

VALLEY VIEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Dear Brothers,

The Council is in the midst of one of busiest times of year. Through the dedication and hard work of many of our brothers, we have been juggling The Tootsie Roll Program, the Thanksgiving Project, the Red Cross Blood Drive, the Council Memorial Mass, a Fifth Sunday breakfast, a Pizza Party for the School and our Council Christmas Party. We should all be proud of how much we have been able to do in the name of Columbianism. We have been able to support the disabled, feed the hungry, help save lives by assuring the availability of blood, honor our departed brothers, encourage a unified mass attendance, support the parish school and celebrate Christmas in the company of our brother Knights. It's heartwarming to see what a few good men can accomplish.

At the business meeting on November 11, the Council was presented with the Columbian Award. Through this award, Supreme recognizes Councils that have been active in all service areas, participated in Supreme activities and met all obligations. The only difference between this and the coveted Star Council Award is that of meeting our membership quota. We are again behind this year so we need each of you to spread the word about all of the positive things that we do as evidenced by the above listing for these two months alone. It is hard to believe that conscientious Catholic gentlemen would not want to be a part of our Order. Even if they cannot contribute a large amount of time, their membership alone helps the Council grow and remain strong and supports all that we do. Ask your family, friends and parishioners if they would consider becoming a Knight.

Christmas is rapidly approaching. This is a time to reconnect with family, renew friendships, and pause to reflect upon our faith. May the Prince of Peace touch your heart through His presence at Christmas and may we all endeavor to bring peace to those in this community who are hurting and in need of our love and attention. May you and your family enjoy a happy Christmas Season and a prosperous and healthy new year.

Vivat Jesus

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

From State Chaplain Reverend Milton E. Jordan's column in the December 2014 Maryland State Council newsletter.

This month, of course, is for most Christians a genuine challenge to our need for personal prayer. A year is ending -- perhaps faster than seems fair. Just eleven months ago we were making resolutions for a variety of changes or new beginnings. Well, brothers, here we are and, if you are like me, most of those resolutions were good intentions that have become clouded in so many happenings in our lives.

Already malls and shopping centers are very busy. Indeed, it is almost impossible to make their ways lieisurely through the walkways. In days past what we call Advent was a time to visit downtown department stores simply to gaze upon magnificent scenes created by the genius of window display designers. The most of what we see is the newest in fashions, sneakers, electronic gadget and those wonderful kiosks that help us add unwanted poundage to our middles.

In this season of Advent and this Year of the Family, let me encourage you to be the true spiritual leader in your family and perhaps in your individual parishes. Make it your purpose to bring your spouse and your children together with you each day -- morning, noon or night -- to spend some time in prayer. It could be time for a rosary, a time to learn several new prayers. For example, does your brood know the prayer that reminds us of one of God's very special gifts to each of us, our Guardian Angel? There can be no doubt that we live in an age when that heavenly being could easily be over-worked if we remembered to ask his help and protection in all we do.

There are many practices that the Church offers us during the prelude days to Christmas. The challenge for all of us who proudly proclaim our allegiance to Fr. Michael McGivney's dream is not simply to put Christ back into Christmas. For us the challenge is to bring Jesus Christ and his Church into family moments each and every day on our journey to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Yes, brothers, we have a genuine choice: Jesus Christ or Santa! Who will be the winner in your own Knight of Columbus family?

Each Council Chaplain has the unique opportunity to stir up among Council members some of the suggestions offered in Supreme's recent publication for the Year of the Family.

Likewise let me suggest three websites that I personally find very helpful to my own spiritual life. The first: the American Bishops' Conference website offers the daily readings for Mass as well as a 2-3 minute reflection: [Daily Readings and Reflections](#). Likewise, the Spirituality Center at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, offers a wide variety of spiritual opportunities at [Online Ministries](#). This is one of the most unique sites for helping anyone serious about a spiritual life. Lastly, I would recommend [Sacred Space](#). Here you will find an actual shared experience of a few minutes of meditation.

Brothers, may you find a special interest in prayer during the busy days of December that helps you and your loved ones. May these suggestions also lead to calm and peace amid the days of pressure that can make the celebration of Christ's birth an experience when you might be led to say "Oh, what a relief it is!" Rather through a prayer time practiced each day during Advent may Christmas Day truly be a day when "Joy to the World" is a reality in your hearts.

Vivat Jesus!

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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In Service to One, in Service to All

Fostering a 'Culture of Inclusion'

By Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

I am sure that many brother Knights were as moved as I was to see the photographs of Pope Francis embracing a young armless dancer during his meeting last month with Italian paralympic athletes at the Vatican. On that occasion, the pope reminded us that playing "sports is an invitation to foster a culture of inclusion ... and to overcome the barriers that are outside of us, and especially within us."

As Knights of Columbus, we know very well the truth of these words because of the millions of volunteer hours and dollars that we have given to Special Olympics since its founding games in Chicago in 1968. Since that time, hundreds of thousands of brother Knights have volunteered to help make these special athletes know that they are welcomed and important.

We know how difficult it can be to foster "a culture of inclusion" for those who confront the challenges of mental and physical handicaps every day. We know how far we have come, and we know too how much farther we still need to go.

This past summer, the Knights of Columbus pledged \$1.4 million to cover the costs of Special Olympic athletes from the United States and Canada during their time in Los Angeles for the 2015 Special Olympic World Games. In response to this new commitment, we have been named a "Founding Champion of the World Games."

With this donation, the Order has given more than \$46 million to Special Olympics since 2001. And during that same time, the total amount donated by Knights at all levels to help those with mental or physical disabilities has exceeded \$243 million.

More recently, we launched a partnership with the University of Miami-affiliated Project Medishare for Haiti to help all those children who underwent emergency amputations following the horrendous earthquake that struck that country nearly five years ago. Our grant of more than \$1.6 million established the children's amputee rehabilitation program in Port-au-Prince, through which more than \$12.5 million worth of donated services has been provided.

Here as well, sports have played an important role in fostering a new culture of inclusion in Haiti. Our partnership with Project Medishare led to our sponsorship of an amputee soccer team composed of young Haitians whom we then brought on tour to the United States, visiting Miami, Hartford and Washington, D.C. Our program and the tour are the subject of a new award-winning documentary film titled *Unbreakable*.

For more than a decade, our partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission has also brought the gift of mobility to the poor in countries throughout the world, including Vietnam, Israel, the Philippines, Cuba, Ukraine and Mexico. In the near future we will distribute our 20,000th wheelchair. Nonetheless, building a "culture of inclusion" will take more than dollars, though dollars are necessary.

Building a culture of inclusion requires the realization that the banquet of life is not reserved only for the planned, the perfect or the privileged.

Last January, Pope Francis issued a message for the World Day of Peace, titled “Fraternity: the Foundation and Pathway to Peace.” That message inspired the theme for our 132nd Supreme Convention in August: “We Will All Be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity.”

Pope Francis reminded us in his message, “True brotherhood among people presupposes and demands a transcendent Fatherhood. Based on a recognition of this fatherhood, human fraternity is consolidated, each person becomes a ‘neighbor’ who cares for others.”

As the Christmas season fast approaches and we look forward to the birth of the Son who revealed to us the face of transcendent Fatherhood — the Son who made possible true brotherhood among people — let us always remember that being a neighbor who cares for others is at the center of Father McGivney’s vision for the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Steve Adamczyk, State Deputy

Be Not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage

State Council Website: www.kofc-md.org

Brothers,

As we enter the festive Christmas Season, never lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. “Jesus is the reason for the Season”, is not just another cute saying. He came to be born of Mary and Joseph, so we the less fortunate, would be saved. Let us remember His less fortunate on earth and help the needy during the Christmas Season. Collect food for the food banks, hats and coats for the homeless, blankets and socks for the veterans and even toys for the children. “Let them know We are Catholics by Our love.”

Invite prospective members to your Christmas parties and have them meet the council and feel welcome. Schedule a degree before the week of Christmas, and give the gift of membership. I know for a fact that Santa is a member in good standing (at my council). Don’t forget the council and district incentives for reaching “Star” status by January 1, 2015. For further information contact the membership committee.

I again thank everyone for remembering our deceased during the month of November. I also encourage you to check on members you have not seen in a while. It is much better to reach out to them now and assist them if necessary, than to find them on the deceased list and say we never knew. Remember, it is out of pride that some men will not ask for the help they need, but an extended hand in friendship is welcomed.

From Kathleen, Bryan, John, Rhonda and myself, I wish you all the Merriest of Christmas’ and the Happiest, Healthiest, Holiest New Year ever. May God Bless you and your families during this Blessed Season. In return I ask for your prayers as well, that I have a positive influence on the Knights of Columbus in Maryland.

By The way....Do you have your rosary with you?....Do you pray it often?

Vivat Jesus

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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Be Not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage

My dear Brother Knights,

I bring you Greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Stephen J. Adamczyk.

December is the month in which we remember prepare for the coming of the baby Jesus. We also are preparing for Santa's visit. Let us not forget those around us who will not know the joy of the season because they are homeless or alone. Don't be afraid to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Please remember: if any Officer or Brother Knight has any questions or needs help with anything, please call me or District Warden, Mike Georgulas. We will be there for you.

On behalf of Mike and Karen Georgulas and Mary Celeste and myself, may you have a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,
Lee Eder, PGK, PFN

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Dear Brothers

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be our Christmas Party. It will be held on Thursday December 11 at St. Agnes Council #4449. The party will begin at 8:00 PM. All Grand Knights, Brother Knights and lovely Ladies are invited to attend. The cost is \$10 per person and you must contact Greg Lynch at 410-596-5872 or GLynch7612@gmail.com.

On Saturday December 6 we will once again serve breakfast for the children of Villa Maria and the residents of Gallagher Center. We will also support Santa Claus when he visits, so keep that date available and help us if you can. My phone number is 410-515-0319.

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Fraternally
Jason McGinley
President

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Sir Knights,

Assembly Annual Christmas Gathering. 8:00 pm Thursday December 18th. Our Annual Christmas Party will be held at Long Green Valley Council at St. Johns in Hydes. Ladies are invited and there will be no business meeting. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. The Assembly will provide beverages and deli sandwiches.

The new Master of the Maryland District is Thomas Greul and he will be visiting us in January for our Renewal of Vows on the 15th at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council.

Fraternally,
Keith Arndt
Faithful Navigator



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Our annual Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 25 in the Chapel was very well attended. We estimate that there were approximately 35 people in attendance including 5 widows. Our Chaplain, Msgr. Rick Cramblitt, gave a very touching homily that the word memorial means that we are here to remember those who we have lost. As the names were called, every widow received a white rose to honor their husband's memory. Following the Mass, there was a reception in the Council Home which was also well attended.

I want to thank Financial Secretary, PGK Paul Weber for organizing such a beautiful mass, his wife Mary for obtaining the flowers for the Chapel and for the widows, Brother James Green for providing the music, Sir Knight John Caine for providing the dignity of the Color Corps and, of course, again I thank Monsignor Rick for such a touching and meaningful celebration and homily.

Church Activities Chair, Pat Donohue planned and prepared the reception which was enjoyed by all. PGK Jim Schmidt, Sr helped set up the Hall and serve the food. I thank them all for their service to the Council. As this is being written, Pat is planning and preparing for a Fifth Sunday Mass and breakfast for Sunday, November 30 at the 9 AM mass at St Johns. Since we all attend Sunday Mass anyway, this provides us an opportunity to join together in unity and fraternity. I urge all members of the Council to be aware of our Fifth Sunday gatherings and to plan to join us.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Tootsie Roll Drive

The Tootsie Roll Drive concluded on Saturday November 22 at the Fallston Walmart. Coordinated by Kirk Larter, this year's campaign raised over \$2,500 for the intellectually disabled and particularly for those served by Camp GLOW every summer. We want to thank everyone who volunteered their time at one or more of the Tootsie Roll locations—John Walega, Ted Daniecki, Pete Stankoski, John Caine, Chuck Bogdanowicz, Pat Donohue, John Reed, Jim Schmidt Sr., Sam Gibson, Paul Wimmer, Bill Davison, Bob Renshaw, Mike Naumann, Phil Gill, George Landefeld, Tom Zaegel, Chip Anderson, John Stansfield, Paul Weber, Bill Zoli, and Ben Jenkins. The crew that worked last weekend deserves special thanks for surviving the brutal cold Friday and Saturday. Your contribution is very worthwhile and is appreciated by your council and by the charities that are serving these vulnerable people.

Blood Drive

The Blood Drive on November 22 was another resounding success. Under the capable leadership of Brother Mike Bathon, we collected 91 units of blood which is just shy of our Council goal of 100 units but well above the Red Cross goal of 75. The drive went so well, wait times were so short that the word should be going out that this is a good place to donate. The Spring drive should be even better! Mike would like to recognize so many people who helped him with the drive. Ray Dietz, Bob Cyphers, Jim Schmidt, Sr, Pete Stankoski and John Bushman helped out the day of the drive along with two High School students, Patrick Rusk and Bradley Hock who kept the canteen humming. In addition, John Bushman, Pat Donohue, John Reed, Josh Pippin and Dale Edmunds made phone calls to both schedule and remind donors. This was indeed a council-wide activity.



PGK Jim Schmidt, Sr and Brother Bob Cyphers busy at the Registration Table



*Recorder John Bushman helped wherever needed
kept donors hydrated and refreshed*



*Brother Pete Stankoski and Patrick Rusk, (son of
Brother Mike Rusk)*



*Kris Renshaw (son of GK Bob Renshaw donated
double red blood cells)*

The Thanksgiving Project continues to be the most ambitious community activity of the year. Under the capable leadership of Chancellor Paul Wimmer, we were able provide complete Thanksgiving dinners for 150 families served by the Missionaries of Charity, Gift of Hope Convent, as well as provide baked pies, canned goods and stuffing to be distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Beans and Bread soup kitchen. We again provided a Thanksgiving dinner for the 65 participants, alumni and staff of the Our Daily Bread Employment Center (Christopher Place) by roasting five turkeys and delivering the vegetables, stuffing and desserts to match.

This required three deliveries. On Tuesday, November 18th, a team consisting of Brothers Pat Donohue, Carl Ference, Paul Wimmer and PGK Tom Zaegel purchased the non-perishables such as canned vegetables, stuffing, sugar, cooking oil, coffee and cranberry sauce from Aldi Food Market in Towson. A second team consisting of Jim Wright and Brothers Mike Keegan, John Mayni and John Reed proceeded to the Produce Market in Jessup and purchased fresh potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, apples and oranges. These were

delivered to the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Hope Convent.

On Friday, November 21st, a team consisting of Brothers Pat Donohue, Gerry Lynch, John Walega, Paul Wimmer and Bill Zoli purchased 150 frozen turkeys and five fresh turkeys. The turkeys plus 250 fresh blueberry muffins which were baked by the Knights Ladies were delivered to the Gift of Hope Convent to be distributed that afternoon to 150 families. We also delivered ten blankets made by St. John's School 8th grade girls and boys with the help of the Knight's Ladies. The blankets will be used by the nuns for the patients in the Gift of Hope Convent's 10 bed hospice.

The project concluded on Tuesday, November 25th when a team consisting of GK Bob Renshaw, Chancellor Paul Wimmer, PGK Tom Zaegel, Brother Pat Donohue and Brother John Caine delivered 87 frozen pies to the Gift of Hope Convent to supplement the 63 frozen apple pies delivered by the St. John's School Market Day program, 50 baked apple pies, canned vegetables, fresh potatoes and stuffing to Beans and Bread which will be served to their clientele and five cooked turkeys and the fixings for Thanksgiving Dinner at The Our Daily Bread Employment Center.

We are very thankful to the membership for their generous donations, to Msgr Richard Cramblitt and the St Johns Parish for designating a poor box collection to our project, to the students of St. Johns School for collecting non-perishables for the distribution, to the parents who purchased and donated Market Day pies and to the Knights' Ladies for their home-made muffins. We also thank Peg Dee (widow of PGK Bob Dee), Brothers Pat Donohue, Ed Gibbons and Tom Rowan and GK Bob Renshaw who cooked turkeys for Our Daily Bread. All of these efforts combined to produce a good Thanksgiving for many people who have so little.



PGK Tom Zaegel and GK Bob Renshaw pose with staff of Beans and Bread



Paul Wimmer & PGK Tom Zaegel with nuns and clients at Gift of Hope Convent

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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LAST CHANCE TO JOIN THE PARTY!!!

The Council Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday December 19th at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Avenue in Fullerton from 7 to 11 pm. Our dinner will include open bar (beer, wine, mixed drinks and soda), appetizers, salad, two entrees which includes both boneless stuffed breast of chicken and top round of beef au jus, potato, vegetable, hot rolls and butter, ice cream sundae bar and (make sure you leave room for) an international coffee station which includes coffee with your favorite after dinner drink...e.g. coffee topped with Kaluha and whipped cream, a Nutty Irishman -coffee with irish mist..... just to name a few.

The dinner is attractively priced at \$35 a person, which includes Open Bar the entire evening, dinner, dessert, coffee bar, tax and gratuity. Tickets for members will be available on a first come, first served basis through December 12th. For additional information, contact Paul Weber at 410-879-0558 or apaulweber@verizon.net

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will hold its annual Christmas gathering on Tuesday, December 16 at the Silver Spring Mining Company, 1110 York Road, Cockeysville, Md. We meet at 11:30, as usual, and order from the menu and split the tab at the end. This has always been an enjoyable time and a chance for some of us who cannot attend evening meetings to get together and socialize. I need to know a count for the restaurant, so please contact me at 410-592-8406 or baltobob@comcast.net as soon as you know that you intend to come.

The next few months are known for their inclement weather and we had several problems with meeting last year. Therefore, we will suspend Lunch Bunch during the months of January and February and plan to meet again on March 17 at 11:30.

MEETING DOOR & ATTENDANCE PRIZES

At every meeting we have a door prize and an attendance prize. The door prize is drawn from those who purchased a raffle ticket. Half of the money collected is awarded to the door prize winner.

Also at each meeting, a name is drawn for the attendance prize. On November 11 the winner would have been Cal Guthrie and he would have won \$5 if he were present. If the winner is not present, \$5 was added to the pot.

There was no drawing on November 25 because all business was suspended to accommodate the Memorial Mass. The next drawing will be on December 9 for \$10. You must be present to win.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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This is a reproduction of an e-letter by Martin Fox, president of the National Pro-Life Alliance, to all NPLA members about the need to work on banning “webcam abortions”, the prescription and sale of abortion-inducing drugs via the internet.

Never let it be said that the abortion industry is short-sighted. They're always looking ahead to their next money-making bonanza. So years ago when they saw a problem coming down the pike, they maneuvered to head it off at the pass.

This “problem?” That what abortionists refer to as a “blob of tissue” is really a tiny, living, breathing baby. And with advances in technology, abortion proponents are finding it more and more difficult to hide that truth. But these same abortion advocates are not backing down. They're changing to a stealthier, but just as deadly tactic.

You see, back in 2001 - the first year the Clinton's FDA rushed through approval of the abortion pill - about 5% of abortions were carried out using RU-486, and it quietly snuffed out over 70,500 unborn little girls and boys. Barely a decade later, one out of every four abortions are chemically induced.

The abortion lobby has turned chemical abortions into their fastest growing abortion procedure, deceptively marketing abortion drugs as a “safe, simple and private” solution to a problem pregnancy. But - lest you be confused by the rhetoric the abortion industry spews about RU-486 - it's just as deadly as any other methods of abortion. Babies still die horrific deaths. And mothers still suffer miserable physical and emotional consequences.

The only thing that is different is that the killing fields are moving from their grisly abortion mills to defile the sanctuary of homes. In fact, abortion peddlers are so hungry for these high profit chemical abortions, they even use the internet to peddle their wares. These so-called “webcam abortions,” legal in 36 states, use the internet to connect an expectant mother to an abortionist, who is in a remote location. After a brief interview (and the assurance that the payment went through) the abortionist prescribes a deadly mix of pills designed to kill the baby and force a bloody miscarriage. So now the abortionist doesn't even have to soil his hands with his own dirty work. Because the mother takes these poison pills and goes home to sit and wait alone for the agony and hemorrhaging to begin. This is the very definition of callous.

That's why National Pro-Life Alliance members, while continuing the effort to overturn Roe v. Wade, are also in the trenches fighting with hearts passionate against the abomination of chemical abortion. As Edmund Burke said: “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” But NPLA members aren't ones to stand aside and “do nothing.” Because we know that no matter how they make it happen – by poison pill, or by scraping the baby from the womb - abortion is still the wanton slaughter of innocent children.

For Life,



Martin Fox, President
National Pro-Life Alliance

The March for Life is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015. Supreme has requested that every Council consider organizing a delegation from their home parish to travel to Washington, DC for this event. Perhaps we can host two (2) events that day – a delegation to go to Washington, and a prayer group for those who cannot make the trip to DC.

See me at an upcoming meeting to volunteer to help with one event or the other.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

YOUR NAME WILL FIT HERE

We need someone to step up and chair Family Activities. This is an easy program but one that is critical to our mission as Knights.

This year, our Light Up For Christ will be expanded to include the blessing of individual figurines of Jesus from family Nativity Scenes. This is part of the Baminelli Program which is being encouraged by Archbishop Lori. Bring your own family Jesus to the 5 PM Mass on December 13 and join our blessing of the crèche immediately following Mass. This is open to all parish families and there will be refreshments in the Council Home to follow.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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October 17th, the day of the Race for Education did not end our commitment. We volunteered to host a pizza party for the class that raised the most money and that class was the 6th grade. The pizza party was held on Wednesday, November 19th. The pizzas were delivered to the Council Home so that the 6th grade class could revel in their victory, also a victory for St John's School and Long Green Valley Council 8736.

In collaboration with the St. Johns School, the Council participated in the State Keep Christ In Christmas Program. PGK Joe Wenderoth picked up the posters before the Thanksgiving break and on Sunday, November 30, a team of judges consisting of GK Bob Renshaw, PGK Joe Wenderoth, PGK Tom Zaegel and Brother Ben Jenkins had the difficult task of choosing three winners from the field of excellent drawings. The Council winners were : Kailyn Snyder, Grade 2; Madeline Darrell, Grade 6 and Jacob Kozak, Grade 7. Let's hope we have at least one State winner!

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:

Brother Frank Budzynski
Msgr. Jack Collopy
PGK Larry Flynn
PGK Al Kramer (Bel Air Council)
Brother Kevin Krivacsy (Past LGVC Member)
Brother John Mayni
PGK Joe Owens
PGK John Robinson
Brother Frank Sliwka
Father Leo Tittler



Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Michelle & Alex Bronzert, Daughter-in-Law & Son of Brother Norm Bronzert
Joanne Cross, Wife of PGK/PDD Jim Cross
Linda Dalesio, Sister-in-law of Brother Pat Donohue
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson
Kathy Gutberlet, Wife of Brother Matt Gutberlet
Elizabeth Johnson, Daughter of Warden Tom Rowan
Kathleen Lanham, Granddaughter of Brother Dick Lanham
Irene Norocki, Cousin-in-Law of Brother Ted Daniecki
Tina North, Wife of Brother Michael North
David Pusey, Cousin of Chancellor Paul Wimmer
Helen Radcliffe, Wife of Brother Carl Radcliffe (Deceased)
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson
Margery Schammel, Wife of Brother Willie Schammel

Deceased

Brothers:

None

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Edmund Sweeney, Brother-in-Law of Brother Dick Lanham

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:

Visits or telephone contacts needed for Brother Knights on our Sick/Prayer List, particularly members of Long Green

Valley Council.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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One Member per Month per Council

Brothers,

The Supreme Membership motto for this year is One Member per Council per Month. Please reach out into your networks of families and friends for referrals to join our Fraternity. We have a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights to all Catholic Gentlemen. I know you have someone in mind, let me know who and together we bring him into the Knights.

Please contact me at 410-790-7494 with any potential candidates and I will PURSUE!

Fraternally
Ray Dietz

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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Plan for this tax day and into the future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays:

Matt Cuculis	02
Kevin Ewing	04
Larry Polk	04
Jack Murphy	06
Chuck Bogdanowicz	07
Bob Black	10
Ron Carr, Jr.	12
Mike Lynch	12
Joe Sliwka	13
Gary Terrinoni	16
Joe Wenderoth	16
Sal Bollino	17
John Stansfield	17
Mike Sawyer	23
Paul Crowe	24
Ron Carr, Sr.	26
Steve Harris	29
Chuck Daley	30
Fr. Dave Kruse	30
Mike Keegan	31
Tom Rowan, Jr.	31

November Anniversaries:

Sam & Donna Gibson	04 (43 years)
Frank Budzynski & Gloria Gosnell	29 (32 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
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DECEMBER

2	Tues		Knights Ladies of Long Green Christmas Social	Council Home
4	Thurs 8:30 AM		School Mass (Presentation of Soccer Awards)	Church
4	Thurs 7:00 PM		Officers Meeting	Council Home
6	Sat 8:00 AM		BCGK Party for Villa Maria	Villa Maria
7	Sun 12:30 PM		Tailgate Party	
8	Monday		The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
9	Tues 8:00 PM		Council Business Meeting	Council Home
11	Thurs 8:00 PM		Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Christmas Party	St. Agnes #4449
11	Thurs 6:30 PM		School Christmas Show (Presentation of Poster Awards)	
13	Sat 6:00 PM		Light Up For Christ	
16	Tues 11:30 AM		Lunch Bunch Christmas Luncheon	Silver Spring Mining Co
18	Thurs 8:00 PM		Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Christmas Social	Long Green Valley #8736
19	Fri 7:00 PM		Council Christmas Party	Columbus Gardens
20	Sat		State Council Christmas Party	Columbus Gardens
25	Thursday		Christmas Day	
27	Saturday		St. John the Evangelist Feast Day	
28	Sun 12:30 PM		Ravens Tailgate Party	

JANUARY

1	Thursday		New Year's Day	
3	Saturday		State Council Midterm Meeting	Columbus Gardens
8	Thurs 8:00 PM		Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	Fr. O'Neill #4011
8	Thurs 7:00 PM		Officers Meeting	Council Home
13	Tues 8:00 PM		Council Business Meeting	Council Home
15	Thurs 8:00 PM		Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Renewal of Obligations	Fr. Wolfe #11372
17	Sat 6:00 PM		Spaghetti Dinner	Church Hall
22	Thursday		March for Life	Washington, D.C.
28	Tues 8:00 PM		Council Social Meeting	Council Home

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Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

We wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

This has been a very busy fall for our Knights' Ladies. We and the Knights held a Ice Cream Social for our 'Night with Kevin Ewing' where Kevin told the group his many adventures on his journey of Faith in Rome and the Holy Lands. We sent Kevin back to Rome with a small check to cover some of his 'going back to school' expenses.

At our Welcome Back dinner prepared by the officers, we collected food items to stock Riverview Elementary School's food pantry. Many students arrive at school on Monday morning hungry when their parents experience food emergencies over the weekend.

We started collecting manufactures' coupons for military families around the world to help combat the rising cost of food with the limited incomes. We hope to continue Troopons throughout the year with our 'clipping' volunteers. We have mailed almost \$3800 in coupons to date. We donated \$300 to the Knights' Thanksgiving Drive and baked 240 blueberry muffins for Gift of Hope Mission to be included in the food delivery. We partnered with the 8th grade students of St. John's School and made no-sew blankets for the residents of Gift of Hope also.

Our 2nd Annual Christmas Tea in the Valley was very successful and as a favorite of the ladies. At our Christmas Party on December 2nd we collected 'feel good items' as well as 'Socks and Undies' for SARC, a domestic violence center in Bel Air, MD. We also adopted three children for the Annual Giving Tree.

As you know, we take a 'sabbatical' in January and February because we don't like to drive in bad weather and it always snows on our meeting nights. Mark your calendars for our next meeting, March 3rd.

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