\$1,200** in remaining funds. After obtaining a “wish list” from Lucy Dipento of the the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Food Bank, Chancellor Paul Wimmer purchased and delivered approximately \$715.00 worth of food items to the food bank on Friday, February 22nd. Items delivered included cereals, instant potatoes, Ramen noodle soups, macaroni & cheese dinners, baked beans, Sloppy Joe mix, and coffee. Paul and the K of C LGVC thank St. John the Evangelist parishioner Gerry Lynch for assisting with the food purchases and delivery to St. Elizabeth’s Food Bank. Since there are still some remaining funds after purchasing items for the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Food Bank, they will be used to either help a St. John the Evangelist parish or school family that may need some assistance or to assist a local food bank such as the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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My Brothers All,

A special “THANK YOU” to everyone that made our Valentine Dinner on February 16th such a special evening. Our Chairman, GK Joe Wenderoth and Cassie, did an outstanding job organizing this event, decorating the council hall and treating our ladies to candy and flowers. Congratulations also to Chuck Bogdanowicz, Pat Donohue and Michael Bathon for preparing and serving a delicious meal.

The council’s First Degree Team is in need of several members to serve as understudies for the five speaking positions. The only qualifications necessary are the ability to speak from memorization and to be available for one scheduled degree each quarter. Our outstanding degree team will be exemplifying a first degree at our meeting on March 26th.

Council name badges are available. The cost is \$10 a badge. Contact Paul Weber if you would like to purchase one.

The Annual Maryland State Council Convention will be held in Ocean City, Maryland on May 3, 4 and 5. If you are interested in attending, contact GK Joe Wenderoth or FS Paul Weber

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch mourns the passing of our regular member, Chuck Valle. Our February meeting was enjoyed by those who did attend despite the prediction of bad weather. We dined on cold cut subs and chips and enjoyed hearing first hand accounts of Baltimore history that most of us would not have otherwise known. We have not planned the menu for next month, but you can be assured that it will be good.

The next meeting will be on March 19 at 11:30 in the Council Home. We certainly welcome any and all newcomers. This activity has been enjoyed and appreciated by a faithful core of Council members, but we would love to see you there.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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Pope Benedict XVI has reminded us that, as citizens, we have not only the right but the duty to make our voices heard on political and civil issues.

Because these issues directly affect our culture of life, three members of our Council and five from our parish family joined with hundreds of other Catholic men and women in the Maryland Catholic Conference's Lobby Night in Annapolis. (The Maryland Catholic Conference represents the mutual public policy interests of three Catholic (arch)dioceses in Maryland.)

Each participant was welcomed into the beautiful, modern church of St. John Neumann, offered lunch and given a carry-all bag with information on the Maryland Catholic Conference's Agenda for Lobby Night, a Legislative Overview, a Legislator Appointment Schedule, and tips for Successful Lobby Night Legislator Meetings.

After prayers and remarks from three bishops, issue presentations were made, followed by a question-and-answer period. Our Council then broke up into two smaller groups to plan what issues to talk over with our representatives and how to present them.

We were able to meet with two of our representatives, Senator J.B. Jennings and Delegate Kathy Szeliga. They are with us on everything but repeal of the death penalty. They are both aware of the total lack of representation in District Seven (due to gerrymandering) and Senator Jennings advised that the problem will be addressed in this session. They seemed unaware that Planned Parenthood is involved with public schools in Maryland and promised to look into that, too. Delegates Pat McDonough's and Rick Impallaria's offices were closed and they were never seen by any of us at any time during our visits.

Our Council was also represented at St. Mark's Church in Fallston on February 14th to hear remarks by Father Stuart Swetland, Vice-President of Catholic Identity at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and of Oxford University and a Rhodes Scholar, Father's central theme was of sowing love wherever evil exists...not an easy task but it is do-able if tried and put into practice.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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We had a spate of Family related activities in February. We hope you consider attending the St John School Gala on Saturday, March 2nd to benefit the school. Council members bought tickets to fill several tables. Not only do we get to participate in a family oriented event, but we have fun doing it.



Bring your family, friends and relatives March 15th. We will have a delicious fish dine in or carry out meals that evening. the Council that is also designed to Friday Lenten Services and to support you can help with the preparation and chair Tom Rowan know.



to our Fish Fry on Friday, sandwich and sides for This is a fund raiser for boost attendance at our Church Activities. If service, please let event

The Super Bowl Tailgate Party was a monumental game – with the Ravens bringing home the widely sought Super Bowl championship. There were over 20 of us high fiving with Ravens touchdowns and suffering through the final drive up to the dramatic goal line stand and euphoric conclusion. We enjoyed shrimp, sausage and peppers, wings, purple velvet cake, cheesecake and much more great food while we watched on the big screen with brother Knights and friends and family. It was a proud and memorable occasion that we'll long remember – and we were there.



The Jesus Christ Superstar the parish was another great family opportunity we shared in a church thank Brother Doug Byerly for production at St Johns. The delectable Lasagna dinner to production as a dinner theater venue.



production by entertainment activity. We arranging the Knights served a enhance the

Our Council Valentine Party was another opportunity to while showing our support of marriage and renewal of party and dinner followed 5 PM Mass on Saturday the 16th fabulous dinner was prepared by Messrs Chuck Donohue and Michael Bathon. The Council Home was Valentine decorations by Cassie Wenderoth, Joanne ticket and give the wife a great night out with friends, both old and new.



enjoy fraternity commitment. The at 6 PM. The Bogdanowicz, Pat resplendent with Cross and buy a

Our Lobby Night trip to Annapolis was a great family opportunity for older children. We have taken the journey for several years now to hear a briefing by the Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) before we talk to our representatives in Annapolis. Consider coming withj us next year on President's Day.



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.



Our Long Green Valley Council Basketball Free Throw Contest winners in January were eligible for State competition on March 17th. St John School winners were:

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

A group of Council members have bought tickets to support the Home and School Association Gala fund raiser at Eagles Nest on Saturday, March 2nd. We have offered our Big Six Wheel for one of their fund raising activities as well. Hope to see you there.



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
Chaplain Msgr. Rick Cramblitt
PGK Bob Dee
Fr. Willie Franken
PGK Larry Flynn
Brother Mike Keegan
PGK Joe Owens
PGK John Robinson
Brother Bob Snyder (Administrative Assistant to the State Deputy)
Brother Mike Talipan
Brother Bob Torr



Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Bernard Brooks, Friend of Brother John Walega
Dolores Clayton, Wife of PSD William Clayton, Jr.
Father of Steve Cohen, State Treasurer
Margaret Dee, Wife of PGK Bob Dee
Mrs. Henderson, Mother of Brother Jerry Henderson
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson
Dr. Cam Martin, brother-in-law of Brother Pete Stankoski
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson
Angela Sallese, Sister of PGK Mike Sallese
Andy Stromberg, Son of Dave and Carol Stromberg (Friends of Brother Paul Wimmer)
Carol Schoenborn, Friend of John Walega

Deceased Brothers:

Brother Chuck Valle
Gerry Grim, Sr., PGK, PFN Mason-Dixon Council & Archbishop John Carroll Assembly
George W. Lovenstein, PSD

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Mrs. Henderson, Mother of Brother Jerry Henderson

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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Brothers,

Special congratulations to our newest member, Bill Zoli who recently took his First Degree at Fr. Wolfe Council and to Chip Anderson, Ted Daniecki, Nick Graves, Ted Hartka, John Reed and Tom Rowan Jr., who became Third Degree Brothers at Dundalk Council on January 31st. We extend our best wishes to them and their families as they continue in their journey through Knighthood.

Our fraternal year is quickly moving forward, but we have a long way to go to meet our membership goals. We are in need of twelve new members. Why not simply explain the reasons you joined the Order and what benefits you and your family have obtained from your membership. **"Ask Him To Join!"** If you need any help, please forward his name to our Grand Knight or to me and we will do the follow-up for you. We thank you for all your efforts in recruiting and the retention of our members.

Please note, our excellent Degree Team will conduct a First Degree on Tuesday March 26th at our council home. We ask for your attendance and support.

In closing, we extend to you and your family a most Blessed and Happy Easter.

"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

Where did 2012 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2012. Now, the first quarter of 2013 is speeding by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done



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this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. I don't know exactly how this works, but I've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

Brothers,

I'm proud to announce that we have chosen Mark Bateman as the top associate in the Marlowe Agency and in the top 2% of all 1400 KofC agents. This is based on sales, service and client reviews that come in after Mark does business with someone. Mark truly believes in the Knights of Columbus - not just the insurance program. You won't find a more honest guy or someone who cares more about people.

Vivat Jesus!, Bob Marlowe

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Dick Lanham	01	Harry Brocato	03
Danny Seibert	03	Ray Dietz	04
Paul Nolan	04	Ron Rider	05
Bob Porter	08	James Greene	13
Richard Molinar	13	John Souchurek	20
Gregory Monnier	21	Bill Davison	25
Mike Bathon	26	David Battista	26
George Landefeld	29	Gus Schmidt	31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Joanne Furman...11. (22 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.

REFLECTIONS



Lawrence P. Grayson

We Have Lost a Pope

The Church is at an historic moment, one that has not occurred since the Middle Ages. Pope Benedict XVI has resigned the Chair of St. Peter, effective February 28, at 8:00 pm Rome time. He is the first pope to step down since Pope Gregory XII voluntarily resigned in 1415 to end a schism when two men claimed the title.

Is it coincidental or significant that Pope Benedict chose to end his papacy on the Feast of Pope St. Hilary, whose pontificate had several parallels to his own? Both popes followed giants in the papacy. Hilary succeeded Pope Leo the Great, whose 21-year reign was marked in 452 by his persuading Attilia the Hun to turn back from invading Italy. Benedict followed Pope John Paul II, increasingly being referred to as “the Great,” whose 27-year reign was marked by helping to defeat Communism and cause the collapse of the Soviet Union. Hilary and Benedict both served for seven years, during which time they continued the initiatives of their predecessors, as well as working for church unity and episcopal discipline. In the 5th century, Pope Hilary strove to strengthen and consolidate the church in Spain, France and Africa. In the 21st century, Pope Benedict began a movement for new evangelization, not only to revitalize the faith of existing Catholics and instill in them a greater zeal, but to reach out to new people, in new places, in new ways.

The papacies and lives of Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger) and Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla) were closely linked. In their early youth, both were involved in World War II, but on different sides in the conflict. During the war, when Poland was occupied by the Germans, Wojtyla worked in a stone quarry and chemical factory, while he studied for the priesthood in a clandestine seminary in Krakow. At that same time, Ratzinger had his studies at Traunstein seminary interrupted when he was drafted to serve in an anti-aircraft unit in Munich; as the war wound down, he deserted the German Army. At the Second Vatican Council, Fr. Ratzinger served as a theological consultant to the archbishop-cardinal of Cologne; Bishop Wojtyla contributed to the drafting of the Apostolic Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*.

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A few years after Cardinal Wojtyla was elected pope, he chose Cardinal Ratzinger to head the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, a post he held for 24 years. The two men then worked in close collaboration for the rest of the pope’s reign. When Pope John Paul II died in 2005, the cardinal wished to leave the Roman hierarchy and return to his teaching and writing. But this did not occur. On the third ballot of the conclave to elect a new pope, Ratzinger was chosen by the voting cardinals. At 78 years of age, he was one of the oldest men ever elected to that position.

The last almost eight years have been difficult for Pope Benedict. He has had to deal with the escalating worldwide problem of sexual abuse by priests and the secretive handling of these matters by their bishops. He has worked to bring many in the Anglican Church back into union

with Rome, even establishing a structure of personal ordinariates headed by former Anglican priests and allowed to maintain certain of their ecclesiastical traditions. He lifted the excommunications on the bishops of the Society of Saint Pius X as part of the effort to bring the Society into full union with Rome, restored the traditional Latin Mass as one of two forms of the Roman Rite, and revised the English translation of the Novus Ordo Mass. He worked to improve the administration of Vatican finances, and foster closer Catholic-Jewish relations. In addition, he continued his role as teacher of the faith in issuing three encyclicals, giving over a thousand homilies and addresses, and publishing numerous books. There are many significant titles among his publications, including the three-volume set, *Jesus of Nazareth*, on the life of Our Lord, the last volume of which was published only a few months ago, in November 2012.

The deterioration of the Pope's health has been very noticeable to Vatican watchers. In the past few months, he no longer walked down the long aisle of St. Peter's Basilica to offer Mass, but rode in a cart. He needed help up and down the steps of the altar, recently has been using a cane, grasps a glass of water with two hands, and has been advised by his doctor not to take any trans-Atlantic plane trips. Clearly, his health is no longer up to the demands of the papacy.

His resignation is a very humble and generous act, offered for the good of the Church. His desire when he steps down is first to go to Castel Gondolfo, the summer residence of the Popes, and then retire to a cloistered monastery on the grounds of the Vatican to spend the remaining days of his life in prayer and reflection.

Pope Benedict's influence will still be felt. The conclave to pick his successor is planned to convene in mid-March, with the expectation that a new pope will be chosen before Easter. There currently are 117 cardinals under the age of 80 who are eligible to vote. Pope Benedict has elevated 67 of them to cardinal, while Pope John Paul II elevated the remainder.

May the Holy Spirit enlighten each and every one of the voting cardinals to select the best person to serve as the 265th successor of St. Peter.

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The New Evangelization Booklet Series

The Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service (CIS) continues to develop its new series of booklets that cover the basic themes of the New Evangelization. Drawing on the teachings of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI, the 17-part series is a response to Pope Benedict's challenge, "We must see to it that the beauty and contemporary relevance of faith is rediscovered." The series will show that the New Evangelization is not a new Christian message, but rather a new presentation of the joy of the Gospel, in all its transforming power, to the men and women of today. The five installments, What Is the New Evangelization? (#401), "I Believe in You": The Question of God in the Modern World (#402); A God Who is Threefold Love (#404); The Beauty of Holiness: Sacred Art and the New Evangelization (#418), and Technology and the New Evangelization: Criteria for Discernment (#419) are now available in print and as a PDF at kofc.org/cis. The series will also be translated into French and Spanish. More information will be available in this newsletter and at kofc.org/cis as the series is completed during this Year of Faith

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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MARCH

2	Sat	1:00 PM	4 th Degree Exemplification	Frederick
5	Tues		Knights' Ladies Meeting	Council Home
6	Thurs	7:00 PM	Council Officers Meeting	Council Home
12	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
14	Thurs	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of GK Meeting	Pope John Paul the Great
15	Fri	3-8 PM	Fish Fry	Church Hall
17	Sun	9:00	Archbishop Lori's Mass	St. John Church
17	Sun		Saint Patrick's Day	
19	Tues	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch	Council Home
21	Thurs	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	Fr. Wolfe Council
24	Sunday		Palm Sunday	
25	Monday		Day of the Unborn Child	
26	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting / First Degree	Council Home
28	Thursday		Holy Thursday	
29	Friday		Good Friday	Knights of Columbus Founders' Day
30	Saturday		Holy Saturday	
31	Sunday		Easter (No 5 th Sunday Activity)	

APRIL

02	Tuesday		Knights Ladies	Council Home
04	Thurs	7:00 PM	Officer Meeting	Council Home
07	Sunday		Divine Mercy	
09	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
11	Thurs - Fri	April 11-12	Knights Ladies Cash in the Attic Auction	
11	Thurs	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	Westminster Council #1393
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	
23	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home

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Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Dear Knights' Ladies,

Our next meeting for the Knights' Ladies is **Tuesday March 5, 2013 at 7:00pm**. We have a special meeting planned to welcome you all back from our '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 1st if you can join us for this fun meeting.

We missed you so. Hope you can join us.

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