

# VALLEY VIEWS

## JANUARY 2014



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### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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December was a time to reunite with old friends and to reflect upon the fraternal principal of the Order. We had a wonderful Christmas party in the Council Home where we were able to socialize over good food and drink. A few days later, we had a luncheon in Hunt Valley where I enjoyed socializing with some of the men who helped build this council in its early days. On Christmas Day, I looked around the Church and was struck by the number of people that I have met through my membership in the Knights and how much they have enriched my life.

It is also true that you really don't get to know someone until you have had an opportunity to work alongside them. Last month, I had the privilege of working with Brother Paul Wimmer and his Thanksgiving Project team as they again delivered food to the Missionaries of Charity. Loading and unloading two truckloads of groceries is certainly a bonding experience and I appreciate all of the hard work that they do. I hope that more members of the Council will select an activity to become involved in. In the coming months, we will have a Spaghetti Dinner followed by two nights of preparing and serving the Dinner Theater at St. Johns. Come to work and you will leave with many new friends.

This month, we are conducting the Fraternal Survey of charitable activities. The form is enclosed with this newsletter and will be attached to the Long Green Valley weekly emails. Please copy the form and bring to the next meeting or you can email it to me at [baltobob@comcast.net](mailto:baltobob@comcast.net). Please consider all that you do for your church and your community, not necessarily only those that were part of council programs. The information gathered from these surveys helps the Order demonstrate the extent of its charitable contributions.

Again, I thank all of you who do so much for the Council. We would not be nearly as successful without the work of so many brothers.

*Vivat Jesus*



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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*Taken from The State Council Bulletin article by State Chaplain Fr. Don Grzyski*

I read with interest the December issue of *Columbia* magazine, where Pope Francis' words to the Order's Board of Directors were included, and several columns, including that of the Supreme Knight, highlighted the Pope's call to strength, integrity and fidelity. What wonderful virtues to pursue as a New Year's resolution, for they are qualities a Knight can respect and a disciple can value.

The strength mentioned is not physical strength but rather moral strength, or strength of character. We all know individuals whose word is their bond, and a handshake will be honored as much as a contract. May every Knight have such strength, and be guided by a moral compass that has him pursuing virtue as a routine part of life.

Integrity is also a great gift of character, developed by honesty and truthfulness in word and deed. It is sad that we have become so skeptical of many in the public realm. Don't we appreciate the people who will admit their mistakes, and make decisions or pro-mote a viewpoint from a set of values? So let us make sure we are people of integrity.

And fidelity, or faithfulness, is certainly needed, based on the faithfulness of our God to the eternal well-being of creation. We are called to be faithful to our baptism, faithful to our vocation (marriage, priesthood, parent, etc.), faithful to those with whom we work, faithful to our country. It is not always easy to remain faithful, and so it is appreciated all the more when the going is tough but fidelity remains.

We likely anticipate that the new year will not be that different from the old, but when we pay close attention, there is always something new or unique taking place. We cannot know what opportunities or challenges we may face in 2014, but we can anticipate God's grace will be there to assist us. A solid faith foundation can help us to attentively live the Christian life, as well as to keep us open to any spiritual surprises the Lord may have in store for us.

May the New Year be one of grace and wisdom, a year of God's peace and love. May it be a year of blessings for our State Council, and for each Knight in Maryland, and for his loved ones. May it be a year of growth in strength, integrity and fidelity.

**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](http://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](mailto:AFF@STEHYDES.ORG).

*Vivat Jesus!*

## SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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

On October 10, 2013, our Supreme Directors were privileged to be received by Pope Francis in a private audience. On this occasion, he expressed his gratitude to our Order for our "unfailing support" of the Holy See, and he especially thanked us for "the daily prayers, sacrifices and apostolic works of so many Knights in their local councils, their parishes and their communities."

Then, the Holy Father made an extraordinary statement. He praised us for the "virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men." The full text of Pope Francis' address is reprinted below:

*Dear Friends, I am pleased to welcome the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus on the occasion of your meeting in Rome. I thank you once again for the prayers which you, and all the Knights and their families, have offered for my intentions and the needs of the Church throughout the world since my election as Bishop of Rome.*

*On this occasion I also wish to express my gratitude for the unfailing support which your Order has always given to the works of the Holy See. This support finds particular expression in the Vicarius Christi Fund, which is an eloquent sign of your solidarity with the Successor of Peter in his concern for the universal Church, but it is also seen in the daily prayers, sacrifices and apostolic works of so many Knights in their local councils, their parishes and their communities. May prayer, witness to the faith and concern for our brothers and sisters in need always be the pillars supporting your work both individually and corporately. In fidelity to the vision of the Venerable Father Michael McGivney, may you continue to see new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel and a force for the spiritual renewal of society.*

*As the present Year of Faith draws to its close, I commend all of you in a special way to the inter-cession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus is committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men.*

*Asking a remembrance in your prayers, and with great affection in the Lord, I now willingly impart to you, and to all the Knights and their families, my apostolic blessing.*

## Knights of Columbus Welcomes Its New Deputy Supreme Knight, Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Director, and Assistant for Canadian Affairs

The Knights of Columbus welcomed its new Deputy Supreme Knight and Supreme Treasurer, a new Supreme Director, and the new Assistant to the Supreme Knight for Canadian Affairs on December 12. The Knights of Columbus board of directors elected:

- **Logan Ludwig** as Deputy Supreme Knight. Deputy Supreme Knight Ludwig had previously served as Supreme Treasurer.
- **Michael O'Connor** as Supreme Treasurer. Supreme Treasurer O'Connor had previously served as Assistant Supreme Advocate.
- **Natale Gallo** as Assistant to the Supreme Knight for Canadian Affairs. Supreme Director Gallo is a past state deputy of Ontario.
- **Patrick Kelly** to the board as a Supreme Director. Supreme Director Kelly is the Order's Vice President for Public Policy, Executive Director of the Blessed John Paul II Shrine, and immediate past state deputy of Washington, D.C.

In welcoming his brother Knights to their new roles, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said: "All of these men are proven leaders of our Order, and each brings great strengths to his new position – strengths with which they will continue to build the future of the Knights of Columbus."

## STATE COUNCIL NEWS

William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy

### Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity

Donna and I wish each and every one of you, your families and your council members and families a very happy and prosperous New Year. A special thank you to the State Family for your generosity to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

As we begin the New Year, and the second half of the fraternal year, we need to take a moment and evaluate our progress to date. Have you met the goals you set for yourself for the first six months? Have you added to the good deeds for our Church, Community, Family and the Order? Have you recruited one member, per council, per month? Are you working with your council to attain Star Council status? Are you working to strengthen your council? If you have not been able to answer in the positive, it's time to get moving and make a positive effort to be able to say **"YES"**.

On January 4th we will hold our Mid-Term Meeting at Cardinal Gibbons Council 2521. All Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are expected to attend. A separate morning session will be held for the Deputy Grand Knights. During the regular meeting, we will discuss our plans for the second half of the fraternal year. At the conclusion of the meeting, a Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated at Columbus Gardens.

The annual **March for Life** will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd in Washington, D.C. It is imperative that we make our-selves highly visible and vocal by joining the annual march. Together with Virginia, we are the closest neighbors to this march. Yet, too often participation by Maryland Knights of Columbus is far overshadowed by marchers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois and many

other states. Let us really show the Maryland colors on the Mall this year because we still have much more to do.

In closing, many thanks for what you have accomplished to make the first six months a success and with the grace of God we will continue to ***“Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity”***.

### **March for Life**

January 22, 2014, marks the 41st year of legal abortion in the United States. Thousands will participate on January 21st in the National Prayer Vigil for Life (Mass) at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and hundreds of thousands will March for Life on January 22nd.

Continue to make plans for your council to support and participate in the March for Life. We must work and pray that Roe v. Wade be overturned. Consider chartering a bus to take Knights, families, parishioners to D.C. for the March. Hold a local rally to give them a big send-off. Did I mention that we should continue to pray? That is really where we must place our hope!

Once we find out where the stage will be and then pick a rendezvous point for the Maryland State Council, Chairman John Eure will get that information out to you. Hope to see you there!

Save the date for our local march for life – the Maryland March for Life, in Annapolis, on Monday evening, March 10th. Watch for more details and consider coming out to help.

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

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One Member per Council per Month

My dear Brothers,

The Fraternal year has come to the halfway mark. We are coming into the winter months when a lull falls over Council activities and we await the Spring. However there is much we can do indoors these months to strengthen our Councils. Get involved in planning Spring time activities. Have you recruited a new member? Families will be at home more often now allowing you to connect with a prospective member and explaining to him and his family what we are all about.

Soon each Grand Knight will appoint a Nominating Committee to establish a slate of Officers for the elections in May for the new fraternal year. 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 members of the District 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree team for putting on a well done exemplification for 23 candidates in the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council Home. The number of candidates went from 8 – 10 to 23 quickly that Wednesday night. These men are now eligible to take their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on Thursday



January 30, 2014 at Dundalk Council. Candidates must be there by 7:00 PM and the Degree begins at 7:30 PM.

On behalf of my wife Jane and my District Warden John Schmidt, I wish you all a happy and blessed New Year and may 2014 be a better year than 2013 for all Council and Family endeavours.

*Vivat Jesus*

## **BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS**

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The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be meeting on Thursday January 9 2014 at Bishop Sebastian Council #5058 located at 7910 Harford Road; Baltimore, MD 21234.

The Chapter will also be accepting reservations for its 104th Anniversary luncheon on Saturday February 15 2014 at Dundalk Council #2942.

Fraternally  
Gregory E McClain  
President  
Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

## **FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

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Sir Knights,

Our January meeting will be held on Thursday January 16 at Long Green Valley Council. We will hold our annual Renewal of Obligations this evening. Faithful Master Steven Thomas will be presiding for the renewal.



Dress for the officers is Tuxedos, tuxedos or business suit for all others. Our meeting begins at 8:00 PM.

On Saturday March 8, 2014 the Maryland District will conduct a 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Fraternally,  
Lee Eder,  
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I hope that your family had a joyous and spiritual Christmas. Here's a wish for a Happy New Year in 2014. We offer many opportunities in our Council Programs to join in the fun and contribute your talents as you choose. Please advise the chair person or officers of your availability. The times and places where we need help are specified in the Activity Reports that follow.



*Nativity Scene: Chapel  
and Council Home  
Perspective*

We had no Council meetings in December due to bad weather and then a conflict with Christmas Eve. There are a number of events in January so we need some help. Call me or email to let me know if you can help.

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

### Summary of Volunteer Needs in January for Activities

Activity	Leader	Date / Time
Removal of the Nativity Scene from the Parking Area below the Chapel.	John Reed	TBD
Spaghetti Dinner	TBD	Saturday January 18 <sup>th</sup> 3 to 6 PM
Basketball Free Throw Contest	Joe Wenderoth, Bill Vogt	TBD

No matter where you look at St John you'll find Knights donating their time and talents. These are not always Long Green Valley Council activities, but just the same, 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, a Cantor, 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 also step up to help in special one time activities such as St John school functions, Music Programs, or technical support for school and church improvements. These may be very active Knights, or some who rarely attend meetings. All the same they are Long Green Valley members contributing time and talents. This is the true spirit of the Knights of Columbus, the strong right arm of the Church. Thanks for all you do!

**Remember all these activities** in which you have invested your time when the Grand Knight asks you to **REPORT your service hours in January**. A service hours survey is included in this newsletter. These service hours are accumulated across all our members and reported to Supreme Council. You'll also report your visits to the sick and infirmed and visits to bereavement events.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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**Keep Christ in Christmas religious cards** sales were led by Bill Zoli. We have some left over inventory that you might want to buy at the January Business Meeting and store away for next year. Thanks to Bill for chairing this job and making it easier for Council Officers to turn their attention to other pressing matters.

The **Light Up for Christ** was conducted on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after the 5 PM mass. The brief **Light Up for Christ Ceremony** was followed by a reception in the Hall. At the dramatic conclusion a light was remotely activated to illuminate the cradle. Unfortunately, due to the poor weather, the ceremony was abbreviated this year and attendance in the Hall was light. Many thanks to John Reed for leading the set up effort and for his work planning the transportation of the manger components. Thanks also to Tom Zaegel, Bob Renshaw, John Caine, Pat Donohue, Tom Gorius, Joe Owens, Jack Murphy and Chuck Bogdanowicz for manning the construction team.



*Nativity Scene Lighting*

A **special Thanks** also to Pat Donohue for his hard work in preparing the **Reception**, and to Bridget Kruse for placing the baby Jesus in the cradle and to her Dad, Keith, for lighting the floodlights.

We will **Disassemble** and put away the Nativity Scene in January, starting at 1 PM one weekday afternoon. Let us know if you can help us take the scene apart and store the components. Some of the figures also need restoration.







*Cars Parked Stadium Style*

We **Parked Cars** for the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve for the overflow crowd. The stadium style lineup maximizes the parking lot capacity. Thanks to the crew who braved the cold weather to set up the parking lot, park the cars



*Hardy Parking Crew Pose*

and then dismiss them in an orderly manner. Despite a remarkable number of about 50 cars whose drivers needed special consideration, we were able to satisfy all the attendees and safely park everyone. The parking lot was emptied by 5:20 PM.

Thanks to the **parking team** members who weathered a chilly and blustery day. Our team consisted of Tom Rowan Sr, Tommy Rowan, Elf Chris Phillips, Mike Naumann, Jim Schmidt Sr, and his two sons, Jim Jr and Viking Joe, Ken Furman, Ben Jenkins, John Caine, John Sochurek, Keith Kruse, and Grinch Joe Wenderoth. After parking cars the team enjoyed warmth and fellowship in the Council Home.



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 round 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.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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The **Thanksgiving Food Drive** in the Fall continued with a special Christmas **delivery on Wednesday, December 18 of beans, rice, oil, pasta, spaghetti sauce, and canned corn and beans** 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.

Paul Wimmer chaired this activity. If you haven't participated before, try it next year. We guarantee you'll enjoy it. The workers at these facilities and their clients, the poor, greatly appreciate the job we do.



*Truck Load of Food for Delivery to St Wenceslaus*

A community activity in the parish is the Giving Tree each Christmas. This year we had a great outpouring of generosity from the community including many families of the Knights. Many families had their Christmas wish list filled by generous parish members. Thank you to those Knights who participated. The picture below shows the generous outpouring of gifts. Our Knights were involved in the delivery process as well.



*Bountiful Array of Giving Tree Presents in the Church Narthex*



## 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 December, they had a **Christmas Luncheon** for their gathering on the 17<sup>th</sup> at **Silver Spring Mining Company in Hunt Valley**. Although the attendance was disappointing, the lunch was delicious and it was good to see old friends participating in their Council.



*Big Screen View of a Ravens Game for a Tailgate at The Council Home.*

Our **Ravens regular season Tailgate Series** concluded on **December 29<sup>th</sup>**. These tailgates help us pay the bills for the Council Home while you enjoy the game and fraternity. We thoroughly enjoyed rooting as a small, but loyal fan base. Thanks to all those who supported us whether they were die hard Ravens fans, or just fans of good food at great prices. We will have a Super Bowl Party on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate what has become a prime national event. Join us then for football and fraternity.



*Christmas Party Table Setting*

The **Council Christmas Party** was an excellent social gathering for fraternity as members and their wives celebrated the Christmas Season. We sold 48 tickets for this party and it was a truly festive occasion. Thanks to Tom Zaegel for chairing this activity and to the Knights Ladies, particularly Cassie Wenderoth and Dana Rowan, for lending their ladies' touch providing table cloths, china and silverware and beautiful centerpieces to the tables. Everyone agreed that the food was delicious and the Hall very tastefully decorated.



*Socializing at the Christmas Party*

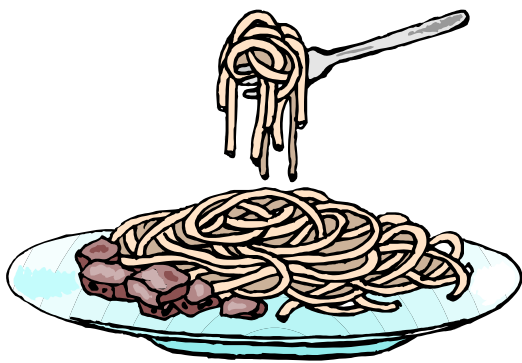
We look forward to trying some new programs in 2014 that are made possible by our audio visual equipment suite. Some programs will include movies we can enjoy together using our Blu Ray player, projector and big screen. Others may be informational talks about world wide travel. Still others may take 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.

## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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As Brother Knights we support life affirming activities in every form as the goal of our Culture of Life Activities. 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 Pro Life marches 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 annual fund raiser for Right to Life and the unborn is our **Spaghetti Dinner** each January. This year we will hold the event Saturday evening, January 18<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall. Spaghetti cooking starts in advance as does decoration of the Hall. We can use help for the preparations as well as cooks, servers and clean up for the dinner. Moneys received will be donated to our Right to Life charities.

On the first Sunday of each month, January 5<sup>th</sup> this month, there will be a **Rosary for the Unborn** after the 9AM mass.

Please join the congregation on the Mother Mary side of the church after Mass.

**January is Pro Life Month** because it is the anniversary of the controversial Roe Vs Wade Supreme Court decision. The toll of human lives directly attributed to this decision is breath taking, so it is of some comfort that the pendulum of public opinion is swinging back toward the Catholic Church's Pro Life stance. Many States are taking up the Pro Life cause in the absence of moral leadership in Washington DC. We can only hope that the Supreme Court reverses the ruling or diminishes its effects. Further, we hope that they do so in January so that the "Pro Death" forces are forced to take up their activism in frosty Januaries to come.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

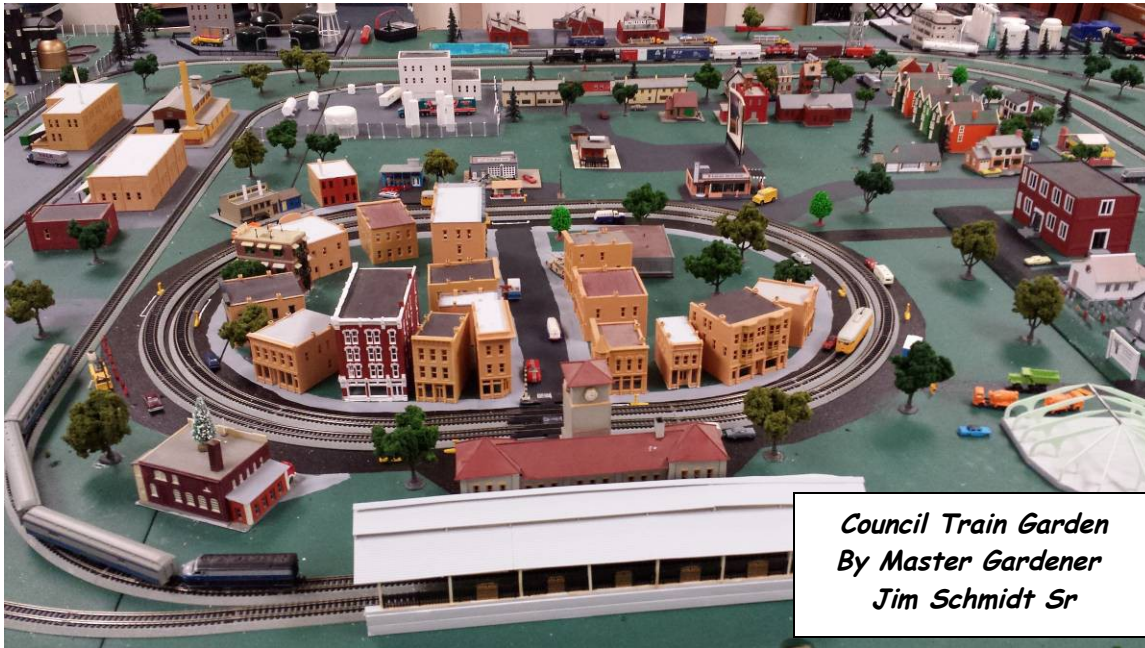
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Our **Santa Knight Line** was a resounding success this year. Almost 30 families turned in Knightline forms for over 60 hopeful children. **Thanks to our members who helped relay calls from the North Pole. Excited children reviewed their gift wishes 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 about the children's preparations for the big day.





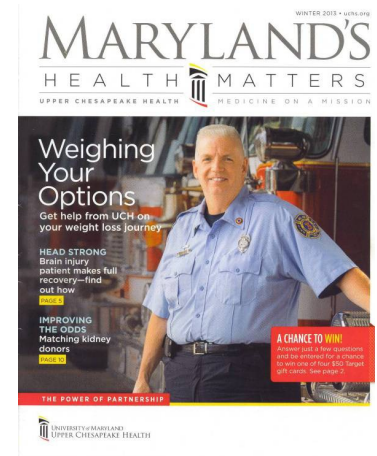
The **Council Train Garden** was recently constructed by Jim Schmidt Sr over many hours, and has been available for viewing. Jim has replicated some of the St John's campus buildings and other local landmarks. We will arrange some times for families to come visit in January. Watch our all hands email and plan to bring the kids. It will be fun identifying the local landmarks that Jim has painstakingly replicated in scale models for the garden. See how many you can identify.



***Council Train Garden  
By Master Gardener  
Jim Schmidt Sr***

Our **Family of the Month** of December for Long Green Valley Council is the Stansfield family, John, Amy, and Cambria. John is pictured here as shown on the cover of Maryland's Health Matters Winter 2013 Issue.

Think you are busy? Aside from John's regular job at Verizon, he is also an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at the Bel Air Fire Company and is a member of their Board of Directors. If that weren't enough, John handles sideline communication preparations and trouble shooting at the Ravens games and was just in Cincinnati for the final game of the regular season. He has been a member of the Council for more than 10 years and is a member of the Archbishop John Carroll Assembly and is currently a Council Officer, serving as Inside Guard. John still finds time to attend Council functions, activities and meetings.



Amy has worked as a day care provider at home and is now a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) who works at Bright Oaks Pediatric as Head Medical Assistant.

Please congratulate the busy Stansfields when you see them.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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The Council 2013 **Soccer Shootout** winners were each awarded a \$10 prize. Our Soccer Shootout winners at SJE School were:

Age Group	Boy's Name	Score	Girl's Name	Score
<b>6 and Under</b>			Anna Bowers	33
<b>7-8</b>	Ben Madore	102	Adriana Tarr	83
<b>9-10</b>	Eugene Bressler	104	Cailyn Tripp	107
<b>11-12</b>	Owen Laue	198	Caroline Klecka	157
<b>13-14</b>	Alec Jara	154	Jessica Bauer	152

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.



The K of C **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** was competed at St. John School in November and our officer team judged the winners at our Christmas Party. The winners for Long Green Valley Council were as follows:

Grade K – 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Samantha Suehle
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Milagros Davis
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Samantha McFaul
Grade 4 – 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alyssa Edwards
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Margaret Jones
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Margaret Simmons
Grade 7 – 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Courtney Mohn
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kayla Kozak
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kelsey Boyle

The Judges were quite impressed with all of the posters and it was very difficult to choose three from each grade grouping that exhibited originality, artistic ability and faithfulness to the theme. The winners were presented prizes of \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$15 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and \$10 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at the school Mass held on Friday, December 20.

The **Basketball Free Throw Contest** is still in the planning stages and will be conducted in late January and/or early February. We need men to pass out and collect registration / score sheets and to count and mark attempts and made shots. It is quick and easy. Please help at a session if you can.

## 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:**

Msgr. Jack Collopy  
Father Leo Tittler  
PSD Phil Asplen, Jr.  
PGK Bob Dee  
PGK Larry Flynn  
Brother Frank Huebler  
Brother Dick Lanham  
PGK Carroll McComas  
PGK Joe Owens  
PGK John Robinson  
Brother Bill Seibert  
Brother Kevin Krivacsy (Past LGVC Member)  
PDD Brian O'Connor  
Brother Bob Snyder (Administrative Assistant to the State Deputy)



#### **Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:**

Alyssa Baumgartner, Granddaughter of Lynn Gryctz (Friend of Chancellor Paul Wimmer)  
Michelle & Alex Bronzert, Daughter-in-Law & Son of Brother Norm Bronzert  
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson  
Jerry Henderson Sr., Father of Brother Jerry Henderson  
Mary Beth Lindung, Wife of PGK Jack Lindung  
Carol Messenger, Wife of Brother Gene Messenger  
Tina North, Wife of Brother Michael North  
Kathleen Marciniak, Wife of Brother Ed Marciniak  
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:**

None

**Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:**

None

**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](mailto:craytrek@comcast.net) 410-790-7484

Brothers,

We have had a productive stretch for membership. We would like to welcome John Cannon, Ben Jenkins, and John Jenkins to our Council. All received their First and Second Degrees within the last six weeks. In addition congratulations goes to Phil Gill for his Second Degree.

The Good News is that these four brothers plus any other member still needing their Third Degree can accomplish this during the first month of 2014. Dundalk Council will hold a Third Degree on Thursday evening, January 30, 2014. We will carpool from our Council home and travel together that evening. There are still many brothers lacking both the Second and Third Degrees. Please contact Ray Dietz phone # 410-790-7484 or email [craytrek@comcast.net](mailto:craytrek@comcast.net) to make arrangements.

Most importantly we continue to look for new members. Please be proud of our Council. As witnessed by our many, many deeds of charity, unity, and community we are a very dedicated, productive group.

Please get involved as it is the best testimony you can offer to other Catholic men.

Happy New Year 2014

Fraternally

Ray Dietz

Members as of 12/27/13	203
Inactive	13
Honorary	17
Honorary Life	38
Disability	0
Membership Goal	<b>13</b>
New Members	1
Insurance Goal	<b>5</b>
New Insurance Members	0



## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

Jason McClain 443-926-2981...Jason.McClain@KOFC.org

Insurance Director Bob Marlowe and Attorney Scott Dixon will conduct a Fraternal Benefit Night at the January 28 meeting. This will be a short presentation about the essentials you should know when drafting a will, trust or arranging your estate. The various Powers of Attorney available and how they are typically used will also be addressed. Finally, we will cover the Medicaid Spend Down laws and limits in relation to long term care. If you aren't sure if you have the proper legal instruments in place – or if you want to find out what other tools might be available – you won't want to miss this small group format rarely available these days.

The presentation will be informative and useful – and you will be given a format to ask questions from Attorney Scott Dixon who is a Brother Knight who specializes in various forms of estate planning.

Please welcome Jason McClain as the new Council Benefits Advisor for Long Green Valley. Jason and his wife Laura and two children – soon to be three children – live in Linthicum and are parishioners of St. Philip Neri. Jason's phone number and e-mail address are listed in the banner at the top of this article.

## COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

### January Birthdays:

Dick Lanham	01
Harry Brocato	03
Danny Seibert	03
Ray Dietz	04
Paul Nolan	04
Ron Rider	05
Bill Zoli	05
Robert Porter	08
James Greene	13
Richard Molinar	13
Kirk Larter	14
John Sochurek	20
Bill Davison	25
Michael Bathon	26
David Battista	26
George Landefeld	29
Gus Schmidt	31

### January Anniversaary:

Ken & Joanne Furman 11 (23 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 Route to National Immorality

For most of its history, the United States has had a legal system that promoted a Christian moral culture. As recently as the early 1960s, it was illegal in the United States to have or to provide an abortion, to engage in homosexual acts, and in many states even to disseminate information about contraceptives. Then, with a heightened sensitivity toward discrimination and an errant notion of equality, the courts discovered an unstated right to privacy and used it in a continually expanding fashion to invalidate laws prohibiting many immoral behaviors. In less than fifty years, actions that were illegal have become not only lawful, but personal rights.

Privacy is a concept that was virtually unknown in early America. It is not mentioned in the Constitution or the Bill of Rights. The primary, privacy-related protection provided was the Fourth Amendment's guarantee against "unreasonable searches and seizures." With expanding populations and improvements in technology and communications, intrusions into the lives and assaults on the reputations of individuals began to increase. In an article titled, "The Right to Privacy," published in 1890, Samuel D. Warren and Louis D. Brandeis addressed the issue and spoke of a person's right "to be let alone."

A legal concept of privacy soon began to take shape. It developed mainly as an extension of the common law, with the legal definition of the interest to be protected being created like a jigsaw puzzle, a piece at a time. Privacy violations through the early 1960s were categorized by one scholar in four ways: intrusion into a person's solitude or private affairs; public disclosure of embarrassing facts about an individual; publicity placing a person in a false light in public; and appropriation of a person's name or likeness for business purposes. For the most part, judicial findings were defined narrowly, and did not set forth general principles to cover unforeseen circumstances.

Then, a situation came to the fore which focused on a moral issue. Since 1873, when Congress enacted an anti-vice statute, known as the Comstock Law, it was illegal to mail material promoting contraception or contraceptives, for these related to a man and his mistress or a prostitute, not his wife. Although by the 1960s most states had legalized birth control, many state laws still prohibited the dissemination of information about contraception, and some even prohibited the possession of contraceptives. Connecticut was one such state, although its prohibition was rarely enforced.

A Planned Parenthood executive brought suit challenging the state law, and in 1965 in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, the U.S. Supreme Court found that although the Bill of Rights does not explicitly mention privacy, that right can be inferred from "penumbras" and "emanations" of other constitutional protections. It overturned the Connecticut law insofar as it applied to married persons. From a moral perspective, the Court thus allowed a couple to block the procreative aspect of the marital act and focus solely on the pleasure involved. This separation would lead to future judicial declarations and greater moral decline.

In its ruling, the Court not only established a Constitutional basis for the right of privacy, but expanded the right to include an individual's self-determination in making decisions about his or her life. While a right to privacy to this point in time dealt with protecting a person's non-material properties from abuse by an outside party, it now was extended to cover autonomous behavior by the individual. The ruling was not without an expressed concern. In a dissenting opinion, Justice Hugo Black found privacy to be "a broad,

abstract and ambiguous concept” that could allow the Court “to invalidate any legislative act which the judges find irrational, unreasonable, or offensive.”

And that is precisely what happened. In 1972, the Supreme Court, so as not to discriminate against the unmarried, extended the contraceptive right to single persons. It ruled in *Eisenstadt v. Baird* that a Massachusetts law was unconstitutional, violating the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, since it allowed only married couples to receive contraception. Further, while *Griswold* spoke of the “marital right to privacy” and the “sacred precincts of the bedroom,” *Eisenstadt* spoke of “reproductive rights” and a person’s “decision whether to bear or beget a child.” With this language, the Court provided the foundation for allowing the mother to determine whether the child she bears should continue to live.

Then, on January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court overturned a Texas law banning abortion in *Roe v. Wade*, citing *Griswold* and *Eisenstadt* in support of its decision. This judgment legalized abortion for any reason through the first trimester, with restrictions -- themselves limited by an exception for maternal health -- applied after that period. The same day, in *Doe v. Bolton*, the Court defined maternal health to include the physical, psychological and emotional well-being of the mother. The rulings in these two cases made abortion licit almost with-out limitation. As a result, in the 41 years since that date, some 55 million children have been exterminated in the womb, many in brutal, barbaric ways.

It took less than eight years from *Griswold* to *Roe* to cause a significant deconstruction of America’s moral legislation. Soon after the *Griswold* decision, the use of contraceptives soared. Pope Paul VI, in his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, published in 1968, described the consequences that would follow such widespread acceptance, stating, “how wide and easy a road would thus be opened to conjugal infidelity and to a general lowering of morality.”

A war is raging against moral restraints, and the Christian militant have been losing. But our cause is not hopeless. Similar dire situations have occurred several times. Remember the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, the marauding Turks at the gates of Vienna in 1683, the voluntary withdrawal of Russian troops from occupied Austria in 1955. In each of these events, the Christians were victorious because the people prayed the rosary continually. We can do the same. *Will you?*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>				
<b>1</b>	Wed.		Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	
1	Wed.		New Year Day	
2	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
4	Sat.		State Council Mid-Term Meeting	Columbus Gardens
5	Sun.	9:00 AM	Rosary for the Unborn after Mass	Church
9	Thurs.	8:00 PM	<b>Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting</b>	<b>Bishop Sebastian Council #5058</b>
14	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
16	Thurs.	8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Meeting	Renewal of Obligations Council Home
18	Sat.	5:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner to support our Right to Life activities	Church Hall
21	Tues.	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch Meeting	Council Home
22	Wed.		March for Life	Washington, D.C.
28	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Insurance Night	Council Home
30	Thurs.	7:30 PM	3rd Degree Exemplification	Dundalk Council #2111

**FEBRUARY**

2	Sun.	9:00 AM	Rosary for the Unborn after Mass	Church
2	Sun.		Super Bowl Party	Council Home
4	Tues.		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
17	Mon.		Lobby Night	Annapolis
15	Sat.	1:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Anniversary Luncheon	Dundalk Council #2111
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



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## Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

We wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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 18<sup>th</sup> (third Tuesday) for a 'Soup Supper'.

*Mary*

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