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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Despite the unpredictable weather, the New Year has gotten off to a very good start. We have only had to cancel one activity when a snow storm hit on the same day as our Lunch Bunch. Thanks to John Reed and his team, the crèche was dismantled and stored and thanks to Mike Tallipan, Pat Donahue and their team, we had a very successful Spaghetti Dinner. I can't thank enough Joe Wenderoth and everyone who works so hard to keep our programs running.

This month, we have volunteered to help St. Johns Parish cater their Dinner Theater and will need plenty of help. Details can be found in the Program Reports. This month we will also participate with the Maryland Catholic Conference's Lobby Night in Annapolis. The only way that we can get government to work for our interests and values is to show them who we are and impress them with our numbers. March begins Lent and Lent leads to Fish Fries. Last year's was so successful that we have scheduled two this year. I know that I can count on everyone's help with these major activities.

The Financial Secretary has advised me that 2/3 of our members have paid their dues. He has sent out second notices. Please respond as soon as possible. Each mailing costs the Council money that could best be used for our charitable programs. If you have a problem making a payment, please discuss it with me so that we will be aware. If you are more than one year in arrears, we will be trying to contact you to determine what can be done to encourage your retention. Please do not ignore our calls, we only need to talk. Even if you are not paying your dues, we are paying per capita assessments for you and these can be quite expensive.

Again, thank you for all that you do. It is an honor to serve as your Grand Knight. We are in the process of developing a slate of officers for next year. Please consider running for office next year, particularly for Deputy Grand Knight. If you want to discuss this further, please feel free to call me or our nominating committee chair, Tom Zaegel. Believe me, you can do it.

Vivat Jesus

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"IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Losing the sense of God's kingdom, is losing the sense of sin

"The greatest sin today is that people have lost the sense of sin" and therefore "the meaning of the kingdom of God" and in its place a "supernatural anthropological vision" has emerged according to which "I can do anything." This was the lesson that Pope Francis drew in his homily at Mass this morning at Casa Santa Marta from the biblical episode in which King David falls in love with Bathsheba and sends her husband, general Uriah, to fight in the front line and thus to certain death. It is in fact a murder.

The Pope noted that "David is faced with a great sin, but he does not see it as a sin. He doesn't even think of asking for forgiveness. Instead all he thinks about is: 'How can I resolve this?'".

"This can happen to us all. We are all sinners and we are all tempted and the temptation is our daily bread. If anyone ever said: 'I've never been tempted', either you are a cherub or a bit 'stupid, right? It's understandable ...its part of life's normal struggle, and the devil is never quiet, he wants his victory. But the problem - the most serious problem in this passage - is not so much temptation and sin against the ninth commandment, but David's behavior. Here, David does not speak about sin, but about a problem that needs solving. This is a sign! When the Kingdom of God is forgotten, when the Kingdom of God diminishes, one of the signs is a loss of the sense of sin".

Every day, reciting the "Our Father", we ask God, "Thy kingdom come ...", which - says Pope Francis - means "that your Kingdom may grow". But when you lose the sense of sin, you also lose the "sense of the Kingdom of God" and in its place - the Pope said - there emerges an "anthropological vision" according to which "I can do anything".

"The power of man instead of God's glory! This is the daily bread. This is why we pray every day to God 'Thy kingdom come, Thy kingdom grow ', because salvation will not come from our cunning, our cleverness, our intelligence in doing business. Salvation comes from God's grace and how we train every day of our Christian life for this grace".

Pope Francis quoted the famous phrase of Pope Pius XII: "The greatest sin today is that men have lost the sense of sin". He then went on to look at Uriah the innocent man put to death because of his king's guilt. Uriah, the Pope says, becomes the emblem of all the victims of our inadmissible pride.

"I confess to you, when I see these injustices, this human pride, even when I see the danger that this will happen to me, the danger of losing the sense of sin, it makes me think of the many good Uriahs down through history, of the many Uriahs who today suffer our Christian mediocrity, when we lose the sense of sin, when we diminish God's kingdom ... These are the unrecognized martyrs of our sins. It would do us well to pray for ourselves today, that the Lord give us the grace to never lose the sense of sin, that His Kingdom is not diminished in us. We should also bring a spiritual flower to the graves of these contemporary Uriahs, who pay the bill for the feast of the secure, of those Christians who feel secure".

This was the homily given by Pope Francis on January 31, 2014 and was taken from an article at the Vatican Radio website

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"IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"

Discovering Christ

As we continue to embrace the new parish vision of "Preaching Like Paul, Serving Like Peter, Faithful Like Mary," we have looked around for a small-group experience that will dovetail with this new vision to bring our parishioners to a greater sense of knowing, living, and sharing their faith. We feel like we have found such a program with the ChristLife ministry. ChristLife (www.christlife.org) is lay Catholic ministry, recognized as an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, which was begun in 1995.

Beginning February 9, St John Parish will begin the first part of a three part Christlife program. This program offers three 7-week components entitled "Discovering Christ," "Following Christ," and "Sharing Christ." These three components match well with the vision of "Faithful," "Serving," and "Preaching," as put forth in the parish Vision. The program meets on Sunday evenings and begins with a shared meal beginning at 6:00 pm, a large group prayer and learning segment starting at 7:00 pm and small group discussion until 8:30 pm.

I would like the Knights to participate in the process and consider being a small group leader or helper. Chris Deaver estimates that he needs 5-10 facilitators and 5-10 helpers to make the program a success. If you can help in either role, contact Chris at AFF@STEHYDES.ORG.

Vivat Jesus!

Monsignor Rick

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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In Service to One, in Service to All

In the aftermath of the Philippines' Typhoon Haiyan considered the strongest recorded storm ever to make landfall the Knights of Columbus will donate more than \$750,000 to assist in relief efforts. Some \$500,000 of that amount has come from local K of C councils and individuals from throughout North America.

The Nov. 8 typhoon's 195-mile-per-hour winds and 20-foot ocean surges killed more than 6,000 and displaced millions, reducing seaside villages to splintered piles of wood and tearing a gash across the center of the islands from the Pacific Ocean to the South China Sea.

The Knights of Columbus has strong ties to the Philippines, where it has had a presence since 1905 and today counts hundreds of thousands of members, including many who were victimized by the typhoon.

"Both at the height of the storm and in its aftermath, the Knights were there -- first with their prayers, and also as rescuers and relief agents," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Locally and internationally, we remain committed to helping the people of the Philippines rebuild their lives."

Among the many relief programs sponsored by the Knights, funds have gone to local Catholic bishops to assist in the charitable relief of their people, and to numerous K of C-sponsored emergency food distributions that provide food and nutrition for thousands of homeless residents in the devastated areas.

In the Maryland jurisdiction, donation checks can be made out to Santo Nino Council #9462 and mailed to Al Velasquez, Financial Secretary 7936 Galloping Circle Windsor Mill, MD 21244.

STATE COUNCIL NEWS

William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy

Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity

Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the many cultural of life activities in January. The Knights of Columbus can be proud of our support for life. The annual March for Life was held in Washington, DC on January 22nd and for those of you who have never attended you should make it a point to do so next year. It is a wonderful way to show our support for life from conception through natural death.

There is another very significant opportunity in February to express our opposition to the Culture of Life. On February 17th 3-8:30 P.M., the Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) will sponsor its annual Lobby Night. Please note that we are again, this year, at St. John Neumann Mission Church in Annapolis, MD. Bus services will be provided to shuttle between St. John's and the State Capitol building. Registration is required. To register, visit Catholic Lobby Night website at: <http://www.mdccathcon.org/main.asp?page=1680>

I want to thank everyone who attended the Mid-Term meeting on January 4th. The turnout of Grand Knights and Deputy Grand was outstanding. I have heard many positive comments that the meetings were informative and useful. Thanks to the Executive Staff, all the presenters, the Wardens to the State Deputy, Donna's Ladies team, and to our liturgy team for a great day.

You are cordially invited to join in celebrating the 132nd anniversary of the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, March 23, 2014. The celebration will commence with a Mass at 3:00 P.M. at St. Clements Mary Hofbauer Church, 1212 Chesaco Avenue in Baltimore, MD. The Annual Awards Dinner will be held immediately following the Mass at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Avenue (Cardinal Gibbons Council 2521). For dinner registration and other details, see your Grand Knight.

In closing, I want to encourage everyone to keep membership as a top priority. Please make it a point to ask every eligible Catholic man that you meet if he would like to join our honored Order. Only 3% of Catholic men belong to the Knights of Columbus. There is much opportunity out there, let each of us take advantage of that opportunity and recruit a new member. We have six months left in this fraternal year, let's make it the best six months Maryland has ever had in recruitment.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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One Member per Council per Month

My dear Brothers,

Sunday February 2nd is Groundhog Day and Super Bowl Sunday. When you just happen to gather with your friends to see if the groundhog sees his shadow or while watching the Super Bowl and the commercials, start talking with your friends about joining the Knights. New members bring new ideas and new ideas help councils to attract new men. It should be a never-ending cycle of men and ideas.

Our Worthy Grand Knights are selecting the nominating committees for council elections in May. If you are asked to stand for election, please give it some serious thought. God has given every man the ability to lead others. Not all of us have recognized this and therefore are willing to step back and allow others to lead the Councils. Please be willing to step forward and accept that mantle of leadership. No organization can survive when its members are unwilling to lead it and the existing leadership gets burned out and stops leading. Don't allow your Council to get to that point.

Congratulations to the men who took their 3rd Degree on January 30th at Dundalk Council. To those who have not taken their 2nd Degree, there is an opportunity to do so on March 17th at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council or in April at Long Green Valley Council. There will be a 3rd Degree on March 21st at Fr. Leo Abendschoen in Rosedale. In May there will be a 3rd Degree at Westminster Council.

Vivat Jesus

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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The Chapter will not hold a meeting in February, but on Saturday February 15, we will be celebrating our 104th Anniversary. We will be holding a luncheon at the Kabuto Japanese Sushi and Hibachi, located at 8813 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale 21237. Reservations must be made by February 8th. Dress for the luncheon is bull roast casual. Kabuto accepts major credit cards, good old American green backs, but does not accept personal checks. Separate checks will be in effect for meal payment. Please contact Mike Forehand at 410-687-5079 to make reservations.

Fraternally
Gregory E McClain
President
Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Sir Knights,

Thanks to all who joined us for the renewal of obligations at Long Green Valley Council Home. This was the one opportunity Knights have to renew all oaths for each degree. Worthy Faithful Master Steve Thomas presided.



On Saturday March 8, 2014 the Maryland District will conduct a 4th Degree Exemplification at the Frederick Holiday Inn in Frederick Maryland. Have you considered becoming a Sir Knight? There are many Sir Knights in your council, talk with them about joining our Assembly.

The John Carroll Assembly has 14 rooms. PFN Mike Novak is the contact person to reserve a room. You can reach him at j.m.novak@comcast.net or 410-515-6867. Mike will need a credit to hold your room

Our February meeting will be held on February 20 at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council Hall in Abingdon.

Fraternally,
Lee Eder,
Faithful Navigator

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Our Spaghetti Dinner on January 18th was the highlight for January. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped and those who attended with their families.



We offer many opportunities in our Council Programs for you to join in the fun and contribute your talents as you choose. Please advise the chair person or an officer of your availability. The best way to say you can help is by email. That way it is easier for us to remember than something that someone says in passing. The activities, times and places where we need some help are specified in the Activity Reports that follow.

Here is a summary of events for which we can use some volunteers in February.

Summary of Volunteer Needs in February for Activities

Activity	Leader	Date / Time
Basketball Free Throw Contest	Joe Wenderoth Bill Vogt	TBD
St John Murder Mystery Dinner Theater	Pat Donohue	Friday, Saturday Evenings February 14 th and 15 th

No matter where you look at St Johns you'll find Knights donating their time and talents. These are not always Long Green Valley Council activities, but you'll find Knights in action. Next time at Church, take a look around and you'll likely see Knights as the Priest (Msgr Rick), Music Director Doug Byerly, Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir Members, and other roles. Behind the scenes there are Money Counters, Capital Campaigners, Parish Council Members and other regular contributors. Some step up to help in special one time activities such as St John school functions, Music Programs, or technical support or labor for school and church committees. These may be very active Knights, or some who rarely attend meetings but all are Council members contributing time and talents. This true spirit of K of C. You ARE the strong right arm of the Church. Thanks for all you do!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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The remaining **Keep Christ in Christmas religious cards** are available on sale at cost in the Council home. Thanks to Bill Zoli for chairing this activity.

We disassembled and put away the Nativity Scene on January 13th. Thanks to the usual suspects: John Caine, Jim Schmidt Sr, Bob Renshaw, Pat Donohue, Paul Wimmer, Joe Wenderoth and especially John Reed who provided the trailer for hauling the manger. Who says these projects are not rewarding? Ask Chuck Bogdanowicz how he made a lot of hay while helping us! Some of the figures need restoration. If you know how we can accomplish this, let us know.



Msgr Rick has asked the Council to help mass attendees who are disabled, old or infirmed to exit cars in front of the church before masses. When family of friends drop them off, the driver often has to get out to help and it slows traffic. **Assistance with Church Mass Parking** will speed traffic flow in the lot.

This year long effort will benefit the Church and will make the Knights more visible to the Church Community, possibly becoming a recruiting tool. Let GK Bob Renshaw, Chancellor Paul Wimmer or Church Activities Chair Pat Donohue know if you can help and which mass you typically attend.

The **St John's Discovering Christ Program** starts February 9th. This is an excellent way to enhance your faith in the company of your Church community. Further information can be obtained by contacting Chris Deaver at AFF@STEHYDES.ORG.

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland is sponsoring a one day Lenten Retreat on March 29, 2014 at Calvert Hall College High School. This is a collaborative event with the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus. One of the speakers is Cardinal Donald Wuerl and the concluding mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William E Lori. The other speakers are known to be inspirational and informative. Fliers are available at the next meetings or you can obtain information and register at www.catholicmensfellowship.com. This should be a great way to take a day out and prepare for Easter.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Last month we talked about how well you and the parish supported our **Thanksgiving Food Drive** and the **Christmas Food** to assist the Missionaries of Charity (the order of nuns founded by Mother Theresa) at St Wenceslaus in feeding 100 families at Christmas. The food collections, food shopping trips and deliveries downtown are a great way to show thanks for the abundance we enjoy. It was gratifying to see the appreciation of the Missionaries of Charity when we delivered the food to their pantry at St Wenceslaus.

Since the need for food is a constant year round, please think about the good Sisters need for future drives, and keep God's needy in your thoughts and prayers.

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 in meetings, projects or just for 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. Come join them, if you can, for meetings on the Third Tuesday of the month at 11:30, usually in the Council Home. In January, our meeting at the Council Home was cancelled due to weather. See you next Lunch Bunch on February 18th.

We'll try some new programs in 2014 that are made possible by our audio visual equipment suite. Some programs will include movies we can enjoy together using our Blu Ray player, projector and big screen. Others may be informational talks about world-wide travel. Still others may take advantage of our television programming capabilities. Stay tuned for special announcements, especially by newsletter and email. Hope to see you there for fun, entertainment and fraternity.



Join us on Facebook, soon! Social Media is just the latest new communications technology that allows virtual participation in group activity, just right for Council Activities! We know that the "digital divide" over internet usage is age related and many of our older members are nervous about using Facebook and similar new technologies. We just happen to think that these new-fangled computers will catch on! We will have an official launch soon but the LGVC Facebook page is already available.

While it is true that many young people do not use good judgment by making too much personal information available on the "web", that doesn't mean that the technology such as Facebook are unsafe. It all depends on how you use it. Here is our plan and policy for a Facebook page.

First, the Council Facebook page is just an **added Council communication feature** and **does not replace** our Council web page www.kofc8736.org where we will have all the details in a formal presentation. The LGVC web page is a top down, one-to-many **broadcast** of information about Council activities, State

Activities, Supreme information and Catholic faith. **Our web page is the world's eye view of our Council.** Anyone can see it but only members can log in for special access.

Secondly, and conversely to our web page purpose, **our Facebook page is intended as an INTERNAL LGVC private conversation about the Council, by members only.** We limit the Long Green Valley Council Facebook page to members of the Council. Administrators, such as the Grand Knight, will approve requests for LGVC Facebook page membership applications and maintain surveillance of member activity on the page. In any case, wise use by members of Facebook will limit participation to casual conversation without posting personal information.

Third, and more precisely, we intend our Facebook page as a virtual place to post photographs and announcements concerning Council activities for members to view and perhaps comment upon. We just want a timely and continuing display of Council information. Comments can be made in reference to posted information and pictures, but remember to keep it casual. Jests and jibes that are shared at meetings might be misinterpreted on a Facebook page – be civil with your postings!

We will demonstrate the Facebook page and web pages at meetings and invite our members to use both forms of internet media.

We hope you'll join us on the LGVC page and just visit to see what is posted. You can add content if you like.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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Mike Talipan and Jim Schmidt Sr Prepare Spaghetti and Meat Balls

Our annual fund raiser for Right to Life and the unborn is our **Spaghetti Dinner** each January. This year we held the event Saturday evening, January 18th in the Church Hall. Spaghetti cooking started in advance as did decoration of the Hall. Thanks to all who helped, so many that they are too numerous to mention. The whole evening was a great demonstration of fraternity. Special thanks to team leaders: Jim Schmidt Sr for pre-cooking on Friday; Mike Talipan, Chuck Bogdanowicz and Pat Donohue for buying food and supplies and leading the kitchen on the night of the dinner; Bob Renshaw for leading the refreshment crew, and Tom Rowan for packing up and moving supplies and leftovers from the Church Hall to the Council Home.



The whole event was well planned by Event Chair Pat Donohue. The right amount of food, refreshments and supplies were obtained and the crowd was just as anticipated, just right for the space in the Hall. We saw between 80 and 100 visitors along with 40 to 50 Knights and their families. Plenty of volunteers allowed us to trade off so all could enjoy some food

Crowd arriving for Spaghetti Dinner and Finding Seats

Money received via free will donation will be donated to our Right to Life charities Birthright and the State Council Ultrasound Program. The net for the evening was about \$500.



Spaghetti Service Line

On the first Sunday of each month, February 2nd this month, there will be a **Rosary for the Unborn** after the 9AM mass. Please join in on the Mother Mary side of the church after the mass.

The Legislature is again in session and they will be deciding issues that may affect our lives as Catholics. As responsible citizens, we have an obligation to be informed and to take a stand about public policy. Everyone is encouraged to register with the Maryland Catholic Conference, <http://www.mdccathcon.org>, to receive weekly emails reflecting Catholic positions on matters of public policy and alerts when they need our advocacy on bills under consideration.

Monday, February 17 is Lobby Night in Annapolis. Beginning at 3 PM, we meet at St. John Neuman Mission Church, receive an orientation and are shuttled to the State House where we meet with our own elected representatives. The entire night is completed by 8:30. Since this is a Federal holiday (Presidents Day) many of us should be available to attend. We can car pool from the Council Home to save money. If you can attend this exercise in civic responsibility, contact Bob Renshaw at 410-592-8406 or baltobob@comcast.net. If we, as Catholics, do not communicate with our legislators in numbers, they will assume that our values do not matter.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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Our Santa Knight Line was a resounding success this year. Over 30 families turned in Knightline forms for more than 60 hopeful children. We collected \$180 free will donations for this activity which helps fund prizes for youth contests.

Thanks to our members who helped relay calls from the North Pole. Excited children reviewed their gift wishes with Santa. Santa was assisted by Joe Owens, Chris Phillips, Bob Renshaw, Jim Cross, Bill Vogt and Joe Wenderoth. They reviewed the naughty or nice topics and passed along final instructions for the children's preparations for the big day.

After Christmas season viewing, the Council Train Garden is taken down by builder Jim Schmidt Sr. Jim spent many painstaking hours on this notable project. Jim replicated some of the St John's campus buildings and other local landmarks. See how many you can identify in the picture below.



-----February Family of the Month-----

Our Family of the Month of January for Long Green Valley Council is the Talipan family, Mike, Diane and "Mikey". Mike played a major role in our past and most recent and successful Spaghetti Dinner, first by supplying the records for the previous years, by advising about food purchases and leading the cooking team in the kitchen. Mike draws upon his work experience as Director of Customer Services for Maines Paper and Food Service Maryland, Inc. The Council has taken advantage of his food service knowledge while planning activities in the past and has been the chief cook for many other events. Thanks, Mike!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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St John's School Open House is an opportunity for us to support the school and our youth. We help with the parking and with lunch logistics so that the school personnel, parents and kids can focus on their day and Open House objectives. Unfortunately, after a great deal of work by Tom Zaegel, the Open House was canceled due to weather. It has tentatively been rescheduled for February 11 and we will again need your help then.



The Council 2014 **Basketball Free Throw Contest** will consist of the usual 10 free throws for each participant. We just need to get the names and birthdates and count the shots attempted and made. Let us know if you can give us an hour or two. We will conduct the contest with the St John's School Teams at their practice session first, and then if time permits with the community in the church parking lot. So easy, all we have to do is count to ten!

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. You will 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.

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 (Bel Air Council) Al Kramer
Brother Kevin Krivacsy (Past LGVC Member)
Brother Dick Lanham
PGK Carroll McComas
PDD Brian O'Connor
PGK Joe Owens
PGK John Robinson
Brother Bill Seibert
Brother Frank Sliwka
Brother Bob Snyder (Administrative Assistant to the State Deputy)
Father Leo Tittler

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Michelle & Alex Bronzert, Daughter-in-Law & Son of Brother Norm Bronzert
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson
Carol Messenger, Wife of Brother Gene Messenger
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
Carolyn Thuman, Wife of Brother George Thuman

Deceased Prayer List:

Brothers:

Msgr. Chester Mieczkowski, Past State Chaplain/Past Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Chaplain



Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Travis Spangler, Grandson of Brother Gene Messenger and Nephew of
Brother Scott Messenger and Brother Craig Messenger

***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

Ray Dietz craytrek@comcast.net 410-790-7484

Brothers,

Six of our Brothers achieved their 3rd Degree on January 30th – John Cannon, John Jenkins, Ben Jenkins, Kirk Larter, Phil Gill and Doug Byerly. Congratulations!

We continue to be in full new member mode. Please call me with any leads at 410-790-7484 or email craytrek@comcast.net.

We all know Catholic men who should be Knights.

Fraternally
Ray Dietz

Members as of 01/28/14	204
Inactive	13
Honorary	17
Honorary Life	38
Disability	0
Membership Goal	13
New Members	2
Insurance Goal	5
New Insurance Members	0

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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Growth of 89 percent over a decade for top-rated insurer

The Knights of Columbus recorded its 13th consecutive year of growth in insurance sales with nearly \$8.2 billion in new life insurance sold. The record sales are part of the organization's impressive 89 percent growth in business since 2003.

The Knights logged \$72 billion in new insurance over the last 10 years, making for an annual growth rate in new policies of 4.6 percent despite recession and slow economic recovery during the second half of that period. With nearly 93,000 new contracts issued in all lines of business in 2013, the K of C now has nearly 2 million contracts in force.

"In 132 years of operation, the Knights of Columbus has helped meet the spiritual and financial needs of Catholic families while also serving the community through charitable works," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "We are pleased to have had great success on both of these fronts, which comes from our continued commitment to our founding mission of serving our neighbor consistent with Catholic social teaching."

Supreme Knight Anderson explained that record-breaking insurance results mean that the K of C has "helped its members to protect their families while simultaneously enabling the Knights to support those most in need and the many works of the Catholic Church."

The Knights enjoys a stalwart reputation for financial security, has one of the lowest lapse rates in the industry and offers a product line designed to provide life insurance, annuities, disability income and long-term care policies to meet the needs of Catholic families.

For 38 consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has earned an A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best Company for its financial stability, and there is no more highly rated life insurer in North America. The organization is also at an all-time high in its number of agents, with more than 1,500 in service within the United States and Canada.

COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays:

Keith Creamer	01
Rich Siejack	01
George Thuman	04
Tom Zaegel	06
James Milarcik	08
Michael Patterson	09
Jack Lindung	14
Ed Nordberg	16
Norm Bronzert	19
Ted Daniecki	21
Jim Brayton	22
Stan Protokowicz	22
Chip Anderson	23
Carl Sallese	25
Nick Greaves	26
Chris Phillips	26

February Anniversaary:

Matt & Kathy Gutberlet	08	(45 years)
Joe & Tonya Kerins	14	(20 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.

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REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

From Acquiescence to Support of Immorality

In the past 50 years, the Supreme Court has systematically and consistently ruled to disestablish the legal basis for a moral society. The Court legalized the use of contraception for married couples in 1965, for unmarried persons in 1972, and then made abortion a right in *Roe v. Wade* in January 1973. The judicial instrument for this statutory disassembly was a created “right to privacy,” an amorphous concept that has been continually expanded to legalize more and more formerly illicit acts.

The enlargement did not end with *Roe*. In *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, in 1992, the Court, addressing a woman’s right to an abortion, stated: “At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and the mystery of human life.” This statement is so all-encompassing and open to interpretation that Judge Robert Bork believed that, if followed, the courts could invalidate all laws regulating individual behavior.

And so it was. The judicial logic was taken to the next step in *Com-passion in Dying v. Washington*, in 1996. If a woman has the right to kill her unborn child, does she not have the right to take her own life? In its majority opinion, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals wrote, “every man has the liberty to determine the time and manner of his death,” a statement without limitations, such as a person being terminally ill. Assisted suicide and euthanasia were given legitimacy.

Then, sodomy laws were challenged. These primarily were state statutes understood by the courts to outlaw any sexual act, typically between persons of the same sex, deemed to be “unnatural” or immoral. In 1962, every state had laws making sodomy illegal; although soon after individual states began to repeal those bans. If sex is viewed strictly for pleasure with no procreative aspect, there is no reason why it should be limited to persons of the opposite gender. The Supreme Court in 2003, ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*, followed the trend and invalidated all sodomy laws.

With homosexual acts legalized and the marital act’s focus on pleasure, it was natural to redefine the meaning of marriage. In the 1990s, virtually all states statutorily banned same-sex marriages, although some were moving in the direction of recognition. To limit the movement, Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in 1996, which defined marriage solely as a union between a man and a woman for federal purposes. This was to prove a temporary hindrance.

Massachusetts, by a ruling of its Supreme Judicial Court in 2004, legalized same-sex marriage, making it the first state to do so. DOMA was then assailed. In June 2013, in *United States v. Windsor*, the Supreme Court ruled that DOMA was unconstitutional as it restricted the interpretation of the terms “marriage” and “spouse” to heterosexual couples. The same day, the Court allowed a lower court decision to stand, which overturned an amendment to the California State Constitution limiting marriage to one man and one woman. Today, 17 states allow same-sex marriage, with Illinois to become the 18th on June 1, 2014; 10 others recognize same-sex unions. These changes have been accomplished through court rulings, legislative changes, or direct popular vote.

The definition of marriage was now open to further dilution. Kody Brown and his four wives, members of a fundamentalist Mormon sect who star in the reality TV show, *Sister Wives*, contended that Utah's law banning polygamy violated their right to privacy and religious freedom. In December 2013, U.S. District Court Judge Clark Wad-doups ruled that the prohibition was unconstitutional. In his ruling, he cited *Lawrence*, in which Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy stated that the Constitution guarantees people "an autonomy of self that includes freedom of thought, belief, expression and certain inti-mate conduct."

A new phase of cleansing the culture of traditional behavioral values has now begun. For 50 years, as the courts have increasingly legit-imized immorality, the public has acquiesced. Now the courts are forcing people to be not only accepting, but supportive of acts that oppose their religious beliefs. Small businesses, such as bakeries and photographers, are being sued for not providing their services to celebrate homosexual marriages, even when those marriages violate the consciences of the business owners. The American Civil Liberties Union has brought suit against the United States Conference of Catho-lic Bishops, claiming that the bishops pro-life health directives pre-vented a Catholic hospital in Michigan from providing a woman with adequate health care, that is, an abortion. Catholic social agencies have been forced to close for not providing adoption services to homo-sexual couples.

The string of rulings legitimizing immoral behavior is endless. Justice Antonin Scalia, dissenting in *Lawrence*, said that morals legis-lation is now constitutionally impermissible. With an end to virtually all legislative constraints on immorality, can the courts continue to rule against incest, pedophilia, bestiality, group marriages, and other erotic fantasies?

Pope Paul VI, in his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, published in 1968, described the consequences that would follow the widespread ac-ceptance of contraception. He warned:

Consider also the dangerous weapon that would thus be placed in the hands of those public authorities who have no concern for the requirements of morality...Who will stop rulers from favoring and even imposing upon their peoples, if they should consider it necessary, the method of contra-ception that they judge to be most efficacious?"

How perceptive Pope Paul VI was. Now four-and-a-half decades after he expressed his concern, we have a president who is mandating that virtually all employers – including religious groups such as Priests for Life and Little Sisters of the Poor -- provide their employees with insurance for contraceptives, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs.

If this country and its people are to halt the rush into national licen-tiousness and return to a morals-based culture, there must be a recogni-tion throughout society that God exists, that He set forth Command-ments on how we should live our lives, that marriage has a procreative purpose, that human life must be respected and protected from concep-tion to natural death, and that we will be judged by Him to account for how we live our lives. This re-evangelization must begin with Catho-lics through the Church, from the pulpit. It can be accomplished, but only with God's help through prayer. Let it begin with us – and now.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
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FEBRUARY

2	Sun.	9:00 AM	Rosary for the Unborn after Mass	Church
2	Sun.		Super Bowl Party	Council Home
4	Tues.	7:00 AM	Hotel Registration open for Convention	Princess Royale
6	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Hall
9	Sun.	6:00 PM	Discovering Christ Program Begins	Church
11	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
14	Fri.		Mystery Dinner Theater	Church Hall
15	Sat.		Mystery Dinner Theater	Church Hall
15	Sat.	1:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Anniversary Luncheon	Kabuto Japanese, Rosedale
17	Mon.		Lobby Night	Annapolis
18	Tues.	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch Meeting	Council Home
20	Thurs.	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	Fr. Wolfe Council
25	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home

MARCH

4	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights Ladies of Long Green	Council Hall
6	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Hall
8	Sat.		4th Degree Exemplification	Frederick Holiday Inn
11	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
13	Thurs.	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	
15	Sat.		State Council Spring Meeting	Immaculate Heart of Mary Council
17	Mon.	7:30 PM	2nd Degree Exemplification	Fr. Wolfe Council
18	Tues.	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch Meeting	Council Home
20	Thurs.	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	
23	Sun.	3:00 PM	Founders Day Mass	St. Clement Rosedale
23	Sun.		Dinner & Awards after Mass	Gibbons Council
25	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home
29	Sat.	9:00 AM	Catholic Mens Fellowship	Calvert Hall College

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Ladies,

News Flash our March Knights' Ladies meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 4th** beginning at **7:00pm**. We were moving our normal first Tuesday meeting to later on in March because of the Knights' Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper but this has been cancelled so will again meet on the first Tuesday.

To welcome everyone back from the cold, snowy months of January and February, our March Meeting will be a 'Soup Supper'. We will have a variety of warm Soups, Bread and dessert...what more does a girl want? The cost of the 'Soup Supper' is free but we ask all to bring cans of vegetable beef soup (any brand) for Our Daily Bread.

Our meeting will highlight a slideshow from Kevin Ewing's Christmas visit to the Holy Lands and hear from his Mom, Elizabeth Ewing. As always, we enjoy hearing from our 'adopted' seminarian.

As a side note... if time allows, we will be playing a new game so please bring a roll of nickels to get in on the fun. Remember to scour those basements, attics and cupboards for items for our Cash in the Attic Auction in April.

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