

VALLEY VIEWS JANUARY 2016



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Dear Brothers,

Greetings and Welcome to 2016! If you are like me, it is hard to believe 2015 is over and how time flies. Maybe it is time to start working on that bucket list?

Speaking of time, we are half way through the fraternal year. In looking back, I am amazed on the number of activities we do and the willingness of the members to volunteer to both chair and help. We are truly blessed as a Council.

While we have had a successful first half, we are delinquent in our membership activities. We have not recruited a single member to date. I am asking everyone to please give some effort in this area. If you know of a possible candidate, please give either me or Ray Dietz a call.

Also, please try to attend a council meeting and share some fellowship with your brother Knights. Together we can make Long Green Valley Council the best it can be.

Vivat Jesus
Chuck

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Steve Cohen, State Deputy

Be Not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage

State Council Website: www.kofc-md.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season. We are now entering into the second half of the Fraternal Year. Everyone's eyes should be on the prize and the prize is STAR. Star Council that is. Continue recruiting and scheduling and exemplifying your first degrees.

Recently, the Knights of Columbus conducted a public opinion survey. What they found was those who were interviewed said that the Knights was an "old man's" organization. We have been saying for years that seventy-five percent of the Fourth Degree was seventy-five years of age or older. The average age of the Third Degree Orderwide is sixty. So, I guess the solution is to recruit younger men. Yes, but that is only part of it. Statistics show that we also suspend more of our younger members. Why do we think, that is so? Many will say that they don't pay their dues. TRUE. The question, we should be looking at is why? Possibly because they have found nothing to be active in. Possibly because the older guys didn't let them in. Possibly because new ideas were met with resistance. We have all heard, we have never done that before; it won't work.

How about starting an under 40 club or even an under 30 club. Let them take the point and run with some programs. Include the younger families. Draw the whole family in with movie nights, etc. The sky is the limit. We really have to change our mindsets as we move forward. None of us are getting any younger.

This is also a good time, to step back and evaluate are we doing enough for our parishes. Are we participating in every area of the parish we can. Grand Knights should meet with their pastors formally twice per year. Once in June or July and the other is now, to plan out the rest of the year. Let's make a solid effort to ensure that our programs are hitting all areas of the parish.

Please don't forget the Polar Bear Plunge. John Durbin and Steve Adamczyk are in need of volunteers please give them a call.

Our work, thus far, has been outstanding. Let us continue to promote the good works of the Order and stay on target for STAR.

Always remember, we are the Knights of Columbus, we are a people of Life, for Life, Building a Civilization of Love.

Vivat Jesus!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2015 Thanksgiving Food Project

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Project concluded in December with our pre-Christmas delivery of canned goods, dry goods, and produce to the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Hope Convent on December 18th. We delivered approximately 2,875 lbs. of food valued at over \$1,800 to assist the nuns with their community outreach to poor East Baltimore families before Christmas. As in past years, we were able to use excess resources following our Thanksgiving deliveries to the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Hope Convent, Beans and Bread, and Our Daily Bread Employment Center to provide assistance before Christmas. Overall, this year's project is one of the most successful in the Long Green Valley Council's 26-year history of the Thanksgiving Project.

Thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of this year's Thanksgiving Project.

Paul Wimmer
2015 Thanksgiving Food Project Chairman

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!! I hope everyone is looking forward to some exciting new activities in 2016.

The Maryland State Council Annual Convention will be held at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City from May 13 to 15. This is always an excellent opportunity to enjoy the beach and to socialize with your brother knights and their families. Registration for the convention and the hotel are available online at www.mdkocconvention.org/

The council will be having a St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the council hall the second weekend in March. Mark your calendars now. Additional information will be forwarded as it becomes available.

We will be hosting a First Degree at our social meeting in March. Anyone interested in assuming a role on the team can contact me apaulweber@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH – (KNIGHTS CAFÉ)

The Lunch Bunch has experienced a surge in attendance and popularity, due largely to the generosity of Brother Sam Gibson and his wife, Donna. Our December meeting was our annual Christmas gathering. We met at Pappas Restaurant in Cockeysville. Fifteen people attended and both the food and the company were excellent. We have decided to cancel the next two meetings to avoid bad weather (who would have anticipated summer in December?) Therefore, our next meeting will be on March 15 at 11:30 in the Council Home.

It was also suggested by Sam that we change the name to Knights' Cafe to give the group a new look and to

reflect a more uniquely Knights name. This was agreed to by the group so it will be. So whenever you see a reference to the Knights' Café, think Lunch Bunch and vice versa. Whatever we call it, all are welcome. Stop in on the third Tuesday for good food and fraternization.

Reservations are not needed for our meetings, but it is helpful if you would let me know at 410-592-8406 or baltobob@comcast.net if you will attend so that I can let the Gibsons know how many people to expect. If you are available during the day and enjoy socializing with your fellow Knights, this is an excellent way to do so. Hope to see you this month.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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Brothers,

Brian Burch of **CatholicVote.org** noted the following 'victories' for Life in his review of 2015:

- For the first time ever, the House of Representatives voted to pass a federal law banning abortions after 20-weeks, as did a majority of Senators. The bill fell short, sadly, of the 60 yes votes needed to advance the bill to the President's desk. Many good candidates chose to run this year so there is an opportunity in 2016 to elect a pro-life President and Congress.
- The Little Sisters of the Poor have served the elderly and dying poor in America since 1868, and now run 30 homes across the United States. For three years the Little Sisters have bravely stood up for their First Amendment rights in court by seeking relief from the HHS Mandate of Obamacare, which would force crippling fines on them for following their conscience. On November 6th of this year, the Supreme Court announced they will hear their case in 2016.
- Moved by the horrible persecution and displacement of Christians in the Middle East, Christians around the world have offered up prayers and aid to help their brothers and sisters in faith. The Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund has given more than \$4.5 million in aid this year, while other groups are fighting for Christians in the Middle East to be granted genocide status by the United States. Some Americans have even volunteered to fight ISIS overseas.
- Undercover videos showing Planned Parenthood officials bartering over the price of fetal remains shocked the consciences of many Americans, hastening the day when America chooses life. Though the mainstream media tried to bury the story, presidential candidate Carly Fiorina raised the visibility of the videos and Congress has opened an investigation. This year, more than one abortion clinic closed per week. We learned that 81% of surgical abortion centers have closed since 1991 and that abortions are at an all-time low since Roe.

2016 --- an election year --- will be critical in our efforts to preserve, protect and promote the Culture of Life. And the **2016 March for Life** in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22, will be a great stage for reaching many more Americans with our message of life.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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The family of the month for January is the Wimmers. They are the parents of two children and two grandchildren. Paul has been very active in the Council. In addition to serving as Chancellor, he is Community Activities Director and chairs the enormously successful Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives. His excellent organizational skills enable him to bring it all together – soliciting donations of both money and food, purchasing over 150 turkeys and all the trimmings, coordinating volunteers and delivering the food to the three charities that we support. This year he spearheaded the effort to restore our crèche figures by the art students at Calvert Hall High School. He is very active in the parish serving as Finance Committee Chair, Collection Counter and greeter. Jean has devoted her career to Catholic education as a teacher and as a principal. She is active in the choir and has recently become a Cantor. Paul and Jean are actively involved with their children and grandchildren and it is evident that they reflect the values of a strong Christian family in all that they do.

The Family of the Month for February is Mike and Kathy Bathon. They are the proud parents of two children, Ron and Nicky and one grandson. Mike is very involved in the Council. He chairs the semi-annual blood drive which requires a considerable amount of organization and hard work and has resulted in record turnouts and blood collection. He is one of those Brothers who show up whenever there is work to be done, be it the Fish Fries, Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Breakfast or Fifth Sunday. He has also put his kitchen skills to work for the parish at the recent Wine Festival. He and Kathy both volunteer at the Gift of Hope Hospice and are active participants in the Adult Faith Formation activities of the parish. They worship together as a family and certainly are fine examples in all that they do.

Congratulations to both families.

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 family of the Knights of Columbus and especially the following in need of our prayers:

Sick/Prayer List

Brothers:

Brother Frank Budzynski
Chaplain Msgr. Rick Cramblitt
Brother Cal Guthrie
PGK Al Kramer (Bel Air Council)
PGK Jack Lindung
PGK George Landefeld
PGK John Robinson
Brother Frank Sliwka
Father Leo Tittler



Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

James Daly, Husband of Brother Pete Stankoski's niece
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson
Kathy Gutberlet, Wife of Brother Matt Gutberlet
Joan Imhoff, Wife of Brother Bud Imhoff
Elizabeth Johnson, Daughter of Deputy Grand Knight Tom Rowan
Kathleen Lanham, Granddaughter of Brother Dick Lanham
Margaret Lorber, Mother-in-Law of Brother John Reed
Tina North, Wife of Brother Michael North
Andrew Oberle, Friend of Brother Pat Donohue
David Pusey, Cousin of Chancellor Paul Wimmer
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson
Margery Schammel, Wife of Brother Willie Schammel

Deceased

Brothers:

Deacon Sir Knight John Grambling

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

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One Member per Month per Council

Brothers,

We are in the last 6 months into the fraternal year. Do you know someone who would be a great addition to Long Green Valley Council and the Knights of Columbus? Do you have a brother, a son, a grandson or a nephew who is not a Knight? Is he a practical Catholic and at least 18 years of age? We need your suggestions for new Brother Knights.

Please phone me at 410-790-7484 or email me at craytrek@comcast.net with any potential candidates and I will PURSUE!

Fraternally
Ray Dietz

Do you carry a Form 100 with you? Is it the latest version?

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

Andy Gleeson 410-823-3800

The VANTAGE Annuity Advantage

Concerned about a comfortable and worry-free retirement? In addition to our traditional Flexible Premium Annuity, the Knights of Columbus offers the VANTAGE Single Premium Deferred Annuity, and it may be part of the answer for you.

With a single deposit of \$25,000 or more, the VANTAGE allows you to lock-in a guaranteed interest rate for five years. In addition, there are several attractive renewal options once the five-year period has expired, including keeping the funds in another VANTAGE Annuity, placing them in a more traditional flexible premium annuity where the interest rate can be changed on a quarterly or more frequent basis or — in the 30-day period prior to the fifth and tenth policy anniversaries — withdrawing the funds without a surrender charge.

The VANTAGE Annuity, along with our Flexible Premium Annuity, provides the guarantees that Knights of Columbus members have come to expect — guaranteed interest rates along with absolute safety of principal. In addition, we can easily accommodate rollovers and transfers free of charge.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience — in your home — to discuss with you in detail how the Knights of Columbus can help you to secure the comfortable, worry-free retirement you want and deserve.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call me today.

COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dick Lanham	01	Harry Brocato	03
Danny Seibert	03	Ray Dietz	04
Kris Renshaw	05	Ron Rider	05
Bill Zoli	05	Matt Wohlfort	07
Bob Porter	08	James Greene	13
Kirk Larter	14	John Sochurek	20
Bill Davison	25	Michael Bathon	26
David Battista	26	George Landefeld	29
Gus Schmidt	31		

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY:

Ken & Joanne Furman 11 (25 years)

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
Charles Anderson	23	Carl Sallese	25
Nick Greaves	26	Chris Phillips	26

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Matt & Kathy Gutberlet 08 (47 years)

Joe & Tonya Kerins 14 (22 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.

Knights of Columbus Website addresses

For those Brother Knights and Ladies who want to read other information about the Knights and our activities, please go to the following websites:

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council	www.kofc.org
Maryland State Council	www.kofc-md.org
Long Green Valley Council	www.kofc8736.org
Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	www.mdkofc.org/baltimore
Calvert Province 4 th Degree	www.calvertprovince.org
Maryland District 4 th Degree	www.kcmaryland4th.org



FAMILY NIGHT

Fri., February 19

@ 7:35PM



VS. Missouri Comets



FREE MINI SOCCER BALLS TO THE FIRST
1000 KIDS 14 & UNDER TO ENTER

TICKETS ONLY \$20 EACH
with \$4 proceeds will go to the MD
State Knights of Columbus Charity

FOR MORE INFO CALL MIKE CONWAY AT 410-558-4292

DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016

_____ # OF ADDITIONAL TICKETS @ \$20 (\$25 AT BOX OFFICE)

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\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BALTIMORE BLAST

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PHONE: DAY _____ EVENING _____

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CARD #: _____ EXP _____ V#: _____

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6929 Golden Ring Road
BALTIMORE MD 21237

FAX ORDERS TO:
410-732-1737
ORDERS RECEIVED AFTER
FEBRUARY 12 WILL BE LEFT AT
WILL CALL FOR PICKUP ON
GAME NIGHT

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Day		
JANUARY			
1	Fri		New Year's Day
7	Thurs	7:00 PM	Long Green Valley Council Officers Meeting Council Home Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521
9	Sat		State Council Mid-Term Meeting
12	Tues	8:00 PM	Business Meeting Council Home Santo Nino Council #5058
14	Thurs	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting
21	Thurs	7:30 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Meeting Renewal of Obligations Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council #11372
22	Fri		March for Life Washington, D.C.
26	Tues	8:00 PM	Business Meeting Council Home Sandy Point State Park
30	Sat		Special Olympics Polar Plunge
31	Sun		Fifth Sunday
FEBRUARY			
4	Thurs	7:00 PM	Long Green Valley Council Officers Meeting Council Home
9	Tues	8:00 PM	Business Meeting Council Home
11	Thurs	8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting Ladies Night/Ladies Activity Notre Dame Council #2452
18	Thurs	7:30 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Meeting Mason-Dixon Council #10100
19	Fri	7:35 PM	Family Night with the Baltimore Blast versus the Missouri Comets Royal Farms Arena
23	Tues	8:00 PM	Business Meeting Council Home

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

Please check here for articles about the Knights Ladies activities and meetings!