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"IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"



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Dear Brothers,

I would like to thank all those who worked (setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up) to make the Spaghetti Dinner a success. Because of your help we are able to send a \$300 check to the Gabriel Project.

Again, I want to thank all those who worked to make the Shrove Tuesday Dinner another success. I think that we had more people attend than in years previous. A special thanks to Randy Keiser (chairman) for donating the items he purchased and Jim Schmidt, Jr. for the donation of pancakes, sausage, etc. from McDonalds. We will deliver a check for \$250 each to St. J. E. School and St. J. E. Church.

I am happy to report that through your efforts for collecting for the Mentally Handicapped Program through the TOOTSIE ROLL program at the Giant, Safeway, and at St. Johns Church we raised \$2538.00. After expenses (cost of Tootsie Rolls & state tax) we are able to donate \$764.06 to Maryland Special Olympics, \$741.58 to Gallagher Center, and \$741.58 to Camp Glow. Congratulations to all of you to take your time to stand in all kind of weather to collect donations for these worthy causes.

A new baseball season is here and we need your help working the stands. We are only working eleven games this year. That is about one game every two weeks. If everyone could volunteer to work just one game it would make it easier on those of us who work almost every game. Won't you volunteer?

This Easter season let us give thanks for our many blessings and pray for those less fortunate than us. May you and your family have a joyous Easter season.

Fraternally yours,
Bob Dee GK

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT Fr. Willie Franken; 410-592-6206; WFranken@archbalt.org

Dear Brother Knights,

As I write this message, I hope that Spring is really just around the corner. I look forward to the beauty of new life will spring forth from the earth. This image certainly fits into our own experience for this month.



As our Lenten journey draws to a close, we will celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Have you and I been faithful to our Lenten practices? Have you and I come to a deeper relationship with God? In Lent we acknowledge our sinfulness and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. Holy Week begins with the Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As this special week continues, we contemplate the great gift of the Eucharist and our call to service. On Good Friday, the death of Jesus on the Cross offers us a picture of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus and the unconditional love of our God.

Easter brings us a renewed hope as human persons. We celebrate the meaning of being fully alive now and forever. May the joy of the Easter season fill you with a spirit of hope and gratitude for the loving actions of our God. Happy Easter!

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

Note the letter on page 12 from our Supreme Secretary in the "Culture of Life Fund". It is self explanatory. Our council is providing the \$3/member assessment from our treasury. We pay the assessment of \$3.00 per member in three installments of which we have already paid two.

The phrase "culture of life" was first used by Pope John Paul II denouncing abortion and euthanasia. He stated that "The culture of life means respect for nature and protection of God's work of creation. In a special way, it means respect for human life from the first moment of conception until its natural end".

The Knights are committed to helping men and women with the aftereffects of abortion and divorce and helping men be better fathers, supporting the sanctity of marriage and a host of other issues affecting the Culture of Life.

STATE REPORT

Brothers, it is time to register for the 111th annual Maryland State Council Convention. The convention will be held on May 15, 16, & 17, 2009 at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort on 91st Street.

To register, you need to submit your name and council number as well as your spouse or guests on the Convention Registration form that is included in this newsletter and is one the State Council website at: <http://www.kofc-md.org/docs/StateConvReg.pdf>.

For registrations received prior to April 16th, the fee is \$35 per member and \$30 per spouse, guest & widow. Children 17 and younger are free. If the registration is received after April 15th, the cost per person increases by \$10. Tickets are also available for the Saturday Breakfast Buffet (\$12 per person), The Saturday night Banquet (\$35 per person) and the Sunday morning Buffet (\$12 per person).

Room reservations are handled separately from the convention registration. For room reservations, please call the Princess Royale at 1-800-4767-9253.

We hope to see you at the Ocean in May.



DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT <u>Brian O'Connor; District Deputy 1</u>
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District Deputy Message April 2009

REACHING FOR THE STARS

REPORT AS OF 03/15/09

Council No.	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	7	0	7	2
9815	1	0	1	0
10100*	6	0	6	4
11372	7	2	5	0
District Total	21	2	19	6

Star District Goals Net 21 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

* Meeting Star Council Membership & Insurance requirements

Anne, Charlotte, Norm & I want to wish each of you Happy and Joyous Easter.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes as I am home from the hospital. My Doctor said my back surgery went well and I am now on my way to recovery. I am hoping that by Easter I will be recovered enough to be fully active and back into the swing of things.

Now that spring is here, I'm asking each and every member of the District to get spring fever about membership. Every one of our councils needs new members. Unfortunately, I think the main reason we aren't getting new members is that we are not asking our fellow Catholics to join or we are selling ourselves short by not adequately explaining the advantages a man and his family will enjoy by being a Knight. I know that each one of the council membership directors would be glad to hear and try your ideas and appreciate your help.

One quick reminder, registrations for the convention at the reduced rate are due NLT 4/15/09. The price increases by \$10 per person after that, no exceptions. For those of you planning to be there the GK's, DW and myself will be participating in the Grand Knight Olympics early Friday afternoon. That alone should make the trip worthwhile and entertaining. Vivat Jesus!

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS Michael Sallese President, PGN, FDD, PFN; Msallese11@verizon.net

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be on Thursday May 14, 2009 at Archbishop Fulton Sheen Council. This is "Honored Guest" night and is intended to honor those men who are this year's Council Honored Guests. If your council has an "Honored Guest" please submit his name and your council name to our President Mike Sallese at msallese11@verizon.net by April 30th so that we can make a certificate from the Chapter for your Honored Guest. We will present the certificates at the May 14th meeting, so please make plans to attend with your Honored Guest.

At the June meeting, we will be holding elections for Officers for the new fraternal year. If you are interested in running for a position, please write a letter to our nominating committee explaining which position you are running for and who will be making your nominating speech. Nominations we will be accepted from the floor at the May and June meeting, but you must bring your letter with you to that meeting so that your nominator can be called upon at the appropriate time on June 11th.

The April meeting would normally be scheduled for the second Thursday in April, but this year that Thursday is Holy Thursday. Therefore we will not have a meeting in April. We considered rescheduling the meeting to another night in April but this would interfere with Council and Assembly regularly scheduled meetings and this is something we do not want to do.

Vivat Jesus!

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS Archbishop John Carroll Assembly 2378; Faithful Navigator Michael Georgulas

My Brother Knights:

Fourth Degree Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month.



Here are the specifics of the Exemplification scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 2009:

Location: Holy Trinity Council #3413(Columbian Center)
335 N. Ritchie Hwy.; Severna Park, MD, 21146

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2009

Time: Candidate Registration at 4:00PM

Exemplification at 5:00PM

Banquet: 7:30PM

Fees: Candiate - \$70.00 (includes banquet ticket)

Priests - \$22.00

Banquet Ticket - \$22.00

All Form-4s, candidate fees and banquet ticket money are to be sent by April 15, 2009 to:

Patrick Corcoran, District Comptroller

1602 Martha Court Unit 302

Bel Air MD 21015

410.588.5880

Thanks,
E. Paul Jones, Sr.
Master, Maryland District

INSURANCE MATTERS Jeff Roemer, 410 825-0004, Jeffrey.roemer@kofc.org

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

“Appreciating our Families”



We spend so much time caring for our families. Our work hours revolve around providing a living and supporting our families. Our evening and weekend hours revolve around spending time and sharing experiences with our families. Even our Knights of Columbus hours are an outlet to support our church and community which has a positive effect on our families.

So ... you can imagine my dismay when we visit with a brother knight's widow and she is in poor economic shape. I strongly urge all of our members to spend some of that “family time” doing some preplanning.

A former State Chaplain once told me that being a husband and father was one of the highest vocations a man could have. Isn't it appropriate to make sure your wife will truly be okay if something happens to you? Call me, your council advisor. Get the peace of mind that doing the right thing brings.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN Jim Schmidt, Sr, PGK; 410-592-8891; snstrngjim@msn.com

Spring is a season for reawakening after a dreary winter. Our spring membership drive (March 28th, 29th) will feature the usual announcements of the Long Green Valley Council recruitment effort and the drive allows us to extol the virtues of membership in the order as well as membership in our Council.

We discussed the membership drive at our meetings in March to prepare all members and make them aware of our campaign. Here are some things that every member can do to support each membership drive:

- Reflect on the value of your membership and consider who you might ask to join. Perhaps they have never been asked to join.
- All successful activities start with a good plan. Become familiar with the Council plan for the current membership drive. The plan might be described at a meeting, outlined on a handout and/or posted on our website (www.kofc8736.org).
- Remember to wear your name plate at the recruitment weekend masses showing that you are a proud member. Signs of a large presence in the congregation will be conducive for attracting new members.
- Join brother Knights at the Church door after mass to answer any questions or help solicit new members.
- Ask what else you can do to help.

Results of the Spring Membership Drive will be discussed in April at the Council Business Meeting.

Jim Schmidt Sr
Membership Chairman

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Randy Keiser; mostincorporated@yahoo.com 410-491-6407

The Divine Mercy Mass will be held on April 19th at 5PM in the Chapel. Readings will be conducted by Chris Deaver, Mary Kaplan and one of our brother Knights. Father Willie will be in the Bride's Room in back of the Chapel to hear confessions during the service. Please plan to attend. See page 11



CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

April 19, 2009 - Divine Mercy Mass

May 7, 8, 9, 2009 - Spring Fling

May 31, 2009 - 5th Sun. -7:30 Mass, Breakfast at The Sunshine Grill.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Mike Naumann; 410-592-4884; mike.n@pioneernetwork.com

APRIL 2009 EASTER PROJECT

The Missionaries of Charity-Gift of Hope Convent is located on 818 Collington Avenue in Baltimore City. The Missionaries of Charity belong to the order of nuns founded by Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. The majority of nuns at the convent are from India. The Gift of Hope convent, originally St. Wenceslaus School, contains 12 hospital type rooms for terminally ill AIDS patients. Typically there are 10 AIDS patients residing there at any given time. In addition to caring for the terminally ill patients, visiting nursing homes and other charitable works, the nuns have an Outreach program for needy families registered with them. These families are given bags of food at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. In 2008, our Council's Thanksgiving project donated food to their Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach Food programs. The excess funds from the Thanksgiving project was used to support the Missionaries of Charity's 2009 Easter Food distribution.

On March 17th, Long Green Valley Council donated the following to their Easter Outreach Program.

80 - 3 lb. Bags of Rice

80 - Bottles of Ketchup

80 - Bottles of Mustard

240 - Cans of Tuna

80 - Boxes of Frosted Flakes Cereal

I would like to thank PGK Carroll McComas, PGK James Schmidt Sr. and PGK James Schmidt Jr. for assisting with the food purchase and delivery to the Gift of Hope Convent. Thanks also to PGK Carroll McComas for the use of his truck.

Most of all, thanks to all of the Council members and members of St. John the Evangelist Church faith community for making these charitable acts possible by supporting our Knights of Columbus food project.

John J. Mayni, Project Chairman

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Council Home facility is enjoyed at our meetings and other Long Green Valley Council Events and always makes a good impression on visitors. In recent years we have made substantial, costly improvements such as a new roof, septic system repairs and other structure corrections. This council year there has been a focus on clean up including a significant effort to clean out old, unused materials and to better organize what remains so that we can find what we want for various activities.

A small team met for a spring house cleaning session at the Council Home on Saturday, March 21st. All the bathrooms and refrigerators' were cleaned though we didn't have time to clean the floors on this occasion. I want to recognize and thank Jim Schmidt Jr. Tom Rowan, Randy Keiser, Tom Zaegel, Mike Sallese, and Bob Dee for cleaning all the refrigerators, beer tap and freezer and also the lights , the windows and the bath rooms. Thanks to them for their help and I would like to encourage more council members to take advantage of these clean-up opportunities for fraternity and service. Stay tuned for the next clean up.

Jim Schmidt Sr.
Building Chairman

FAMILY ACTIVITIES Jim Cross; 410-893-1266

Easter Sunday always seemed to me to be an occasion for families to gather that had a special aura to it. On Thanksgiving Day the food crowds in on the initial theme of thanks to God. On Christmas Day the gifts get in the way of the birth of God. Easter has less hype to it and therefore still retains more of its real essence.

After all is said and done, the Resurrection of Jesus is the Ultimate Event in Human History. Western Civilization dates its years from the birth of Jesus Christ, but many treat His birth, death and resurrection like the air we breathe. They take it for granted. Dress the kids a little better for Easter Sunday to be sure. But if we really thought about it we would dress like it was a wedding.

Doug Byerly and his wife Christine will be submitted for Family of the Month for March. He is the Director for St. John's Music Ministry and Cantor for the Maryland State Council. He teaches music at Anne Arundel Community College. The excellent Music Ministry at St. John's reflects Doug's ability to develop talent rather than just utilize it.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES Chris Phillips

Brothers,

On March 28 we held our 9th annual Catholic Bee. We had a total of 11 participants this year from 4 schools. What an event we put on, brothers! We had about 85 spectators join us. Our judges were Jim Cross, PGK; Jim Schmidt, Sr. PGK and Tom Zaegel, Treasurer. Also in attendance was our Youth director, Chris Phillips.

After I introduced the faculty present, Jim Cross gave some really nice opening remarks addressed to the students and spectators alike. His intro helped set the tone for the Bee. I then introduced my one and only Barbara to act as the enunciator and we were underway!

The students in attendance From Immaculate Heart of Mary were Connor Gordon, Grace King, and Evan

Ford. From St. John the Evangelist we had Alex Darby, Erin Dodson and Elaina Cain. Representing St. Joseph Fullerton was Megan Young, Darius Pirozzi and Carson Hunt. And from St. Pius X we had Joseph Massa and Peggy Smith. This year's Bee was the most intense yet. We covered 192 questions to arrive at a winner. The students came excited and well prepared for the event. They had a great time and showed us some real knowledge of our faith.

Each participant received a certificate of appreciation and a rosary from Our Lady of Guadalupe. They really like that rosary! It's a little more high end and it really shows. Our basic black is great for us but young people don't quite get the joy of your basic black rosary!

This year's winners are:

1st place - Erin Dodson, grade 4, St. Johns. She is the 1st student to win the Bee from St. Johns! She loved her \$100.00 award as did Mrs. Jeane Delcher, the principal who also received a \$100.00 donation to the school.

2nd place - Carson Hunt, grade 5, St. Joe's. He received \$75.00 for himself and won a donation of \$75.00 to St. Joes graciously received by Mrs. Susan Marcher.

3rd place - Grace King, grade 5, Immaculate Heart of Mary took home the \$50.00 award. Mrs. Betty O'Donnell and Mrs. Eileen Phelps excitedly received the \$50.00 donation to the school.

Everyone who attended was really pleased with the event and congratulates the Council on this most exciting event. They look forward to attending the Bee each year. And the schools who were not able to attend this year because of some timing problems were most disappointed and fully expect to return next year.

Brothers, this event has to be one of the best things we do for our youth of today and for our Church of tomorrow. These are the young people who will carry on our Church and our Councils in Catholicism for years to come.

Thanks so much for your support.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES Jim Cross; 410-893-1266

Pro-Life 101 featuring Scott Klusendorf will be offered on April 18, 2009 at the Cathedral of Mary Queen Parish Center 5200 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210. Call 410-322-1481 or email joe@defendlife.org.

Check your March 19, 2009 Catholic Review for George Weigel's article "4 Fibs and a waffle" in which he debunks President Obama's comments as to why he allowed additional embryos to be destroyed for Embryonic Stem Cell Research on March 9, 2009.

LECTURER'S REPORT Joe Wenderoth, (410) 491-5918, email lecturer@kofc8736.org

We finally had an opportunity to see the video and informative material about the Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania for those whose lives were lost in the 9/11 crash of United Flight 93. After many cancelled social meetings, we were finally able to conduct this program, long held in abeyance. Some description of the Apostleship of the Sea program was also provided at the March social meeting.

The video about United Flight 93 is a sobering reflection on the sacrifices that people make for our

freedom which reflects how precious that basic right is to us all.

We are exploring interest in combining Lecturer and Community Programs to introduce the Apostleship of the Sea Mission and Service opportunity in the port of Baltimore. Stay tuned for more on that program.

Brother Knight Bill Bilo has a trans-Siberian railroad tour presentation with photographs. Bill and Diane toured with a National Geographic group. That program will be conducted this summer.

As usual, the winner of the puzzle contest will be randomly selected from the pile of correct entries received. Answers will be available at the next meeting for those still befuddled.

The puzzle for April follows. You can email (preferred) or snail mail answers to the Lecturer. The Knight's Ladies are also invited to compete as usual this month and I will report whether I get more correct answers from the Knights or the Ladies!

April Puzzle: Mystery Book – A man was in a library and spotted an interesting-looking book on a shelf. Its spine read "HOW TO JOG." Upon opening the book he found that it was not a manual on running. In fact, the book had nothing to do with jogging in any sense of the term. What kind of book was it? (Hint – It is a kind of book that virtually everyone has used.)

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT Bob McGraw; Work 410-887-1828; Cell 443-299-7732; rsmcgraw@verizon.net

Feel free to contact me if you know of any brother or family member that is need of prayers.

Please continue to pray for the following:

Brothers:

Fr. Jack Collopy	Dick Spinner
Vince Wheeler	John Robinson
Norm Bronzert	William Seibert
Tim Calvert	Pop Stritzinger
Jack Lindung	

Relations:

Kim Schlee, Daughter of Brother John Schlee
 Norma Ventura, Wife of Brother John Ventura
 Leonard Scheno, Brother of Jim Scheno
 Ann Hughes, Mother-in-Law of Brother Joe Wenderoth
 Faith Rowland, Granddaughter of Brother Bill Loeffler
 Mary Renshaw, Wife of Brother Bob Renshaw
 Marilyn Carr, Wife of Brother Ronald Carr, Sr.
 Phyllis Rowan, Mother of Brother Thomas Rowan
 Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson

Deceased:

Regina Kimbel, mother-in-law of Brother Doug Byerly
 Brother Charles Croghan

Patricia Elbert, Wife of Brother Charles Elbert
 Helen Oliphant, Mother of Brother Paul Oliphant

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carroll McComas	2
Bob Vacek	3
Dave Lipinski	8
Larry Flynn	11
Sam Gibson	11
Frank Budzynski	12
Craig Messenger	13
Ted Burns	16
Charles Croghan	19
Tom Romanko	24
Bob Torr	27
John Schlee	28

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
APRIL				
02	Thurs	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
06	Mon.	1:30 PM	Baseball Game, Opening Day	Camden Yards
07	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights ladies	Council Home
14	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
09	Thurs.		HOLY THURSDAY--NO BCGK MEETING	
10	Fri.		GOOD FRIDAY	
12	Sun.		HAPPY EASTER	
14	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Meeting	
19	Sun.	5:00 PM	Divine Mercy Celebration	St. Johns Chapel
24	Fri.	7:05 PM	Baseball Game-Texas	Camden Yards
26	Sun.	4:00 PM	Fourth Degree Exemplification	Holy Trinity Council
28	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
MAY				
5	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights Ladies	Council Home
7	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
7	Thurs.	7:05 PM	Baseball Game-Twins	Camden Yards
12	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
14	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	Archbishop Sheen
15-17	Fri-Sun.		CONVENTION	Ocean City
21	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Meeting	
25	Mon.		MEMORIAL DAY	
26	Tues.	8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2009

Time: 5 pm

Place: St. John The Evangelist Chapel

The Knights of Columbus were present in Rome for the Beatification of St. Foustina Kowalska at which time Pope John Paul II announced that the world wide Roman Catholic Church would now celebrate the the Feast of Divine Mercy, as our Lord had requested of Foustina, on the Sunday following Easter, also the Second Sunday of Easter.

Among the many legacies of Pope John Paul II, his legacy of Divine Mercy stands out as special; only in this legacy does he specifically say that he passes on the message of Divine Mercy to the whole world as the message for the third millennium. It was also at this time that the Knights of Columbus became a major sponsor of this Feast and its message. With its sponsorship of the first-ever World Apostolic Congress on Mercy in Rome last April, the Knights of Columbus has helped to ignite a movement that organizers hope will spark reflection on God's Mercy throughout North America.

The Knights of Columbus has many programs to strengthen family life. Our Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer is one of the most important. This devotion has a special place in the Holy Father's heart. In his first address as Pope Benedict the XVI, on the morning following his election, he spoke to the assembly of cardinals. He began his address with John Paul II's legacy of Divine Mercy in his own life. In Pope Benedict XVI we have a pope who is of one heart and one mind with John Paul II. This devotion should also have a special place as well in each of our families, councils, and parishes. It can, and will, strengthen the bond of brother Knights committed to the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Divine Mercy Sunday is joyous feast for Catholics who hope to rise and live eternally with the resurrected Christ. The celebration includes almost all forms of devotion, including public veneration of the image of the resurrected Jesus, recitation of the chaplet prayers including the use of the rosary, and homilies on the theme of mercy.

During the first half hour of the program, Father Willie will be conducting the sacrament of Penance for individuals wishing to go to confession. Following the program, we will host a reception for all attendees in our council hall which will include a light supper and refreshments. Please plan to join and support us on this special evening.

Tom Zaegel

DONALD R. KEHOE
SUPREME SECRETARY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Grand Knights
FROM: Donald R. Kehoe, Supreme Secretary *DOK*
DATE: February 27, 2009
SUBJECT: Culture of Life Fund

In order to provide our members information regarding the Culture of Life Fund assessment, please read the following message at your council meeting and publish it in your council newsletter.

Last August, the delegates to the Annual Supreme Council Meeting reaffirmed the Order's longstanding commitment to the Church's teaching on life and marriage by unanimously approving Resolution 302, which established the Culture of Life Fund and a special assessment of \$3.00 per member. It was anticipated that this Fund would support a broad range of initiatives that advance the Culture of Life. I am happy to report that the Fund has done just that. Two programs, one to assist men and women to cope with the traumatic aftereffects of abortion and divorce and one to help men be better fathers have been introduced. To date, the response to these initiatives has far surpassed our expectations.

In addition, our financial support last fall was vital to the passage of constitutional amendments protecting the sanctity of marriage in California, Florida and Arizona. Today, 30 states have such amendments. In January, we implemented our new initiative helping state councils provide pregnancy centers with ultrasound machines. The Supreme Council partnered with local Knights to put this life-saving technology in the hands of pregnancy centers in both Iowa and Florida. On a national level, the Board of Directors recently voted to provide financial support to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for a newly formed Task Force whose purpose is to promote the Church's teaching on marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Knights of Columbus has always been deeply committed to promoting racial equality and defending religious liberty as a basic civil right. In the United States today, the abortion lobby has indicated a desire to move the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) through Congress. This radical piece of legislation would not only expand abortion "rights," but also force medical personnel, morally opposed to abortion, to violate their consciences and participate in abortions. In Canada, the Parliament has witnessed the introduction of a private member's bill that would legalize euthanasia across the country. On these and a host of other issues affecting the Culture of Life, the Knights of Columbus must be ready to educate the public about the need to support policies and legislations that protect human life from conception to natural death.

Please remember that contributions to the Fund from councils or individual members remain in the country of origin and will only be used for projects in that country.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Long Green Valley Council No. 8736
c/o Michael Sallese
2701 Chestnut Hill Road
Forest Hill, MD 21050



Knights Ladies

We were finally able to have our meeting and make lap robes! We had quite a few guests at this meeting/workshop. We donated 20 lap robes to Ann Stallings (co-chairman of this project). Ann informed us this would be an on-going project. Vickie Cohen, Ladies Auxiliary Co-Chairlady and wife of the State Warden, was also present. Thanks to Jeanne Scheno for her help!

Our muffin making project scheduled for Friday, March 20th had to be canceled. A new date will be picked at our April 7th meeting.

We will be providing the 'munchkins' and manning the refreshment table for the Parish cleanup on March 28th from 8-12.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00. We will have a guest speaker on Genealogy which should be very interesting! Please plan on attending this meeting – we have lots to cover!

Carol & Jo Ann

