

# VALLEY VIEWS

## MARCH 2015



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### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Dear Brothers,

The weather has wreaked havoc on our recent activities. The Pancake Supper was ready to go when we had to cancel due to snow. Everything is ready as soon as we can schedule an alternate activity – perhaps a breakfast in the next couple of weeks. The decision to cancel the insurance night was not as easy but the road along the side of our home was covered by frozen snowmelt on Monday afternoon and I could not envision it improving much with temperatures hovering in the 20's. We have Fish Fries coming up on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>, so hopefully we will be able to get back on track. These are major fundraisers for the council and are great fun to work and to socialize with friends.

As Grand Knight, I have been busy preparing and reviewing the third quarter service reports to be submitted to the State Council. It is rewarding to see that we are a very active council and that we are more than holding our own in fulfilling the ideals of Columbianism. We can stand proud when we submit our reports to the State Council. It is also satisfying to work with the Grand Knights of Our Lady of Grace and Mason Dixon to put on a District Free Throw Contest. We made a good team and isn't that what the Knights of Columbus is all about?

It was good to see some new names recognized in the service reports. This gives me hope for the future and emphasizes even more how important membership is to a healthy council. We have a membership blitz planned for the weekend of March 21 and 22. We will be speaking from the pulpit and have a table in the back. Encourage your parish friends to stop by, pick up literature, and seriously consider membership. Everyone says how much they appreciate what we do, so why aren't they joining?

We recently lost another valued member and Past Grand Knight, Joe Owens. Joe founded the Catholic Bee, which is about the best youth activity I can imagine has been Santa at the Breakfast for Santa for many years and was active in both of these even as his health was failing. He will be sorely missed.

Which brings me to the question of why would anyone want to be a Grand Knight? I have over a year and a half experience and can truthfully assure you that it is both an honor and a privilege. Sure, there is work involved but it is worth it when you see so many great people giving of themselves for the good of the council and all of the causes that we support. When I was asked to run for a Chair office four years ago, I was hesitant but now I am glad that I did. We don't need a reformer or someone who will need to carry all the weight on his shoulders. The great council is already in place, it merely needs someone to be willing to administer it so that it can continue all of its good work. My days are limited, so please consider if you are the man who is being called to this job. When you contacted by our nominating committee please consider their request. They believe you are up to the task and I bet you are.

*Vivat Jesus*

## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

*From State Chaplain Reverend Milton E. Jordan's column in the March 2015 Maryland State Council newsletter.*

My Brother Knights:

First, I have not been able to put items on the blog as mentioned in February's report. However, there is work being done on the blog site and hopefully it will be operational in a week or two. Second, the following is a reflection for Lent produced by the On Line Ministries at Creighton University, the Jesuit higher education site in Omaha, NE. Since Marriage is a major issue in any family, during the Year of the Family, I suggest that you take the time to ponder some of the important thoughts in this reflection.

### **Looking at Marriage during Lent** **An Ideal Time for the Renewal of Our Marriages**

Lent seems to be the ideal time to look at marriage. How does our Lent journey shape what we are called to do in marriage? A few decades ago, the word "obey" was removed from wedding vows. Instead, we promised to love, honor and cherish each other. Many years later, Jesuit philosopher John Kavanaugh, S.J. lamented how much we had lost by dropping the word "obey" from wedding vows. He said that the root of the word "obey" simply means to put the needs of another ahead of our own.

Obedience in this context has nothing about one dominating another - only two people pledging to put the needs of the other ahead of their own. What a wonderful idea. It seems that this is exactly what we are called to in a gospel-based marriage.

Called by Jesus to be Unselfish

Now during these weeks of Lent we can take some time to examine our marriage. Do we love as deeply as we had originally intended when we first made our vows? As unselfishly? Whether we've been married 3 years or 30, this sacred season could be the start of a renewed relationship with our spouse, shaped by our experience of Lent. We are invited by Jesus to put the needs of another ahead of our own. We can deepen our commitments in marriage and even change the dynamics within our relationships through unconditional love. In loving this way, we transform not only our spouses but also more importantly, ourselves. For those of us who are parents, we have probably always put the needs of our children first – but our spouse? Yes, we care for each other, but do we put the other's needs ahead of our own? And yet how profoundly would

our marriages change if we simply lived that vow for a while? During Lent, we can make “obeying” the special focus of our lives. Instead of giving up chocolate, what if each day during Lent, we asked for the grace to be more unselfish in our marriage? As a first step, what if tomorrow, before we got out of bed, we asked God to help us love our spouse more? To put the needs of this life partner of ours ahead of our own?

### Silencing our Disappointments

This Lenten journey begins with prayer and moves into silence. We hold off on the sarcastic comment aimed at our spouse. We silence a cutting remark. We drop the correction before it comes out of our mouths. Neglect the pouting. Stop the stony silence when we are displeased. These behaviors can be long standing and not easy to change. Also, it might take a while before our spouse really trusts these efforts. We will be the ones doing the “giving” for a while.

We are born selfish creatures crying out for someone to take care of our needs. The process of growing in this life seems to be learning how to become less selfish, less self-absorbed. On our good days, we can do that, by loving, giving, and caring for others before thinking of ourselves. But on our bad days, we look at our spouses and others and grumble about the unfairness: “Why is it always ME who has to do the giving? Why doesn’t my spouse have to care about ME first? Am I always the one who has to apologize first? Ask about the other’s day first? When is it MY turn to be taken care of?”

We are called to love in marriage the way we are loved by Jesus – without figuring out what we will get out of it. “Love one another as I have loved you.” *As I have loved you.* In the same way Jesus loves us – without limits. And so we love our spouse who is crabby and barking. Instead of snapping a response we can ask ourselves, “What does my spouse need right now?” It’s not about giving up my dignity or rolling over to a bully. It’s about loving someone who might not be very lovable right now. We can wallow in our own self-pity and self-absorption, but it is in that moment that we are being called more deeply into Jesus’ love. We must die to our own needs and our own longing in order to find a new life in Jesus. In a profound way, we are being called to the simplest task: to care about other people before we take care of ourselves. What kind of people would we be if we got everything we wanted? If we never had to move outside of our own needs and desires? Jesus asks us: What good is it for us to get everything we wanted; if in the process we lose our very selves?

### Cherishing Each Other

We’ve stopped snapping back, held our complaints. What if we add a small goal for ourselves every day? What if we added one positive, loving thing each day of Lent? We might hang up his clothes without complaining about it. Put the cap back on her toothpaste – with a smile. Lay out the crossword puzzle with a fresh pencil for him. Have a pot of coffee ready for her in the morning. Do some of the tiny, thoughtful things we might have done years ago, before we slipped out of the habit. It’s not spending money; it’s a change of attention. Send him an e-mail of gratitude during the day. Tuck a note into her suitcase as she departs on a trip. A call just to say how grateful I am for you in my life. Each day we ask God for the grace to love as God loves us – without limits.

One final thing is patience. We have to learn to trust that eventually, with our constant loving and God’s grace, our spouse will notice the difference. Under the barrage of love, our spouse will begin to soften, bark less, say Thank You more. It takes time to change the patterns and it takes time for our spouse to trust in the changes. It may take months beyond Lent, but if we believe in this, pray about it, and trust in God, the changes that happen in our marriages and ourselves can be dramatic.

This isn't something for women to do for their husbands. Or husbands to do for their wives. It is what each of us as married people are called to do for each other. This is the way of life Jesus calls us to: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Re-focusing our marriage invites us to be more giving, to fight our human nature that has us focused on our own needs. We are asked to stop keeping score with the ones we love and to put their needs ahead of our own. It is then, Jesus promises, that by losing our lives for his sake, we will find real life.

*Vivat Jesus!*

## **SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS**

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

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

### **K of C Gives \$400,000 for Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine**

#### ***Aid will be distributed by Catholic Church in violence-torn country***

As the violent conflict in Ukraine continues to create an enormous humanitarian disaster in the freezing winter months, the Knights of Columbus is providing \$400,000 to relief programs sponsored by the Catholic Church in Ukraine.

Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each to the Greek and Latin Rite Catholic communities of Ukraine are being used for humanitarian relief, including projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev.

During their ad liminal visit with Pope Francis on Feb. 20, the pope assured the Latin and Greek bishops of Ukraine that "the Holy See is at your side," and urged them "to be attentive and considerate to the poor." The Knights of Columbus gifts have been sent to Ukrainian Greek Catholic Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk and Roman Catholic Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki.

"Too often, the conflict in Ukraine is discussed purely in military or geopolitical terms, while the most vulnerable and marginalized — the young and old, the poor, the sick, and the increasing number of refugee families — are almost invisible to the outside world," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Our support is meant to further enable the bishops of Ukraine as they help their people and further implement the Holy Father's call to aid those most in need."

Working in the midst of uncertainty, many of the Catholic efforts are designed to help provide a social safety net for the needy, especially orphans and children who are separated from their parents.

The programs attempt to carry out in a practical way the spiritual message of Pope Francis. Speaking about the care of migrant and itinerant people, he said: "Let us not forget the flesh of Christ, which is in the flesh of refugees: their flesh is the flesh of Christ."

The Knights of Columbus began working in Ukraine at the invitation of Church leadership in 2005. A formal

presence was established in 2013, and the organization has so far established seven councils with 300 members in the country.

## **STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE**

Steve Adamczyk, State Deputy

**Be Not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage**

State Council Website: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)

Brothers,

Do you ever visit the Supreme Knights of Columbus website? Read below

**Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community. It just sums up what we stand for and what we do, in simple terms. Utilize the information at hand and share it with potential members.

Guess what? We have 31 days this month to recruit and schedule so many first degrees that we can set a State Record! Who is up for it? The District Deputies have accepted every challenge I have suggested with zeal and courage, and knowing that the ultimate SUCCESS of every council is at stake, I'm sure they will assist any council to make their Star Council Goal THIS MONTH! Why wait, get the recruiting out of the way and take the time to concentrate on the paperwork for Star Status! Let's offer every Catholic Male over the age of 18 the chance of a lifetime, a chance to join men like you in the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus.

As we prepare for the months ahead, I have to say that I am extremely proud to be your State Deputy, and call you all brother knights. The charity and good works I have been witness to across the State is amazing to say the least. I have visited schools that without the Knights, they would not have the ability to carry on the functions their students need. I have visited the Pregnancy centers that have Ultrasound machines from the Knights, and listened to testimony that these machines truly save lives. The veterans who benefit from our wheelchair program, and stay warm with blankets the councils and assemblies provide. The many thank you letters received by the State Office and Councils that I have seen, give witness to the fact that your deeds do not go unnoticed. I cannot say it loudly enough, I am proud to be your brother knight. Keep up the Great Work!

Lastly, do you have your rosary and do you pray it often? Please continue to pray for all the State Officers as we continue our task of leading the State. May we always consider the Good of the State and the Good of the Order.

God Bless and 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 State Deputy Stephen J. Adamczyk.

As we enter into this Holy time of year Easter, let's make sure our heart and soul are ready to show Jesus Christ how much we love him.

We all need to strive constantly on building strong Catholic family unity. Maybe take a minute to give a call or stop by to visit a lonely friend or neighbor. Sometimes a simple smile or Hi, how are you can brightens someone day? We all need to be more like Jesus, in spreading FRIENDSHIP and LOVE.

May the Peace of God Always Be With You and your Family

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

## **BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS**

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Dear Brothers

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be on Thursday March 12 at Father Michael J. McGivney Council #7025. We will be presenting certificates of recognition for council honorees that we have been told about. As always, the meeting will begin at 8:00 PM. All Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights and any Brother Knight are invited to attend. There will be a training program for Deputy Grand Knights or anyone interested in running for Grand Knight.

We will have revisions to the Chapter By-laws to be voted upon by our members, so please try your best to attend.

Fraternally  
Mike Sallese  
Chapter President



## **FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

**Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378**

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Sir Knights,

As most of you know, there is a critical shortage of Catholic priests serving on active duty as chaplains in the United States Military. More than 300,000 Catholics now serve on active duty in all branches of the U. S. Armed Forces., but right now, we have only 227 priests serving as active duty chaplains -- that's one for every 1,300 Catholics. It would take nearly an additional 500 priests to meet the military current demand for Catholic chaplains. The Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program is a means to address this shortfall and is seeing a dramatic increase in the number of young men participating. In this program, the Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS) pays 50% of the education costs and the local diocese pays 50%. Upon ordination, the new priest serves 3 years at the diocese followed by 3-5 years in the military.



The projected cost of this program over the next 5 years is \$2.7 million, in addition to the AMS annual operating budget of \$5.1 million. The AMS receives no funding from the government and has no parishes to take up weekly donations. The AMS depends entirely on private donations for survival. The Knights of Columbus have pledged a \$2 million donation and the Maryland District has been tasked to raise \$20,000. Our Assembly has budgeted a donation of \$110, but it doesn't seem to be enough, especially when compared to the donations of other Assemblies in Maryland. At our last business meeting a motion was made and seconded to donate a total of \$500 -- the \$110 budgeted, plus \$390 from savings -- both are very affordable. This motion will be voted upon at the next regular business meeting to be held at 8:00 pm on March 19, 2015 at St. Ignatius in Forest Hill. Approval requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 present, a quorum being 15 members present. Please join us to ensure we are able to approve this important endeavor. Of course, additional individual donations are encouraged and welcome.

Fraternally,  
Keith Arndt  
Faithful Navigator

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

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The Pancake Supper on February 19 was canceled due to snow. We are prepared to use the supplies in an alternative activity. One good idea that has been proposed is having a pancake breakfast after mass one Sunday in March. Stay tuned for further details.

March has a fourth Sunday on the 29<sup>th</sup>. This is also Palm Sunday and the weekend of our second Fish Fry. Therefore, we will sit together at the 9 AM mass, as usual, but we will not host a breakfast in the Council Home this time. Please join us and display your name badge as a demonstration of unity.

St. John the Evangelist Parish is seeking additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. All

Brother Knights, spouses and family members of 18 years or older are encouraged to consider this special ministry opportunity and volunteer. Only need to meet with Chris Longhenry to review the process and procedures, and advise your mass preference. Typically scheduled for every third week or so.

This is a great way to more deeply participate in the mass and support our parish. Contact Pat Donohue or Tom Zaegel if you are interested or would like more information.

The fifth Sunday in March will occur on the 29<sup>th</sup>, which is also Palm Sunday. We will gather as usual for Mass in a group but there will be no breakfast afterwards.

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland, whose mission is to strengthen men's spirituality through evangelization and discipleship, will hold their annual conference at Calvert Hall College School with the theme: "The New Evangelization as a Way of Life" on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

For more details, visit <http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com/> or contact [mail@catholicmensfellowship.com](mailto:mail@catholicmensfellowship.com) to register.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

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Chairman Paul Wimmer continued the Thanksgiving Project in December with the purchase and delivery of 2500 pounds of food to the Gift of Hope for their Christmas charity. The next and last activity of the year will be to contact the food bank at our sister parish, Our Lady of Hungary, to determine their need. O the extent possible, we will use the remaining Thanksgiving funds to purchase and deliver these items to them. This will require trucks and manpower again. Paul will us know when he needs our help.

The last Community activity of the year will be the Red Cross Blood Drive in May. Your help and participation is always needed.

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

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Once again, during this season of Lent, the council will be sponsoring Fish Fries at St. John's Church Hall on March 6 and March 27. Dinners will be served from 4 to 8 pm. The menu includes a fish platter with French fries, cole slaw and a drink for \$9.00. A fish sandwich and a drink will also be available for \$6.00. A child's meal can be purchased for \$5.00 and desserts will be for sale at nominal cost.

**Volunteers are needed** to help with cooking, ticket sales, advertising, serving, and assisting in the dining room. This event is a major fundraiser for the council and you are encouraged to invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend. Please contact Tom Rowan at 410-365-6575 to volunteer your services.

The Annual Maryland State Council Convention will be held in Ocean City, Maryland at the Princess Royale Hotel on May 1, 2 and 3, 2015. If you have any interest in attending, contact GK Bob Renshaw.



## Lunch Bunch

I hope that the winter weather will soon be over! Our first meeting of the year is Tuesday, March 17 at 11:30 AM. That's right – St. Patrick's Day! It will be the perfect time to re-unite with all of the great guys we have missed since December. I haven't decided what we will have to eat, but hopefully it won't be green.

So take a few hours out of your busy schedule and join your friends to catch up on old and new times.

## **CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES**

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Brothers,

While we do not have an article this month, our struggle to preserve the value of life from conception through natural death continues. The Maryland State Legislature has been given a bill to permit Physician-assisted suicide. This seems to be in direct opposition to the Doctors Hippocratic Oath, but there will always be politicians who are not bothered by such trivialities except when the oath supports the politicians' positions. Continue to pray that common moral values return to everyone.

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

*YOUR NAME WILL FIT HERE*

Please take the time to read our State Chaplain's message above and consider how America's families could benefit from the loving attention espoused in Fr. Jordan's column.

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

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The District Free Throw Contest was held on Friday, February 20. Our winners competed against the winners of Mason Dixon and Our Lady of Grace Councils. The event was very well organized and GK. Bob Renshaw had a chance to work with the other two grand knights in a common cause. Our Council made a very good showing producing five District Champions who can go on to the State Championship on March 15. Each District winner was awarded a nice Knights of Columbus medal and a basketball.

Our winners and their scores are:

- Age 11, Girl – Madeline Dorrell 18 out of 25 shots !!!
- Age 12, Girl – Cailyn Tripp 10 out of 25 (after tiebreaker shoot out)
- Age 12, Boy – Alex Rothenberger – 12 out of 25
- Age 13, Boy – Mitchell Fischer - 21 out of 25 !!!
- Age 14, Girl – Addie Fischer – 20 out of 25 !!!

How about those kids! I'm really glad that their parents brought them out so that they could participate. We hope that they go on to participate at the State level. Their scores at the District level sure look like winners!

The planning for the Catholic Bee is behind because the chairman, Joe Owens had been in ill health. This

was his baby as he and Barbara began this excellent program under their own initiative and have coordinated the participating schools and run the council competition almost singlehandedly. Unfortunately, Joe passed away on February 22. There is so much interest in the school community and their students are studying so hard that it is important that the Bee not have died with him. In fact, we are committed to continue the Catholic Bee in his honor. We have reserved the Church Hall for May 16 and hope to be able to pick up where Joe left off and do him proud.

St. John The Evangelist School Father's Club is hosting their third annual golf outing on Friday, April 17th at Winters Run Golf Course. Tee time is 9:00.

Your Golf Package includes:

- Breakfast
- Beverages/Beer on the course
- Lunch
- Door Prizes
- Green Fees & Cart
- St. John Tournament Gift

## **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  
PGK Larry Flynn  
DGK Scott Freeman (Mason-Dixon Council)  
PGK Al Kramer (Bel Air Council)  
Brother Kevin Krivacsy (Past LGVC Member)  
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  
 Eva Siejack, Mother of PSD Dick Siejack  
 Sam Smith, Cousin of Brother Ron Carr's Wife, Lynn

**Deceased**

**Brothers:**

PGK Joe Owens

**Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:**

Helen Healy, Wife of Brother Joe Healy (Mason-Dixon Council)

*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

Members as of 02/27/15	201
Inactive	12
Honorary	15
Honorary Life	41

Disability	0
<b>Membership Goal</b>	<b>13</b>
New Members	2
<b>Insurance Goal</b>	<b>5</b>
New Insurance Members	-1

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

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Brothers,

As dictated by the Supreme Council, your annual invoice for dues was mailed to each member of the council on or about December 15. My sincere thanks to all that submitted your payment on a timely basis. Unfortunately, a Second Notice was sent to 55 members that did not forward payment by January 15. Regretfully, 22% of the membership's dues remain unpaid as of February 28.

Long Green Valley Council remains very active and we are always looking for brothers with new ideas. We continually seek and need good Catholic men to continue the work of our church, our council, and the order. We hope that you will retain your membership in the Knights of Columbus as we strive to make a difference in the lives of others.

If you need to discuss the status of your membership in the council, please feel free to contact our Grand Knight, Bob Renshaw. He will be more than willing to work with you.

If you have not paid your 2015 dues, please send your check to me at 2223 Larchmont Dr., Fallston, MD 21047. If for some reason you do not wish to continue your membership in the order, please notify me accordingly in writing.

If you have any questions concerning the status of your membership, please contact at 410-879-0558 or email [apaulweber@verizon.net](mailto:apaulweber@verizon.net)

A reminder also that it is your responsibility to advise the Financial Secretary of changes to your address, phone# and email address.

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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### Your Shield of Strength

#### *Protect Your Family with Knights of Columbus Insurance*

As the economy begins to shake off a half-decade of turbulent times, the Knights of Columbus is celebrating 14 consecutive years of insurance business growth.

We've weathered the storm when others haven't, because it's not our first. We've weathered the storm when others couldn't, because we know how to navigate. We've weathered the storm when others made costly mistakes, because we don't take on unnecessary risk.

Our strength is undeniable. More members than ever before see it and are using our shield to protect their families. Are you?

If you need life insurance — and chances are you do — why would you look anywhere else? Let us be your shield.

**Did you know** that the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America? The Knights of Columbus has surpassed \$96 billion of insurance in force and is a member of the Fortune 1000.

**Did you know** that the Knights of Columbus consistently earns the highest possible ratings for its ethical business practices and sound investment strategies? A.M. Best, a global leader in the rating and analysis of insurance companies, has given the Knights of Columbus their highest financial strength rating (A++, Superior) for 39 consecutive years. There is simply no more highly rated insurance company in North America than your Knights of Columbus. Last year, the Knights was also named a “World’s Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute.

**Did you know** that providing financial benefits for members was the reason that Venerable Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus? Our founding charter from 1882 makes it clear: The Knights of Columbus’ primary goal is “to render financial aid to its members and the beneficiaries of members.”

**Did you know** that the Knights of Columbus offers a full, top-quality product line of life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance, and retirement annuities? We have products and solutions to fit your family’s needs and budgets. A Knights of Columbus agent is available to provide a complementary, comprehensive analysis to assess your situation.

**Did you know** that there are a number of products and services that you may be eligible for, just for being a Knight? Whether it’s our family fraternal benefits program, our survivor benefits or our Personal Planning workbook, there are a lot of ways that the Knights of Columbus Insurance program can benefit you and your family.

**Did you know** that there are more than 1,400 Knights of Columbus agents throughout the United States and Canada? They are dedicated, full-time professionals, who live to serve you, your family, and your community.

There might be quite a bit that you don’t know about Knights of Columbus Insurance and about the fraternal and financial benefits of your membership. Join the hundreds of thousands of your brother Knights who use our shield as their protection. Contact me today.

## **COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

### **February Birthdays:**

Pat Donohue	06
Jim Hock	07
Keith Kruse	09
Preston Shelton	09

Vince Pipitone	10
John Reed	10
Joe Schmidt	10
Bob Elliott, Sr.	13
Pat Martino	13
Dick Siejack	14
Tom Gorius	15
Matt Gutberlet	15
Harry Pippin	15
Deacon Don Murray	18
Frank Sliwka	23
John Schmidt	26
Jody Satterfield	29
Mike Talipan	29
Dean Manzoni	30
Bob Sapp	31

**February Anniversaries:**

Jack & Mary Beth Lindung 14 (17 years)

*If you do not see your anniversary listed above, please give the date to Paul Weber and we will gladly add you to our listing.*

**DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON.COM?**

The Maryland State council charity fund is registered with the AmazonSmile program. If you shop on Amazon.com, we encourage you to sign up for the AmazonSmile program and designate the Maryland State Council Charity fund as your charity. 0.5% of money spent on Amazon will be donated to the Charity Fund. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. You can use your existing Amazon.com account on Amazon Smile. I encourage all of you to use this program and consider selecting the Maryland State Council Charity Fund as your charity.

By now, all members of the Knights in Maryland should have received a donation envelope for the State Council Charity Fund. If you have not and wish to make a donation, check with your council. Information on the charity fund is available on the State Council Web site.

Fraternally,  
 Jim Seidleck  
 Charity Fund Co-Director



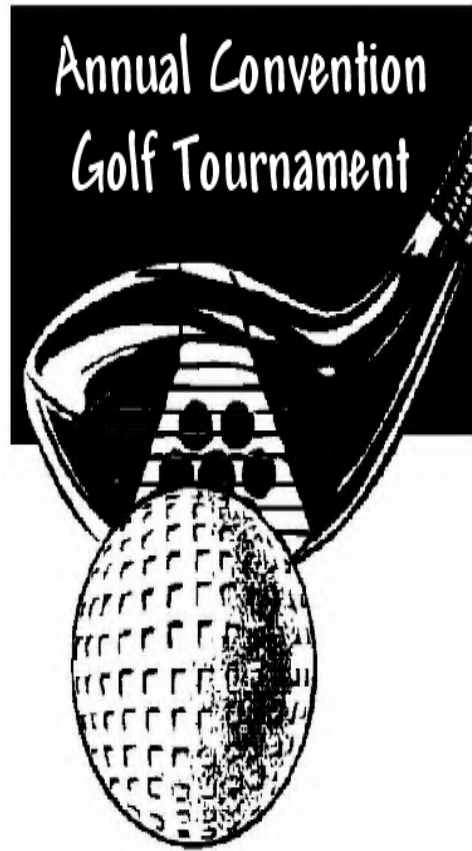
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OCEAN CITY GOLF CLUB  
11401 Country Club Dr.  
Berlin Maryland

Thursday, April 30, 2015  
Four Man - Best Ball  
12:30 PM Shotgun Start

\$80.00 per person includes:  
Green Fees, Cart, Hot Lunch,  
Prizes & Beverages on Course

Any questions call Paul Weber  
410-879-0558 or email  
apaulweber@verizon.net



Foursomes are limited! Reservation and  
payment must be made no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Send check payable to: Maryland State Council Convention Fund  
Mail to: Paul Weber 2223 Larchmont Drive Fallston Md. 21047

(please print)	Name	Council	Telephone # or email
<b>Team Captain</b>	_____	_____	_____ @ _____
<b>Player #2</b>	_____	_____	_____ @ _____
<b>Player #3</b>	_____	_____	_____ @ _____
<b>Player #4</b>	_____	_____	_____ @ _____

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>MARCH</b>			
3	Tues	Knights Ladies Meeting	Council Home
6	Fri 3 - 8 PM	Fish Fry	Church Hall
10	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
12	Thurs 8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Honoree Night	Fr. Michael J. McGivney #7025
17	Tuesday	St. Patrick's Day	
17	Tues 11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch	Council Home
19	Thurs 8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly	St. Ignatius #9729
21	Sat	Church Membership Drive	St. John Church
22	Sun	Church Membership Drive	St. John Church
22	Sunday 2:00 PM	State Council Founders Day Mass	Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
24	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification	Council Home Council Home
25	Wednesday	Feast of the Annunciation	
27	Fri 3 - 8 PM	Fish Fry	Church Hall
29	Sunday	Palm Sunday (5th Sunday)	
<b>APRIL</b>			
2	Thursday	Holy Thursday	
2	Thursday 7 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
3	Friday	Good Friday	
5	Sunday	Easter Sunday	
7	Tues	Knights Ladies Meeting	Council Home
9	Thurs 7:30 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
9	Thurs 8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	Bishop Sebastian #5058
14	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
16	Thurs 8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly	Long Green Valley #8736
24	Tuesday 7:30 AM	Grandparents Day	St. John School
28	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**Long Green Valley Council No. 8736**  
**c/o Tom Zaegel, PGK**  
**3206 Wellington Way**  
**Baldwin, MD 21013**



## Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

Our next meeting will be March 3, 2015. All the ice, snow and sleet will be gone by then, I promise. Think Spring!

Don't forget to cut out and mail your coupons for Troopons. Let me know by email the number of coupons mailed and \$ amount. Thank you for all your help with this important project for the families of those serving in the Armed Forces.

**Mary**

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