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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

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Membership: In 2013 we strive with renewed effort to improve communication with members via electronic means. The survey of members told us that you are busy so we offer expedient ways to exchange information and member views. Learn about it at information sessions starting in January at our Council Home.

Council Home Facility: We boosted our internet signal so we can use internet based content, such as our web site, for meetings and social events. Learn to effectively navigate and use our site at instructional programs and demonstrations in the Council Home. Please consider renting the Council Home, or recommending it to family, friends or neighbors for their family party.

Communications: Our Communications Policy will be a meeting topic in January. The updated Policy will consolidate incremental changes made over the last two decades to keep pace with rapidly changing technologies and cost reduction opportunities. Our policy make us a more effective and engaged Council. We can use your help too. When you attend our events, ask a Brother Knight friend to attend as well, and bring him along. Personal communications are best.

Service: Our newest focus area is emphasis on service to those in need. This year we are reaching out to help Brother Knights and their families and parish families who have illnesses or other troubling issues. Most of these initiatives take only a few hours and most can be a one time commitment.

Remember, above all is charity, a selfless commitment inspired by our faith and extended to our LGVC and SJE community. I close with an altered phrase borrowed from another new administration in 1960. "Ask not what your Council can do for you, but what can you do for your Council."

Vivat Jesus

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Letter from Archbishop Lori, Former Bishop of Bridgeport Read at all Masses on Sunday, Dec. 16, at St. Rose of Lima Parish

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Along with you, and along with the rest of our nation and, indeed, the rest of the world, I was shocked and horrified to learn of what had taken place in Newtown so suddenly and terribly on Friday morning. I was in Rome for meetings, and it was early evening there when I heard.

Since that moment, my heart has been heavy, and I can't stop thinking about everyone in Newtown, especially the victims, the children, and their families. So I just wanted to say very sincerely and simply that I am close to all of you in my thoughts and prayers right now.

Coming at this time of year, so close to Christmas, the tragedy is all the more difficult to bear. I can only say that, especially for the sake of the victims and their families, we cannot allow ourselves to lose hope, but indeed, now more than ever, must strengthen one another through our friendships in Christ, and our unity of faith in him and his resurrection.

I have been thinking very much of the words of Blessed John Paul II, who once said, "To receive Jesus Christ means believing that in the history of humanity, even though it is marked by evil and suffering, the final word belongs to life, and to love, because God came to dwell among us, so we might dwell in Him."

So in these days of Advent, let us not forget that, as we read in Saint John's Gospel, "The light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Our lives will never be the same. But neither will we have to face a single day without the strength and peace that only Christ can give to us. In that strength and in that peace I am very much united with you today.

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore



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SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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In Service to One, in Service to All

Supreme Knight Calls on State Deputies to Engage in “Charity that Evangelizes”

Speaking to the state deputies and state chaplains assembled in Dallas, Texas, for the annual state deputies meeting, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson encouraged them in their charitable leadership and emphasized the importance of evangelizing through charity. Discussing his time last month in Rome as an auditor of the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization, he also called on Knights to strengthen Catholic families as a means of furthering the new evangelization. Both the Order's charity and its work to strengthen families spiritually must be oriented toward evangelizing, both in word and deed, a culture that is deeply in need of the Gospel's message of love.

With reference to the Order's charitable work, the Supreme Knight also announced that the Order had collected \$350,000 in donations for victims of Hurricane Sandy and had distributed \$500,000 in aid to the affected areas. Having just visited the devastated areas of Staten Island last week while helping to distribute relief supplies and funds to aid in the relief effort, Anderson singled out for special thanks the state deputies of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, who have actively overseen Knights' relief efforts in areas affected by the storm.

Vivat Jesus

STATE COUNCIL NEWS

William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy

Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity

Donna and I sincerely wish each of you and your families a very Blessed and Happy New Year. A special thank you for your generosity to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

I have reviewed the December membership growth figures from Supreme, and I must say we have a long way to go. We must resolve always to carry the Form #100 and ask a Catholic man and his Family to join our Order. Frequent First Degrees as well as urging all new Knights to qualify for the Shining Armor Award are essential in the Recruitment and Retention process.

As we start the New Year and the **second half** of the Fraternal Year, we all need to reflect and evaluate our progress to date. Are we meeting our goals that we set for ourselves? Are we working toward attaining the prestigious Star Council Award and strengthening our Council Programs? Have we recruited one member, per council, per month? Be honest now if we

have, then let's not stop but strive to do even better. If we have not, let's put forth as a **"New Year Resolution"** to make a positive effort to reach these goals.

We the State Family look forward to seeing you at the Mid- Term Meeting at Cardinal Gibbons Council 2521 on Saturday, January 5th. **All Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are expected to attend.** A separate morning session will be held for the Deputy Grand Knights focusing on their expectations as they prepare for their leadership role. We will also attend the State Pro-Life Mass at the conclusion of the meeting.

The **Annual March for Life** will take place on Friday, January 25th, 2013 in Washington, D.C. Why not plan to attend this vital Pro-Life gathering as we need your presence to make a "Culture of Life" statement? Let's all work to have our largest turnout ever.

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."**

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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Brothers,

DW John Schmidt and I wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you and your families enjoy a safe and healthy 2013. Please continue to pray for world peace.

Have you asked a Catholic gentleman to join our Order? Despite all we do, we still need to ask men to join us and spread our charitable efforts. New men bring new ideas and good ideas and invitations to join us bring new men.

Vivat Jesus

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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On Thursday January 10, the Baltimore Chapter will hold our next meeting at Father Burggraff Council #6012. Our meetings are open to all Brother Knights, whether you are an Officer, a Past Grand Knight, an Activity Chairman, or just would like to see what we do. Please make plans to join us.

We have sent our annual Charity Appeal letter to all Brother Knights in member councils of the Baltimore Chapter. Please take time to read the letter and respond if you can. The Baltimore Chapter Charity fund primarily supports the Breakfast with Santa and spring picnic for the children at Villa Maria & Saint Vincent de Paul and the residents of Gallagher Center. We have been holding these events with your support for a number of years. Long Green Valley Council has a number of Brothers who have helped at these events and they can tell you of the effect upon the attendees and those doing the events. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Happy New Year and Vivat Jesus

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Dear Brothers and Long Green Valley Council members of the Knights of Columbus, I look forward to speaking with you at your January 8, 2013 meeting about the Archbishop John Carroll Assembly of the Knights of Columbus. Our ABJC assembly is looking for new members to join the 4th degree during the exemplification of the 4th Degree in Frederick on Saturday, March 2, 2012. If you are a 3rd degree member interested in information about taking the next step up to the 4th degree in the Knights of Columbus, please come to the 1/8/13 LGV council meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting, call me at 410.893.1934 or email me at twojtek@comcast.net for more information.

On Thursday January 17, 2012 the Archbishop John Carroll Assembly will hold our Renewal of Obligations at our regular meeting. Our Worthy Master Steve Thomas will officiate at this ceremony. Please make plans to attend. Officers are to be in Tuxedos. Other Sir Knights have a choice between wearing a tuxedo or suit. The meeting will be held at the home of Long Green Valley Council. The meeting starts at 8:00 PM.

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Happy New Year to all!! 2012 was a very successful year for our council thanks to all the generosity and support of our fraternal family and the SJE Parish Community. It was especially encouraging to see many of the new members get involved in our programs and help out with their time and talents. We also applaud many who stepped up to leadership positions in our council. This is a very encouraging sign, and we should make it a goal to keep this momentum going in the new year ahead. None of our programs, charitable or social, can be successful without your participation and involvement. Every one of you is critical to our success and accomplishments. We are coming out of one of the most busy and active periods in our fraternal year. It would be great if we could just pay our dues and settle back to relax a while. However, that is not what we are about. There are so many needs and opportunities in our community; and it is more critical than ever that we get involved and stay visible. Our Grand Knight and I ask each of you, near and far, for your support and involvement in whatever way that you can. Many of our Brothers are no longer close by, so we ask that you send us an email or letter to let us know how you are doing and maybe even some words of encouragement for your Brothers. And finally, a huge thank-you to all of our program and project leaders for your special efforts and contributions. God Bless us All, stay faithful and be grateful.

Vivat Jesus

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Long Green Valley Concert Series

Opera Arias and Duets with appearances by soprano Mary Anne Barcellona and baritone Jason Stearns will be held in the Chapel on Sunday January 20th at 3pm. For reservations or information, please call the parish office at 410-592-6206. **LGVC** will also serve dinner at the **Jesus Christ Superstar** dinner theater to be held in the church hall on Thursday, February 7 at 6pm. We will solicit your help at future meetings and in our weekly updates.

Light Up for Christ Program

At the conclusion of the 5pm Mass on Saturday December 15th, mass attendees processed to the Creche in front of the Chapel where LGVC, along with Msgr. Cramblitt, led the annual Creche lighting ceremony. We had an impressive turnout of both parishioners and brother Knights and their families. It was a beautiful ceremony that included scripture readings, hymns and a blessing from Msgr. Cramblitt. We also had a well-attended reception at the Council Home following the ceremony. Special thanks to Brother Tom Zaegel for planning and coordinating the ceremony and to Brother Chuck Bogdanowicz for his help with the reception.

Christmas Eve Parking

LGVC again provided invaluable and stellar parking service at the Christmas Eve 4pm mass on Monday 12/24. I am always amazed by the turnout of volunteers that we get for this event. As you all know, this service is extremely important to our parish. After Mass, we also hosted a small reception in the Council Home to "toast" our good work and the Christmas season. Special thanks to GK Joe Wenderoth and PGK Tom Zaegel for their help and support and to **ALL** of the volunteers.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2012 THANKSGIVING FOOD PROJECT

Paul Wimmer, Project Chairman

The 2012 Thanksgiving Food Project was successfully completed with **59 Council members** participating. This project was started by Brother Jim Welsh and this year marks 22 consecutive years that we have helped feed Baltimore's poor at Thanksgiving and at Christmas. A total of **\$5,572.57** was donated this year which includes a **\$1,123.50** Poor Box collection the weekend of November 10th and 11th. In addition to the money donated, 802 food items, 5 cooked turkeys, 50 lbs. of potatoes, 50 lbs. of yams, 8 dozen dinner rolls, 130 frozen apple pies (**\$1,300**) and 10 baked apple and pumpkin pies were donated. The frozen pies were donated by St. John the Evangelist parishioners through the School's November Market Day event. The baked pies and dinner rolls were donated by Shop-Rite in Jacksonville and the potatoes and yams were donated by Palmisano's. **With these donations our Council provided food for approximately 350**

families and 140 individuals!

The total food supplied was: **101** frozen turkeys, **5** fresh turkeys, **5** cooked turkeys, **1** ham, **153** cans/jars of gravy, **26** boxes of instant potatoes, **655 lbs.** of potatoes, **375 lbs.** of yams, **402 lbs.** of onions, **180** pies, **130** bags of sugar, **178** boxes of stuffing, **115** cans of soup, **151** cans of cranberry sauce, **954** cans of vegetables, **6** boxes of macaroni/cheese, **97** boxes of pasta/spaghetti, **115** cans/jars of pasta sauce, **130** bags of rice, **130** bottles of vegetable oil, **149** cans of coffee, **15** boxes of tea bags, **192** dinner rolls, **175** misc. items, **5** boxes of oranges and **5** boxes of apples, and **90** bags of Christmas candy.

These donations were distributed to Our Daily Bread Employment Center, the **150** families registered with Beans & Bread Outreach Center and the **100** families registered with the Missionaries of Charity–Gift of Hope Convent. The food distribution schedules of these organizations for Thanksgiving required 3 separate deliveries on consecutive days (11/19, 11/20 & 11/21). On the 19th, we delivered produce and food items from the Sisters' "wish list" to the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Hope Convent. On the 20th, we delivered 50 baked apple and pumpkin pies and 10 frozen apple pies to Beans & Bread. On the 21st, we delivered 101 frozen turkeys, 5 fresh turkeys and all the food needed for complete Thanksgiving dinners to the Missionaries of Charity nuns who fed **75** senior citizens on Thanksgiving. Also on the 21st, we provided cooked turkeys and all the food needed for complete Thanksgiving dinners to the **65** students/graduates/staff at Our Daily Bread Employment Center. Following Thanksgiving, on 11/29/12, we made supplemental deliveries of groceries/canned goods to Beans and Bread and Our Daily Bread Employment Center. On 12/19/12, we delivered approximately **\$1,050** of food items from the Sisters' "wish list" to the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Hope Convent for their Christmas Food distribution on 12/22/12. The remaining project funds of just over **\$1,200** will be used to either supplement the St. John the Evangelist Church donation to the Magi Project at the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Food Bank in January, help the Missionaries of Charity with their Easter Food distribution, or possibly assist a local food bank such as the Helping Hands Food Pantry. ***All of this could not have been accomplished without the generous support from Long Green Valley Council #8736 members, the Knights' Ladies, St. John the Evangelist Church parishioners, St. John the Evangelist School and SJE School Market Day. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you!***

I would also like to thank the following: **Msgr. Richard Cramblitt** for allocating the Poor Box proceeds on Nov. 10th & 11th to our project; **Jane Andrews** for managing the project account at St. John the Evangelist Church; **Martha Schumacher** for administrative support at the parish office; **Diane Elliott** for her efforts in obtaining 130 Market Day pie donations; SJE School teacher **Marilyn Donohue** and her Social Action Committee team for organizing a SJE School food collection drive which resulted in a donation of 350 food items; **Tom Rowan, Pat Donohue, John Mayni, PGK Bob Dee, and Chuck Bogdanowicz** for providing cooked turkeys for the Thanksgiving dinner at Our Daily Bread Employment Center; **John Caine, Pat Donohue, PGK Carroll McComas, Kevin McComas, John Walega, and Bill Zoli** for providing their vehicles and time to make the food pick-ups and deliveries; **Mike Keegan, Jerry Lynch, John Mayni, Tom Wagner, Joe Wenderoth, and Tom Zaegel** for their assistance with the food pick-ups and deliveries.

May the Lord reward all project participants in His special way!

A Special Olympics Partnership for You!

The 2013 Polar Bear Plunge will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Sandy Point State Park in Anne Arundel County, at the western foot of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. It is an early morning to mid-afternoon event. You need to arrive by 6:30 A.M. and you can expect to be able to leave by 3:00 P.M. There are many opportunities to assist - directing parking for cars and busses, distribution of food to Plungers, selling/distribution of memorabilia, working Arcade games in the Amusement tent. You do not get to pick what you would like to do; an assignment is given to you. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided. Hundreds of port-a-potties will be available.

If you would like to volunteer to work the Plunge, you need to do two things:

1) Register by going to the following URL:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013PlungeKNIGHTSOFCOLUMBUSVolunteers>

2) Email Jack Giacalone at jgiacal@verizon.net and give your name, council number and telephone number

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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There are no council activities planned for this month, however, check the weekly messages from GK Joe Wenderoth for news about future events.

The council's First Degree Team is in need of several members to serve as understudies for the five speaking positions. The only qualifications necessary are the ability to speak from memorization and to be available for one scheduled degree each quarter. Why not give it a try!!! Contact Paul Weber for details.

Lunch Bunch

Bob Renshaw

In December, we enjoyed a special Christmas edition of the Lunch Bunch. In lieu of our regular meeting at the Hall, we reserved a room at Patrick's Restaurant in Cockeysville. This change must have "hit the spot" because we had fifteen members attend, several of whom were first timers for the Lunch Bunch. We were also pleased that past Chaplain, Father Jack Collopy, attended. From the parting comments I received, everyone enjoyed their lunch and socializing with old friends. Let's hope that they return for future Lunch Bunch gatherings.

The next meeting will on January 15 at 11:30. Although we will back in the Hall, we intend to have a good lunch and companionship.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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A Pro-Life Champion Challenges Obamacare Mandate!

Business owners challenging Obama's Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring employers to cover abortion and abortion-inducing drugs, contraception and sterilization are trapped. They have no way out of the conscience-crushing mandate. If they do not comply with the mandate, they face fines of *\$100 per day per employee*. Alternatively, they face fines of up to *\$2000 per employee per year* for dropping health insurance coverage to avoid having to comply with the mandate.

According to an article written by D. Ludvigson in "Culture Watch," for Tom Monaghan, neither is a viable option. A prominent pro-life advocate and philanthropist, Monaghan, *founder and former owner of Domino's Pizza*, joins over 110 plaintiffs in over 40 lawsuits around the country in challenging Obama care's mandate. Monaghan argues that his *religious beliefs* require him to provide health insurance for his employees and their families and to do so in a manner *consistent with Catholic teaching regarding the sanctity of human life*.

An advocate of daily mass, daily rosary and frequent sacramental confession, Tom Monaghan, a Knight of Magistral Grace in the Military Order of Malta, has long had a deep interest in pro-life causes. He has established and helped to establish organizations focusing on catholic education, community projects and the promotion of Catholic ideals in society.

Please join in praying for the successful outcome of all the challenges by all the plaintiffs against Obamacare's health and human services mandate, especially Tom Monaghan's.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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The Christmas Season was, of course, all about Family activity. It started early at **Breakfast with Santa** on December 1st. Santa himself was our own Joe Owens, assisted by his wife Barbara as Mrs. Santa. Our **Roving Elf**, Chris Phillips, spread cheer through the Church Hall. As the children waited in line for Santa, Pete Stankoski, Tom Zaegel and the Grand Knight invited parents to sign up for the **Santa Knightline** by specifying on a form what their kids wanted for Christmas. The Knights followed up by facilitating a call from the **Santa Knightline** Switchboard so Santa could check back later to ensure that the desired gifts were in his pipeline. Thanks to Chuck Valle, John Walega, Ray Dietz and the Grand Knight for making over 30 calls for the Santa Knightline.

The true meaning of Christmas was displayed in a simple ceremony at the **Nativity Scene**. The Nativity Scene was constructed in front of the Chapel and the activity consummated with the **Lighting of the Creche** after 5 PM Mass on Saturday, December 15th. The ceremony included prayers, singing of a few carols, a few readings and a well orchestrated lighting just as the Christ Child figure was added to the cradle by Keith Kruse's daughter Brigitte. Numerous Knights

attended the ceremony and Paul Wimmer, Pat Donohue, Tom Zaegel and the Grand Knight all took part in the ceremony led by Msgr Rick. Afterward we processed to the Council Home for cookies and refreshments.

The Creche Lighting ceremony was made possible by the efforts of Brother John Reed who repaired and strengthened the Manger structure so that a team of about a dozen Knights could easily move the structure on John's trailer, arrange it and install the figures. Thanks to Brothers John Caine, John Walega, John Mayni, Pat Donohue, Tom Zaegel, Bob Renshaw, Paul Wimmer, Jim Cross, Chuck Bogdanowicz and Bill Davison for moving the figures and structure and arranging everything. John Caine brought some hay to complete the scene. An activity such as this is very rewarding and provides fraternity as we work together.

And how could we forget the **Christmas Eve Mass Parking Project**? Many young families attend one of two simultaneous 4 PM masses on Christmas Eve in early preparation for the big family event the next morning. The crowd is so great that the Knights are asked by the parish to organize special stadium style parking to facilitate the crush of cars. Our team assembled at 2:30 to organize and prepare the lot. Then with flashlights in hand, orange safety vests and signs and traffic cones they directed incoming traffic into long rows. After cars were parked the Knights had some food and drink in the Council Home before heading out at the end of the mass to direct departing traffic with flares on Long Green Pike to promote safe exit from the lot.

On January 19th we hope to see many families attend our annual **Spaghetti Dinner** that benefits out Culture of Life causes with free will donations. There will be a children's movie in the lounge area to help parish families to enjoy the evening after dinner. Kids can watch the movie while parents relax at the tables after dinner.

Now that the busy fall season is behind us, the Council will organize some **Movie Knights** in the Council Home to provide for more Fraternity and Council, Community, Church and Family activities. Please feel free to identify a movie for any of these audiences. We will advertise the movie, plan for food and prepare the Hall for the event and collect a small donation to pay for Council Home expenses. This is where members can make an impact by taking on a simple but satisfying leadership role in a single activity. The Activity Chair people will provide advice and the Council Officers will provide help so that this will be an easy and fun experience for you.

Happy New Year to you and your Family!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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We collaborated with Saint John the Evangelist School to conduct our **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** and received over 100 poster creations. One of the winning posters was photographed for this article.

The students did a great job and the winning entries for three age groups were submitted to the State for their contest as well, though none from St John's School won a State Award this year.

Cash prizes were awarded at the School Christmas Program at Church on Tuesday, December 18. The winners were:

	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Grades 1-3	Mason Coleman	Jacob Tripp	Lily Taylor
Grades 4-6	Bridget Kruse	Olivia Banashak	Margaret Simmons
Grades 7-8	Sean Bohon	Brian North	Genevieve Simmons



We look forward to the Youth **Basketball Free Throw Contest** later in January, which we will be held in coordination with the SJE School Basketball teams practice sessions. Please let the Grand Knight know if you can help with this contest. We need about four score keepers to count free throws and the contest will take about 30 minutes. The date isn't known yet but will likely be on a Sunday afternoon.

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:

Brothers:

Msgr. Jack Collopy
PGK Larry Flynn
Brother Mike Keegan
PGK Joe Owens
PGK John Robinson
Brother Bob Torr

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Bernard Brooks, Friend of Brother John Walega
Margaret Dee, Wife of PGK Bob Dee
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson
Dr. Cam Martin, brother-in-law of Brother Pete Stankoski
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson
Carol Schoenborn, Friend of John Walega
Anna Walega, Wife of Brother John Walega
Angela Sallese, sister of PGK Mike Sallese

Deceased Brothers:

PGK Ross Galeano

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Catherine Zaegel, Mother of PGK Tom Zaegel

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: In support of Grand Knight Joe Wenderoth's fourth focus area of Service for the 2012/2013 fraternal year, please consider adding your name to the Council Welfare Volunteers List by contacting me by e-mail (preferred) or by phone. Our primary focus will be service to brother Knights and their families who are in need. In addition, as resources permit, we will strive to offer service or assistance to other St. John the Evangelist parishioners and we will also consider other service projects.

Current Initiatives:

³⁵₁₇ D GK Bob Renshaw needs assistance with transportation to and from physical therapy appointments in Bel Air until he is able to drive. Please contact me if you can assist Bob in this way.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Brothers,

Wishing you and your family a Blessed, Happy and Healthy New Year! I ask you, what resolutions are you going to make and more importantly keep this year? **Why not resolve now to "Ask" and "Recruit" one New Member.** It simply starts with "asking a Catholic man to join our order!" Then, simply explain to him why you joined and what the Knights mean to you and your family. If you provide me with his name, address and phone number, I will make the necessary contact and register you as his proposer. It's that easy! Together we will make a difference!

Currently, we are at the mid-point in this fraternal year and time is so important. We must continue to recruit new members so our Council will continue to grow and make a difference in many people's lives. We have attracted 3 new members into LGVC this year. Congratulations to our recruiters, but we still have a long way to go!

A special notice to those Brothers that are advancing in Degrees. A Third Degree will be exemplified on Thursday January 31, 2013 at Dundalk Council. Notification will be made to 2nd Degree Brothers with more information to follow.

In closing, special congratulations to Shawn Vogt, his sponsor and father, Brother Bill Vogt. Shawn took his First Degree last month at Belair Council. We wish him well on his journey in Knighthood and trust that he will become active in our many Council programs.

"May the good Lord continue to touch your heart with love and mercy."

Vivat Jesus

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Why Choose Us?

We are strong

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society that is strong, secure and stable. Members can be confident that we'll be here when you need us. We've been successfully protecting families since 1882, and our outlook remains bright.

Don't just take our word for it. There is no more highly rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus. A.M. Best has bestowed on us their highest rating (A++, Superior) for 35 consecutive years.

Remember, in 2010, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$154 million to Catholic and

other charitable causes. In these uncertain times, find comfort in an organization that leads the way in doing good for others while doing good for our own.

We are secure

Since 1882, we have been committed to protecting the financial futures of our Knights and their families. We do this by paying claims and dividends to our insured members. In 2010, we paid well over \$442 million in death claims and other benefits, and more than \$322 million in dividends to our policyholders. Even more impressive is the fact that in the past decade, the Knights of Columbus paid more than \$3.2 billion in dividends to insured members.

We are stable

Prudent leadership and management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing an adequate foundation for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured and their beneficiaries. Also, because we are a fraternal benefit society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members and we return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dick Lanham	01
Harry Brocato	03
Danny Seibert	03
Ray Dietz	04
Paul Nolan	04
Ron Rider	05
Bob Porter	08
James Greene	13
Richard Molinar	13
John Souchurek	20
Gregory Monnier	21
Bill Davison	25
Mike Bathon	26
David Battista	26
George Landefeld	29
Gus Schmidt	31

January ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Joanne Furman 11 - (22 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 Business of Procured Death

The promotion of death is big business in the United States. The abortion industry alone generates revenues of about \$1 billion annually. And now there is beginning a push to reduce health care costs for the very elderly or terminally ill through the premature termination of life.

As Pope John Paul II so clearly stated in his encyclical, *Evangelicum Vitae*: “[W]e are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life.’ We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict.”

Thousands of people currently make their living killing unborn babies. It is not compassion, but money that is the driving force. Does anyone think LeRoy Carhart travels from Nebraska to Germantown, or James Pendergast from Florida to Hyattsville, each week to perform late-term abortions because of his empathy for pregnant women? As a second or third trimester abortion may be priced between \$1,500 and \$10,000, depending upon the child’s age in the womb, there are large sums to be made.

In 2012, approximately 1.2 million abortions were performed in the United States, which accounted for 22 percent of all pregnancies in the country. About 88 percent of those abortions were done in the first trimester of pregnancy at an average cost, according to the Guttmacher Institute, of \$486 each. That amounted to \$513 million in fees. The remaining approximately 140,000 abortions were performed after 12 weeks of gestation. Assuming an average cost of \$3,000, they provided an additional \$420 million of revenue. With less than 1,800 providers of abortion in the nation, and only about 200 who will perform one after 24 weeks of pregnancy, the financial incentives for killing the unborn are alluring.

Among abortion providers, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America is a giant. It operates one-fifth of the abortion clinics in the nation, and performs more than one-quarter of all abortions. This dominance probably will expand as the organization has increased its emphasis on abortion in its business approach. It has issued a mandate that each of its affiliates must have at least one clinic offering abortion services by 2013, while clinics that do so are given monthly abortion quotas. Results have followed. In 2010, it performed 329,445 abortions, a boost of 67 percent over the 197,070 it did in 2000.

Planned Parenthood’s business of destroying children in the womb is being abetted by the federal government, and to an increasing degree. In fiscal year 2004-05, when the Obama Administration took office, the organization received \$273 million in federal funds. In fiscal year 2009-2010, the last year for which figures are available, it received \$487 million. With the very favorable comments about the organization which the President regularly expressed in the recent election campaign, taxpayer support is likely to escalate.

While the business of procured death is well established at the beginning of life, it is in a nascent stage at the latter phases. Under the guise of terms such as compassion, human dignity and quality of life, the very elderly and the terminally ill are becoming subjects for euthanasia. The emphasis here is on cost reduction, rather than revenue generation. It is more economical to help people die prematurely than to provide treatment or palliative care for an indefinite period.

Euthanasia currently may be more prevalent in Europe, but is increasing in the United States. It takes several forms. In Oregon and Washington it is legal for a physician to prescribe a lethal dose of medication so that a terminally-ill person can voluntarily commit suicide. New Jersey, Massachusetts and Vermont are considering similar legislation.

A second approach is involuntary euthanasia in which another person's judgment is substituted for that of the patient. In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court sided with the parents of Karen Ann Quinlan, who was in a long-term coma, that her life-sustaining equipment be removed; although done, she remained alive for almost another decade. Then, in 2005, a Florida court ruled in favor of her husband's request that Terri Schiavo, who also was in a lengthy coma, should have her feeding tubes disconnected; it was done and she literally starved to death over a two-week period.

A third, and perhaps the most callous approach, is non-voluntary euthanasia, in which a third party makes a decision about whether a seriously-ill person should receive life-saving treatment or only palliative care. In England, the National Health Service conducts a program called the Liverpool Care Pathway which provides the elderly and terminally ill with end of life care while discontinuing therapeutic treatment. More than half of the participating hospitals receive stipends for each person they place on the list, which calls into question the objectivity of their medical decisions. In Holland, doctors provide lethal drugs to people with chronic illnesses, depression, dementia, and other forms of mental illness, while there is a movement in the Netherlands to make euthanasia available to any individual over 70 years of age who requests it. And now under Obamacare, there soon will be bureaucratic, cost-containment panels in the United States that will be empowered to determine a patient's eligibility for life-saving treatments.

There are strong forces with significant resources promoting the business of procured death. When large sums of money are to be made through abortion, when the quality of life is considered more important than life itself, when efficiency and cost containment become criteria for medical decisions, when euthanasia becomes a therapeutic option for physicians, a culture of death rules – life is no longer an unalienable right endowed by the Creator.

The devaluing of life continues in the United States. The business of procured death is growing. We must combat it. As God-fearing people, we have an inexorable responsibility to protect life from conception to natural death. Turning the tide will be difficult, but with the help of God, with prayer and faith, it can be done. We should be encouraged by the words of Our Lord that "with God all things are possible."



DATES TO REMEMBER**DATE DAYTIME ACTIVITY LOCATION****JANUARY**

1	Tues.	New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
3	Thurs. 7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
5	Sat. 9:00 AM	State Council Mid-Term Meeting	Columbus Gardens
8	Tues. 8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Council Home
10	Thurs. 8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	Fr. Burggraff Council #6021
15	Tues. 11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch	Council Home
17	Thurs. 8:00 PM	AJCA Meeting Renewal of Obligations	Council Home
19	Sat. 5:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner	Church Hall
20	Sun. 3:00 PM	Opera Arias and Duets	
22	Tues. 8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Council Home
25	Fri.	<u>March For Life</u>	Washington, DC
26	Sat.	<u>Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics</u>	Sandy Point State Park
31	Thurs. 7:00 PM	<u>3rd Degree Exemplification</u>	Dundalk Council #2942

FEBRUARY

7	Thurs. 6:00 PM	<u>Jesus Christ Superstar Dinner Theater</u>	Church Hall
12	Tues. 8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Council Home
14	Thurs.	Saint Valentine Day	
14	Thurs. 8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	St. Philip Neri Council 14612
21	Thurs. 8:00 PM	AJCA Meeting	
25	Mon.	Presidents Day	
26	Tues. 8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Council Home

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Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Dear Knights' Ladies,

In lieu of exchanging Christmas presents this year at our Christmas party, the ladies voted to make an in-kind donation to Catholic Charities for the victims of Sandy. We collected \$425..... thank you all for your generosity.

We also mailed our Seminarian, Kevin Ewing, a little "Maryland Care Package". Kevin is attending the Pontifical North American College in Rome for two years. Our package included hand-written notes from each of the ladies along with Maryland goodies like Tasty-Kakes, Utz Potato Chips and Berger Cookies...just to name a few.

Mark your calendars..... Our next meeting is March 5th. Be sure to be looking around the house for items to donate to our 'Cash in the Attic' Auction in April.

Have a Healthy and Happy New Year,

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