

VALLEY VIEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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The Family Picnic on August 25 was a resounding success. The food was excellent and plentiful, the weather was outstanding and everyone enjoyed the horseshoes, the lawn games and the companionship of fellow knights and their wives. Tom and Dana Rowan generously opened their home to us and hosted an excellent afternoon. Those who missed the picnic missed a very enjoyable, family-oriented activity.

We are now entering our third month of the fraternal year and activities are increasingly picking up. There are numerous opportunities to become involved with the Council and even a couple of hours of your time strengthens our effectiveness as a Council. You can help sell Wine Festival tickets after mass, help sell Incentive Raffle Tickets in the community, help with Catechetical Sunday on the fifteenth, attend a Ravens Tailgate, pick and deliver apples, or attend the 5 O'clock Mass with your family on the twenty-eighth (and join us for a pot luck dinner in the Hall). If you have not been able to participate in any of our activities recently, you have been missed. Please pick an activity even it only involves ten or fifteen minutes after Mass. You will be glad that you did.

Even if you cannot attend meetings or an activity right now, please read the newsletter every month, follow the Long Green Valley Council weekly email and greet your fellow Knights when you see them in Church or in the community. We are trying our best to communicate with all of our brothers. If you know of anyone who is not receiving our emails, let me know so that His email address can be updated. If you have any questions or suggestions for activities that you would like to see, please let me know.

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Pope Francis Encourages Knights of Columbus in Works of Charity and Witness to Authentic Nature of Marriage, Life and the Rights of Believers.

Pope Francis praised the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus and encouraged the organization to defend the sanctity of marriage, the dignity of life, the beauty and truth of human sexuality, and the rights of believers.

The pope's sentiments are contained in a letter of greeting to the Knights' 131st annual convention, now taking place in San Antonio.

The letter, which was sent by Vatican Secretary of State Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone on behalf of Pope Francis, expressed the Pope's "esteem for the ideals of faith and fraternity embodied by your Order, its commitment to the Church's mission, and the many works of charity and evangelical witness undertaken by the Knights in their local Councils, parishes and communities."

The letter also encourages Knights to continue their witness, saying, "Conscious of the specific responsibility which the lay faithful have for the Church's mission, [Pope Francis] invites each Knight, and every Council, to bear witness to the authentic nature of marriage and the family, the sanctity and inviolable dignity of human life, and the beauty and truth of human sexuality."

"In this time of rapid social and cultural changes," the letter continues, "the protection of God's gifts cannot fail to include the affirmation and defense of the great patrimony of moral truths taught by the Gospel and confirmed by right reason, which serve as the bedrock of a just and well-ordered society."

On religious liberty, the letter conveys the pope's "appreciation of the clear public witness offered by the Knights of Columbus in protecting the right and duty of believers to participate responsibly, on the basis of their deepest convictions, in the life of society."

The letter, which underlines the specific responsibility which the lay faithful have as part of the Church's mission, was directed to more than 2,000 attendees consisting of Knights and their families from dozens of countries gathered in San Antonio from Aug. 6-8 for prayer, business planning, recognition and fellowship. More than 100 members of the Catholic hierarchy, including 11 cardinals, are also attending this year's convention.

The convention's theme, "Be Protectors of God's Gifts," is drawn from Pope Francis' inaugural homily delivered in March.

"At the close of a year in which we set new records for charitable contributions and worked very closely with the Church, the Knights of Columbus is grateful for the support of our Holy Father," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "And we look forward to continuing to serve our Holy Father, the Church and those most in need."



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SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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In Service to One, in Service to All

In observance of the Year of Faith, Catholics from throughout the East Coast will gather in pilgrimage, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Popularly known as 'America's Catholic Church,' the Basilica is the patronal church of the United States and its preeminent Marian shrine.

The date is also the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Basilica's 56-bell carillon, which was a gift of the Knights of Columbus.

The pilgrimage begins with Mass at noon, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and renewal of the Order's consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Benediction and a carillon recital will conclude the activities at approximately 3 p.m. Confessions will be available from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Year of Faith is designed to renew the faith of Catholics so that we will be credible, joy-filled witnesses to the Risen Lord in the world today, capable of leading others to faith.

The goal of the Year of Faith is to foster a deeper practice and witness of faith, as well as a deeper understanding of the truths of our faith that Jesus — the foundation of our faith — revealed. To do this, Catholics are encouraged to participate regularly in the sacraments, advance in personal prayer, participate in pilgrimages to sacred sites and improve their knowledge of the Church's teachings, particularly through study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The Knights of Columbus has a long history with the National Shrine. The K of C provided \$1 million for the construction of the campanile, known as the Knights Tower, which was dedicated in 1959. Four years later, the organization donated a carillon of 56 bells. On the day of the dedication (Sept. 8, 1963), Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle of Washington said, "To the members of the Knights of Columbus, in the name of the bishops of the country, I say we are deeply grateful for this wonderful gift. Long after we are gone, this tower and these bells will be paying honor to God and to his Mother."

The K of C also established a \$1 million endowment in honor of Past Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart to promote Marian devotion at the National Shrine and to preserve and maintain the Basilica. For more than 30 years, Knights have funded, coordinated and staffed an usher ministry there. Since 1989, the K of C has regularly funded televised liturgies and other spiritual broadcasts from the Basilica. Most recently, the

Knights donated \$1 million for the installation of a mosaic depicting the Incarnation of Christ in the Great Upper Church.

Please join Knights and their family members to worship, pray and renew the Order's consecration to Our Lady. More information is available on the Knights of Columbus website at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/pilgimage-basilica.html>.

STATE COUNCIL NEWS

William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy

Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity

My Dear Brother Knights,

The 131st Supreme Convention held in San Antonio, Texas on August 6-8, 2013 was a tremendous success. Its theme was "Be Protector's of God's Gifts," a line chosen from the inaugural homily of Pope Francis. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said: "For over the past year you have been good stewards of God's gifts! Our Order is stronger today than ever before, and, my brother Knights, the best is yet to come."

At the Supreme Membership Seminar for Knights of Columbus at the convention, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said that the Order has a "historic opportunity" with the election of Pope Francis. Since his election in March, the pope has "captured the imagination of the world" through his simplicity of life, pastoral manner, and calls for Catholics to engage in personal service to the most needy and forgotten of society. "He is going to lead a tremendous renewal of Catholicism, especially in the Western Hemisphere," Anderson said. Knights are called as individuals and as an Order to stand "shoulder to shoulder" with the pope to "advance a great chapter of Catholicism in our lifetime."

The supreme knight also said that to live up to its reputation as "the strong right arm of the Church," the Order must grow in numbers. More members mean more charitable works, more needy people helped and a greater ability to assist the Church at the local, diocesan and universal levels.

The message from the Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson is clear - - let us offer the Experience of a Lifetime, membership in the Knights of Columbus, to every eligible Catholic man so that we too can be proactive as "Protector's of God's Gifts."

Columbus Day Ball

The Maryland State Council will hold our biggest social event of the year on Saturday October 12, 2013 when we hold our annual Columbus Day Ball at the LaFontaine Bleu in Glen Burnie. The Ball begins at 7:30 PM and runs until 12:30 AM. Ticket prices are \$48.00 per person. Make reservations early as we can accommodate only 800 people. For more information please call George Floria at 301-627-3923 or Jean Domingue at 410-798-7177. Your Grand Knight also has information and reservation forms.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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My dear Brothers,

We have completed the Installation of Officers for all Councils in the District. Congratulations to the new Officers and thank you to the Officers continuing to serve our Councils.

On Monday September 23, we will hold a 2nd Degree Exemplification at St. Mary – Pylesville and hosted by Mason-Dixon Council. The exemplification will begin at 7:30 PM and candidates must be there by 7:00 PM. Are you a 1st Degree Knight ready to take the next step in your formation or do you know a 1st Degree Knight who is ready? Please let our your Membership Director or the Financial Secretary know that you are interested and he can begin the paperwork.

The district will hold a horseshoe tournament at Eden Mill on Sunday Oct. 6th. Lunch starts at 11AM and pitching starts at 12:30 / 1PM. Each council will be asked to contribute something. More info to come!

Do you know a Catholic Gentleman who doesn't belong to the Knights but should? Ask him to join us.

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BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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Brothers, the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be meeting on September 12 2013 at 8:00 at Bethlehem Council located at 7401 Bayfront Road, Sparrows Point, Maryland 21219. My previous message had indicated September 8 2013. I apologize for the error. Anyone interested in getting shrimp for the evening should still reserve their shrimp through Chapter Treasurer Joe Herman by September 5 2013 with the \$15.00 check made out to the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights and contact Brother Herman via e-mail at jwherman@comcast.net for reservations or remit checks to Joe at 2803 Kirkleigh Road, Dundalk, Maryland 21222.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Sir Knights and Dear Ladies,

Our Assembly held the installation of our officers on August 17, 2013 at St. Francis de Sales Church. Thanks to all who attended.

Our September meeting will be held at Saint Mary's Pylesville MD. Mason -Dixon Council # 10100 on Thursday September 19, 2013 beginning at 8pm.



Do you know a Brother Knight that is eligible to take his Fourth Degree? Tell him about the 4th Degree purpose and talk with him about joining us. The 4th Degree Exemplification will be held this spring and we are looking for Brother Knights to take part in the Exemplification.

Brothers of the Color Corps, have you signed up to participate in the pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.? We are trying to assemble 1,000 members of Color Corps from around the Order to participate. Information and registration is available at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/about/contact/pilgrimage.html>.

Vivat Jesus!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Our activities team is shifting to high gear for the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. Here is a summary of upcoming events.

Car Raffle Tickets sales will continue up to Columbus Day and be followed closely by the Tootsie Roll Drive. These are both broad-based Council activities and we depend upon Council members to buy raffle tickets themselves and take a turn selling tickets and distributing Tootsie Rolls.

In September we kick off the soccer Shootout as well as host a Catechetical Breakfast. The month will end with our first 5th Sunday celebration, which will be a pot luck dinner on SATURDAY, September 28th after 5 PM Mass.

The Ravens are preparing for a new season to follow their Super Bowl Championship and our Tailgate Parties start at the Council Home on September 15th and we have 10 Sunday afternoon games scheduled. September 22nd and 29th are the 2nd and 3rd tailgates.



Lots of people talk about what should be done, but Knights take action. The Knights and LGVC offer many opportunities for charity and service. We can help with food distribution, wheel chairs for veterans and much more. Take advantage of activities of your choice. If you have questions, don't hesitate to talk to me about your idea.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

We welcome the Sunday School Catechists each year in September with a breakfast in the Council Home. This year the date is September 15th. Your participation is welcomed in all these events to show the parish how Long Green Valley Council is involved to support, strengthen and show appreciation for other ministries in the church community. Pictures here are from a previous Catechetical Breakfast.



Each year we celebrate three or four 5th Sundays as a Church Activity. This year the 5th Sundays on the calendar are the last Weekends in September, December, March and June. Our 5th Sunday practice is to designate a mass on the 5th Sunday weekend and appeal to members and their families to attend that mass, and sit together in one section at church to show unity. Several Officer Members take up the gifts during mass and we are usually recognized from the altar during announcements as an attending group. Following the mass families meet for a meal and fellowship at the Council home or at a restaurant. We vary the mass and the location to keep the activity fresh and to make it available to more members who typically attend at only one mass time.

This month, 5th Sunday will be SATURDAY evening, September 28th, at and following 5 PM Mass. After mass we will convene at the Council Home for a Pot Luck Dinner. At a Pot Luck Dinner, Council Families are asked to bring one item to share, whether it be a salad, appetizer, entrée or desert. The Council Home is open before mass so the item can be dropped off on the way to the mass. If you aren't attending that mass you can still come to the dinner. In any case, just let us know that you are coming and what type of item you will bring. There is also a small free will offering (\$2 per person is suggested for the Council Home costs such as utilities). Please join us.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Community Activity kicks into high gear in the fall with the sponsorship of the Red Cross Blood Donation drive, a one day event. We sign up people to recruit and contact donors and get names after a mass one weekend. The next weekend we set up early for the Red Cross team and donors. Brother Michael Bathon will lead the team this year.

The Thanksgiving food drive in the Fall is a complex and lengthy process that lasted into the winter last year. We always get a good volunteer turnout from the Council and experience great participation by the School, parish and community for this important activity. There are a number of food collections, food shopping trips and delivery downtown. It is gratifying to see the appreciation of the Sisters of Charity when we deliver the food to their pantry at St Wenceslaus. Paul Wimmer chairs this event. If you haven't done this before, try it. I guarantee you'll enjoy it.

Meanwhile, we can use your help selling raffle tickets for the Maryland State Car Raffle. Raffle tickets will be mailed to members and you can purchase them or sell them to friends and family. It is only a buck

to get a chance to win a new car, pretty good odds compared to most contests. There are attractive second and third place prizes as well. We will also sell the tickets through the school and at business establishments as customers come and go. The Council gets 60 cents of each dollar we collect, so it is an important fund raising opportunity for us that rewards our level of effort proportionately.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Council Activities promote fraternity among members so that we become a more cohesive team in our fraternal programs, whether they be meetings, projects or just social occasions. The bonds of fraternity forge a synergy of energy in everything we do and serve as a force multiplier as we perform good deeds.

Our monthly Lunch Bunch meetings bring back some of the retirees who fondly recall council activities of the past and pass along some good advice as well. Started by GK Bob Renshaw, the attendance at these meetings has held firm.

Many of our events are family oriented and the wives help form better networking than just our members would by themselves. The 5th Sunday masses and post mass gatherings are a good example. We also have Pot Luck suppers to achieve the same ends. There are special occasions such as Valentines Day and Christmas Dinners that add some festivities to our lives with a Council event.

The Council Picnic at the Rowans provided an excellent opportunity for fraternity as members watched kids and grandkids swim in the pool and play lawn games. Husbands and wives shared conversation and solved puzzles while others threw horseshoes. It was a memorable activity on a picture perfect day thanks to hosts Tom and Dana Rowan. We hope to see your family at future Council events.

Lunch Bunch

The August Lunch Bunch was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the lunch and companionship. If you are unable to attend evening meetings, this is your opportunity to keep current with the activities of the Council while socializing with your fellow Knights. If you need transportation, we would be glad to match you up with someone else who is attending. The food is generally very good and where else can you find lunch and friendship for only \$3.00?



The next Lunch Bunch gathering is Tuesday, September 17, at 11:30. We hope to see you there.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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As Brother Knights we support life affirming activities in every form. There are many opportunities for participation in these activities at the local, state and national levels. During the year we will advertise these programs and solicit your participation. If the program catches your interest we welcome you as a volunteer. We have participated in marches for pro life in Washington and Annapolis. We have registered parish members for the Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) and have organized a bus trip to participate in Lobby Night with our State representatives.

Our Council Tootsie Roll Drive will start after Columbus Day. New Member Kirk Larter has stepped up to lead the drive and is contacting retail establishments so that we can offer the Tootsie Rolls at store fronts, as well as after mass one week end. He will ask for your support handing out Tootsie Rolls. You can offer your support for the drive to him by email at kirkl@comcast.net or call him at 410-215-5764. There is a modest amount of training involved – just a few minutes of your time to learn about the charity and the Knights’ program. That information will enable you to educate and motivate passers by to contribute to this worthy Culture of Life initiative.



Money collected from our Tootsie Roll drive is used to support causes for Mentally Disabled Citizens such as Camp Glow, run by the Archdiocese. The following is some information about the Camp from the Archdiocese

web site.

Camp GLOW

Camp GLOW (God Loves Our World) is a week-long residential summer camp for adults with disabilities held at the Monsignor O’ Dwyer Retreat Center in Sparks, MD. Begun by Sr. Justa Walton, I.H.M., in the 1970’s, Camp GLOW has been an annual tradition providing spiritual development and social enhancement to hundreds of camp participants. Under the direction of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Office of Disabilities Ministry, Camp GLOW fosters a loving environment in which participants strengthen their relationship with the Lord through the celebration of Mass and other spiritual activities. In addition, there are many fun activities including music, swimming, hiking, sports, arts and crafts, movies, parties, dances, and a talent show.

For many, Camp GLOW provides the only vacation they will have during the year. It also provides a respite for parents whose sons or daughters live at home.

Camp GLOW is funded entirely through the generosity of the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, parishes, Knights of Columbus Councils, religious and civic organizations, businesses and individuals. Donations may be made to the Sr. Justa Walton Fund and mailed to the Office of Disabilities Ministry.

40 Days for Life Campaign

The 40 Days for Life Fall 2013 Campaign to end abortion begins on Wednesday, September 25, and runs through Sunday, November 3. This is a peaceful, prayerful, international campaign that saves lives through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils outside abortion centers. For sites in Maryland, check <http://40daysforlife.com/location.cfm>. Information about the locations is being confirmed and will be appearing shortly.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

On Saturday, September 14, Priests for Life, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, and the Pro-Life Action League are calling a **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**. Tens of thousands of aborted children have been retrieved and buried across our country. Prayer vigils will be conducted at 33 of these sites. In Maryland, a service will be held at 1 PM, at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Singerly Road and Childs Road, Elkton, where 34 aborted children redeemed from Stephen Brigham’s abortion facility in August 2010 are buried. For more information, go to www.abortionmemorials.com.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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The Long Green Valley Council summer picnic was fantastic!! On Sunday, August 25th about 50 LGVC members and family convened at Tom and Dana Rowan's beautiful home in Fallston. The day was beautiful and the setting was picturesque. We referred to the grounds as "Rowan State Park". The pictures throughout this article show the idyllic setting and enjoyment of attendees.

The Council served hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, ears of corn and refreshments. Attendees brought side dishes and deserts. Although the party was scheduled from 1 to 5 PM we were there long afterward. Many commented on how much they enjoyed this memorable Council event and the fraternity was evident in every conversation. Hopefully this will be a growing event for years to come.



There was a pool to enjoy, lawn games, horseshoes and puzzles. If you missed it, make a note to come next year and join the fun. More pictures will be made available for your enjoyment.

The Family of the Month for August 2013 is Pat and Marilyn Donohue. Pat has done an outstanding job as Church Activities Chairman last year and moved to Council Activities this year. In that capacity he helped with the Picnic preparation at the Rowans. Previously he helped Ken Furman's team perform a significant upgrade to the SJE School computer lab, a Youth activity.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Youth Activities start with the 2013 Soccer Shootout. We are still planning the event at this writing so follow us by email and meetings to learn when the contest will be conducted. John Reed is already building a goal target with PVC pipe obtained by Jim Schmidt Sr. The Shootout is a fun event that we typically conduct in one half day on the St John School campus in conjunction with the school Physical Education Program.

If you would like to 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. Please go to

<http://www.archbalt.org/about-us/child-youth-protection/training/>

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'll be ready to help with our youth events. It protects both the children and us. Let us know if you need more information.

We look forward to our typical variety of Youth Activities this year including: Soccer Shootout, Basketball Free Throw Contest, Poster Contests, Support for School Events, Trunk and Treat and more. Stay tuned for details.

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 Bill Seibert
 Brother Bob Snyder (Administrative Assistant to the State Deputy)
 Brother John Stansfield



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
 David Pusey, Cousin of Chancellor Paul Wimmer
 Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson
 Carolyn Thuman, Wife of Brother George Thuman

Deceased

Brothers:

Brother Dennis Mitchell
 Brother Raymond Peterson, Sr.

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 Bob Renshaw's focus area of Service for the 2013/2014 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:

³⁵₁₇ 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

Our membership program is in full Fall form.

We will be having a First Degree at our Home on Tuesday, Sept 24. Please contact me for any possible candidates. Also on Monday, Sept 23 there is a Second Degree in Pylesville. If you haven't taken your 2nd Degree, please contact me

We are planning to have a table at the Jacksonville Community Fair to be held on Sat Sept 14. We need volunteers to rotate at the table for an hour or so.

Finally, we will have a Membership Blitz Weekend Oct 26 & 27 at all Masses and need your help.

As Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has stated: "We have a moral obligation to offer membership to every Catholic Gentleman." Who have you asked lately to join the Knights?

Members	202
Inactive	13
Honorary	16
Honorary Life	37
Disability	0
Goals	
Membership	13
New Members	0
Insurance	5
New Insurance Members	0

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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Annuities: More flexible than you might think

Annuities are easily misunderstood, in part because of their name. When you “annuitize” the money you’ve paid into an annuity (plus the interest it has earned), you’ve chosen to receive monthly payments for life or for a fixed period.

However, annuitizing this money isn’t your only option. You may also treat an annuity like a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC). That is, you use the annuity as a way to accumulate savings and earn a steady interest rate. You can make withdrawals from the annuity for any reason, although you may then owe income tax on some or all of the withdrawal amount. If you do choose to annuitize, you also have several payout options. The point is, these products are flexible enough to serve a variety of needs. Contact me if you’re interested in setting up an annuity as an RRSP, spousal RRSP, RRIF, a non-registered account, or a TFSA account.



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COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

William Buttarazzi	01
Joe Shimanek	01
John Walega	05
Gerry Henderson	15
Charles Grebe	16
Ted Hartka	16
Cal Guthrie	20
Ed Gibbons	21
John Pirisino	22
Steve Taylor	24
Msgr. Rick Cramblitt	27

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Harry & Joan Brocato	12	(32 years)
Paul & Mary Weber	12	(38 years)
John & Laura Canoles	20	(5 years)
Joe & Barbara Owens	28	(45 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
The Power of One

America was established as a great experiment in human liberty, based upon a belief in the worth and dignity of the individual person. The Founders provided a vision in the Declaration of Independence, and set forth a means for assuring liberty through self-government in the Constitution. In the latter document, they allowed for the election of representatives and established a limited, self-checking government through the division of powers. But declaring a belief and ordering it through an organizational structure is not enough – it must be sustained. When asked what type of government was created by the Constitution, Benjamin Franklin is reputed to have said, “We have a Republic, if we can keep it.”

If liberty is to be maintained, it requires a populace which has and lives by moral and virtuous convictions. Without a national sense of virtue, without trust that each of us will do his or her duty and will act in honorable ways, without a belief that decisions for the community will be based on the common good and not on individual self-interest, a republic cannot continue to exist. History has shown this on many occasions. If America is not to suffer the fate of the great republics of the past, and vanish to become simply a lesson in history, than the citizens of this country have to understand and live by the principles and values that form its foundation. “To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people,” James Madison said, “is a chimerical idea.”

Rights are not protected by written documents, but by the beliefs, habits, and actions of people who respect liberty, truth, and the value of the human person. If virtue and morality do not guide civic activity, then the original beliefs upon which the nation was founded can be transformed into rationales to justify self-serving actions. As Pope John Paul II said in his encyclical, *Centesimus Annus*, “As history demonstrates, a democracy without values easily turns into open or thinly disguised totalitarianism.”

The Pope expanded on this statement in 1997, when he received the credentials of a newly-appointed American Ambassador to the Holy See. In doing so, he said, “The Founding Fathers of the United States asserted their claim to freedom and independence on the basis of certain ‘self-evident’ truths about the human person: truths which could be discerned in human nature, built into it by ‘nature’s God’...The continuing success of American democracy depends on the degree to which each new generation, native-born and immigrant, makes its own the moral truths on which those first Americans staked the future of your Republic. Their commitment to build a free society with liberty and justice for all must be constantly renewed if the United States is to fulfill the destiny to which the Founders pledged their ‘lives... fortunes...and sacred honor’.”

Today, under the guise of tolerance and with misguided deference, America is slipping into a moral totalitarianism, with the state declaring, by stages, that God has no place in civic life. All public references to God are being banned, abortion is legal and rampant, the traditional definition of marriage is being distorted, and government is forcing individuals to violate their consciences and organizations to repudiate their faith-based values. To many people, the religious and moral convictions upon which America was founded now are considered an anathema on a free society.

The principles of virtue and morality, which form the basis for America's republican form of governance, are best taught, strengthened and maintained by religion. The founders of this nation rooted their actions on a belief in a transcendent God, who endowed all of us with certain unalienable rights, and who will hold us accountable for how we fulfill our concomitant duties. As Catholics and Americans, we have an obligation to reinforce in the public ethos the concepts of liberty and patriotism, to strengthen the foundations of virtue and morality which underlie our republican form of government, and to help assure that religiously-informed, moral argument has a vital role in public life.

You may ask, what can I do? The answer is, you can strike a spark.

Many of us have been in a large meeting when, after a speaker concluded his or her remarks, one member of the audience rose to clap, then another followed, then another, and soon everyone joined in. Because one person rose and became a catalyst for others, the speaker received a rousing, standing ovation. That is the power of one.

One middle aged nun, without any business or media operations experience, began a Catholic television network in 1981; today, EWTN spans the globe. One parish priest began a society in 1882 to foster unity among Catholic working men and provide for the families of deceased members; today, the Knights of Columbus has 1.8 million members and continues to grow. One Albanian-born nun gathered a small community of women in 1950 to administer to the "poorest of the poor;" today, the Missionaries of Charity has sisters, brothers and priests operating in 133 countries. That is the power of one.

You can create a spark for the return of Christian values as a basis for public virtue in this nation. Often a spark is quickly extinguished and nothing happens. But on occasion that spark leads to a conflagration. If you believe in the principles on which this nation was founded. If you believe that, under God, this country can continue to be the mainstay for freedom, democracy, and human dignity in the world. If you believe that our government was "instituted among Men, deriving [its] just powers from the consent of the governed," for the purpose of securing "certain unalienable Rights" with which we were endowed by our Creator, then strike a spark for virtue and morality in public life. And, with God's help, see what can happen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SEPTEMBER				
2	Monday		Labor Day	
7	Sat	1 - 5 PM	State Council Family Picnic	Prince Georges Council
8	Sun	12:00 PM	Pilgrimage of Faith to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.	
10	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
11	Wednesday		Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace	
12	Thurs	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	Bethlehem Council
15	Sun	9:00 PM	Catechetical Sunday	
15	Sun	1:00 PM	Ravens Tailgate Party	Council Hall
19	Thurs	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	Mason-Dixon Council
22	Sun	1:00 PM	Ravens Tailgate Party	Council Hall
23	Mon	7:30 PM	2 nd Degree Exemplification	Mason-Dixon Council
24	Tues	8:00 PM	Social Meeting & 1 st Degree	Council Home
28	Sat	5:00 PM	5 th Sunday Mass and Dinner	St. John Church
28	Saturday		Financial Secretary & Tax Seminar	
29	Sun	1:00 PM	Ravens Tailgate Party	Council Hall
OCTOBER				
1	Tues	6:30 PM	Knights Ladies of Long Green Dinner	Council Hall
4/6	Friday - Sunday		State Council Fall Meeting	Hagerstown, MD
6	Sun	11:30 AM	District Horseshoe Contest	Eden Mill Park
8	Tues	8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
10	Thurs	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	
12	Sat	7:00 PM	Columbus Day Ball	La Fontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie
14	Monday		Columbus Day Celebration	Washington, D.C.
17	Thurs	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	Our Lady of Grace Council
22	Tues	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
26 & 27	Sat & Sun		Membership Blitz at all Masses	St. John Church

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Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

Summer is just about over. You should be receiving your invitation to join the Knights Ladies in the mail soon but we've also included it this article. All ladies of the Council are invited to join us for our 'Knights' Ladies Welcome Back Dinner'. Hope to see you there..... we have a fun and exciting year planned.

***Knights' Ladies of Long Green invite you to join us for our Welcome Back Dinner
Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30pm in the Knights' Hall.***

Please RSVP to Mary Weber by September 23rd on 410 879-0558 or marygweber@verizon.net

Our dinner is free, but we ask each lady to bring items for the children at Kennedy Kreiger Hospital (ages 5 thru 12) Dollar Store- Halloween Dress up stuff or Christmas Santa or Reindeer Hats, nail polish (funky colors like blue, green or purple) playing cards, hand held games, coloring books and crayons, small stuffed animals, stickers or any children's craft (5 Below Stores).

Hope to see you there

Mary

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