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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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September was a very busy month. Pat Donohue, Chuck Bogdanowicz and Tom Zaegel did an excellent job preparing the Catechetical Sunday Brunch. We received a very nice letter from the Director of Religious Education expressing their appreciation. We have had three Ravens Tailgate parties only two of which were helpful to the Ravens. Thanks to the help of several brothers, we have been selling Car Raffle tickets at Safeway and Kingsville Market. The public has been very generous but, as of this writing, the response from our membership has been disappointing. The last weekend of the month concluded with our Fifth Sunday Mass attendance and a pot luck dinner in the Hall. Those who attended had an enjoyable evening.

There will be several opportunities to get involved in the coming month. We need help on the 11th with the St Johns Race for Education and the Tootsie Roll Program begins the weekend of the 18th and continues through November. We only need about two hours of your time. We have set up a box at the Hall to collect toiletries for the veterans at Perry Point Hospital. They can use soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, deodorant, combs, denture cleaner and dental adhesive (not the travel sizes). This is an activity of the Fourth Degree Assembly.

I would like to involve more of our younger and newer members in Council Activities. If you know of a program that would interest you, particularly one that would involve families, let me know. We need everyone's talent to be an active, effective council.

Vivat Jesus



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The following is from our Worthy State Chaplain Father Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv

A popular book in Church circles this past year is *Rebuilt* by Fr. Michael White, a pastor, and Tom Corcoran, a pastoral associate. It describes what White and Corcoran came to believe about the parish where they minister: many parishioners were more consumers than disciples. Many readers concur that the book is thought-provoking, and that they see something of themselves in the 'consumer' description. Several have told me that, and how they understand a consumer can demand particular things while a disciple is more concerned with serving and reaching out to others.

We are all consumers of many things, but I trust that we in the Knights of Columbus Family are also striving to be disciples, witnessing to and sharing our faith. Jesus said to 'go and make disciples,' a very active undertaking. And a disciple strives to learn from the Teacher, and then to live or practice what is learned. In fact, I am finding that using the concept of 'disciple' is a special way of calling people to an active growth in their faith.

In this month of Columbus Day we think of Columbus the navigator, the adventurer, the explorer, the evangelizer. Columbus had huge dreams and pursued them. It is fair to say that Fr. McGivney and those first Knights also had large dreams and pursued them. We should dream large as disciples and as Knights. We should strive to increase in knowledge of our faith and in holiness through its practice. We likely share many things with others, and what we find to be life-giving we should surely share, namely our faith and our Order.

Also this month, on October 4th, the feast of St. Francis, Pope Francis will make a visit to Assisi. We appreciate its symbolic meaning as the Pope continues to impress us with his pastoral zeal, with his powerful witness, and with his desire for a simple life. It is another reason to challenge ourselves in our personal discipleship, and to again consider how we offer faith and witness to those we meet.

Surely in any month we can find encouragement from exemplary models. This month, let us not miss what Christopher Columbus and Pope Francis have to offer.

Vivat Jesus!

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

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In Service to One, in Service to All

Knights of Columbus Present Gift of \$100K to Newtown Parish

The Knights of Columbus donated \$100,000 to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish in Newtown, Conn., to support ongoing parish programs related to last December's elementary school shooting.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson presented the gift following a 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Rose on Monday, Sept. 30. Bridgeport Bishop Frank Caggiano was the principal celebrant and homilist. The supreme knight and Msgr. Robert Weiss, pastor of St. Rose, also made remarks at a brief ceremony following Mass.

The Newtown elementary school shooting gripped the nation and the world as the small community mourned the loss of area residents, including 20 children, following the tragic Dec. 14 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"In the 24-hour news cycle, we often read or see the news, are affected for a time, and then quickly move on," said Anderson. "But the people of Newtown could not simply 'move on,' and our gift and award are meant to acknowledge that the work of Msgr. Weiss and the St. Rose of Lima community continues." He said Msgr. Weiss, in particular, continues to assist the families that lost loved ones and helps with many practical matters, including community projects and donations.

The donation of funds follows the presentation of the organization's new Caritas Awards "for exemplary works of charity," one of which was awarded to Msgr. Weiss.

Conferring the award at the Knights' annual international convention last month in San Antonio, Anderson paraphrased Pope Francis, explaining that "Monsignor was able 'to sympathize with the brokenness of others without losing his own strength and identity,' which was no easy task under these circumstances."

At the convention, Anderson explained that the award goes to the heart of the Knights' mission: "To come to the aid of neighbors and friends in their hour of need." Now, more than nine months since the shootings, he said, the time of need continues.

Also receiving a Caritas Award at the Knights' convention was Newtown's Knights of Columbus St. Virgilius Council 185, which was represented by Grand Knight Timothy Haas. The Newtown Knights quickly got involved in assisting the parish and community in the days following the school tragedy. Their first priority was spiritual as the council established a program that asked people to pray a minimum of three Hail Marys on behalf of the victims and their families, the first responders and teachers, and the Newtown community. With the help of the Knights' websites, the efforts spread and more than 105,000 people signed up, offering a total of more than 3.25 million prayers. The Knights also served as ushers at eight funerals for children and helped in the parish when it was overwhelmed with messages of condolence and other logistical challenges.

The new award was established earlier this year by a vote of the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors and will be conferred on future recipients when merited. The Caritas Award becomes the second international award given by the organization. Previously, the Knights of Columbus has, on occasion, given its Gaudium et Spes Award, conferred in recent years on Mother Teresa of Calcutta; Cardinal John O'Connor of New York; and Jean Vanier, the internationally renowned founder of L'Arche, a network of faith-based communities that care for people with developmental disabilities.

STATE COUNCIL NEWS

William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy

Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity

Columbus Day, the celebration of this holiday gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the patron of our Order, Christopher Columbus. As Knights, we are proud to claim the Admiral of the Ocean Sea as our patron and namesake. The impact of his voyage, his introduction of the Faith of the Old World to the New World has become an inspiration for the Knights of Columbus and a model for all of us to follow in our daily life. We recognize Columbus as a man of great spirit and faith in God. He had been given a purpose in life and through faith, persistence and Divine guidance, achieved that purpose. We honor his accomplishments not only today, but every day throughout the year as we strive to grow in faith and service to others.

Our Columbus Day weekend begins with the Columbus Day Ball on October 12th and concludes with the Columbus Celebration at Union Station in Washington, DC on October 14th. We look forward to a great evening with the Annual Ball and also look forward to a great turnout of Fourth Degree Color Corps, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, Council Officers, members and family members at the Union Station Celebration. October also marks the beginning of our annual fundraiser for the Intellectually Disabled. The program is in full swing and we hope that all councils are actively soliciting donations. This is the biggest fundraiser that we have each year and many organizations depend on the funds that we give to them. Let's work together and make this year our best year!

The State Wide Membership program is also in full swing. We would like to see all councils participate and all parishes covered. Past recruitment programs have been highly successful for many councils. However, it is important to get the potential members to a First Degree as soon as possible. Let's offer every eligible Catholic man, the opportunity to become a Brother Knight! Together, let us continue to Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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One Member per Council per Month

My dear Brothers,

October is traditionally a recruitment blitz month for the Knights. In reality recruitment is a 365 days a year effort. Our goal is "One Member per Council per Month." Talk with Membership Director Ray Dietz and see how you can enroll a new Brother Knight this month. Do you know a Catholic Gentleman who doesn't belong to the Knights but should? Ask him to join us. Someone cared enough to ask you to join, ne that same "someone" for another man.

The district will hold a horseshoe tournament at Eden Mill on Sunday Oct. 6th. Lunch starts at 11AM and pitching starts at 12:30 / 1PM. Please come and represent your council by throwing some ringers. Each Brother is asked to make a \$10 contribution to Parkinson's research. We'll have the food and soft drinks, and adult beverages are on you.

October is the month of the Rosary. On Monday October 14, Mason-Dixon Council will hold the Living Rosary at St. Mary Church in Pylesville beginning at 7:30 PM. Join your Brother Knights in saying the Rosary to Our Blesse Mother. We all have much to pray for.

Vivat Jesus

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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Brothers, the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be meeting on October 10, 2013 at 8:00 at Notre Dame Council #2901 located at 201 Homeland Avenue Baltimore, MD 21222.

Our meetings are not limited to Grand Knights, any Brother Knight is welcome to join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month as e travel around to different Chapter council homes.

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Sir Knights,

Our October meeting will be crab night at Our Lady of Grace Council #9815 in Parkton. Our meeting will be held on October 17 and begin at 8:00 PM. After the meeting, there will be crabs for those interested, and hot dogs for those not interested. The cost per person for the crabs is to be determined.



The Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378 is having a toiletry drive for the veterans at Perry Point VA Medical Center. If you could spread the word at your council meetings, and put out a box for the collection of these products, that would be very helpful. We will do this for the month of October. A list of needed products has been e-mailed to all or most, Sir Knights.

Do you know a 3rd Degree Knight who will be a good candidate for the 4th Degree?

Thanks

Lee Eder, Faithful Navigator.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Our activities team is in high gear for the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. Here is a summary of recently completed and upcoming events.

Car Raffle Tickets sales will continue up to Columbus Day weekend and will be followed closely by the Tootsie Roll Drive. These are both broad-based Council activities and we depend upon **you**, Council members to buy raffle tickets themselves and take a turn selling tickets and distributing Tootsie Rolls.

In September we "kicked off" planning of the soccer Shootout as well as host a Catechetical Breakfast. The month ended with our first 5th Sunday celebration, which was a pot luck dinner on Saturday, September 28th after 5 PM Mass. Over 20 attended the great dinner social.

The Ravens are preparing for a new season to follow their Super Bowl Championship and our Tailgate Parties started at the Council Home on September 15th. We scheduled 10 Sunday afternoon games this year. September 22nd and 29th were the 2nd and 3rd tailgates. We did not have a tailgate for the Ravens opener and they lost to Denver. We did have tailgates for the next three games and they won 2 of them. Coincidence? I don't think so!



Lots of people talk about what should be done, but Knights take action. The Knights and LGVC offer many opportunities for charity and service. We can help with food distribution, wheel chairs for veterans and much more. Take advantage of activities of your choice. If you have questions, don't hesitate to talk to me about your idea.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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We welcome the Sunday School Catechists each year in September with a breakfast in the Council Home. This year the date was September 15th. Your participation is welcomed in all these events to show the parish how Long Green Valley Council is involved to support, strengthen and show appreciation for other ministries in the church community. Pictures here are from

Catechists at Buffet



Catechetical Breakfast.



Pat Donohue Meets and Greets

Each year we celebrate three or four **5th Sundays** as a Church Activity. This year the 5th Sundays on the calendar are the last Weekends in September, December, March and June. Our 5th Sunday practice is to

designate a mass on the 5th Sunday weekend and appeal to members and their families to attend that mass, and sit together in one section at church to show unity. Several Officer Members take up the gifts during mass and we are usually recognized from the altar during announcements as an attending group. Following the mass families meet for a meal and fellowship at the Council home or at a restaurant. We vary the mass and the location to keep the activity fresh and to make it available to more members who typically attend at only one mass time.

This month, 5th Sunday was **SATURDAY evening, September 28th**, at and following 5 PM Mass. After mass we convened at the Council Home for a Pot Luck Dinner. At a Pot Luck Dinner, Council Families bring one item to share, whether it be a salad, appetizer, entrée or desert. The Council Home is open before mass so the item can be dropped off on the way to the mass. If you aren't attending that mass you can still come to the dinner. In any case, just let us know that you are coming and what type of item you will bring. Please join us at Fifth Sundays for fraternity and unity.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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American
Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Community Activity kicks into high gear in the fall with the sponsorship of the Red Cross Blood Donation drive, a one day event. We sign up people to recruit and contact donors and get names after a mass one weekend. The next weekend we set up early for the Red Cross team and donors. Brother Michael Bathon will lead the team this year.

The Thanksgiving food drive in the Fall is a complex and lengthy process that lasted into the winter last year. We always get a good volunteer turnout from the Council and experience great participation by the School, parish and community for this important activity. There are a number of food collections, food shopping trips and delivery downtown. It is gratifying to see the appreciation of the Sisters of Charity when we deliver the food to their pantry at St Wenceslaus.



Wimmer chairs this ev

Historic St Wenceslaus

before, try it. I guarantee you'll enjoy it.



Meanwhile, we can use your help selling raffle tickets for the Maryland State Car Raffle. Raffle tickets will be mailed to members and you can purchase them or sell them to friends and family. It is only a buck to get a chance to win a new car, pretty good odds compared to most contests. There are attractive second and third place prizes as well. We will also sell the tickets through the school and at business establishments as customers come and go. The Council gets 60 cents of each dollar we collect, so it is an important fund raising opportunity for us that rewards our level of effort proportionately.



Could Be You!

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council Activities promote fraternity among members so that we become a more cohesive team in our fraternal programs, whether they be meetings, projects or just social occasions. The bonds of fraternity forge a synergy of energy in everything we do and serve as a force multiplier as we perform good deeds.

Our monthly Lunch Bunch meetings bring back some of the retirees who fondly recall council activities of the past and pass along some good advice as well. Started by GK Bob Renshaw, the attendance at these meetings has held firm at approximately 12 to 14.

Many of our events are family oriented and the wives help form better networking than just our members would by themselves. The 5th Sunday masses and post mass gatherings are a good example. We also have Pot Luck suppers to achieve the same ends. In September we combined these two activities on Saturday the 28th after 5 PM Mass. There are special occasions such as Valentines Day and Christmas Dinners that add some festivities to our lives with a Council event.

The Council Picnic at the Rowans provided an excellent opportunity for fraternity as members watched kids and grandkids swim in the pool and play lawn games. Husbands and wives shared conversation and solved puzzles while others threw horseshoes. It was a memorable activity on a picture perfect day thanks to hosts Tom and Dana Rowan. We hope to see your family at future Council events.



Lunch Bunch

The attendance at the September Lunch Bunch was bolstered by the return of some of our regulars. Unfortunately, other regulars have been ill and unable to attend. We miss them and hope to see them soon. Those who did attend lunched on meatball and sausage subs left over from the tailgate party and enjoyed catching up with news of the council and the welfare of friends. We know that there are many more brothers who have been unable to attend evening meetings but are available during the day. We strive to provide an enjoyable meal for only \$3.00, so you only need to provide the companionship.



The next meeting is Tuesday, October 15, at 11:30. We hope to see you there.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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As Brother Knights we support life affirming activities in every form. There are many opportunities for participation in these activities at the local, state and national levels. During the year we will advertise these programs and solicit your participation. If the program catches your interest we welcome you as a volunteer. We have participated in Pro Life marches in Washington and Annapolis. We have registered parish members for the Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) and have organized a bus trip to participate in Lobby Night with our State representatives.

Our Council Tootsie Roll Drive will start after Columbus Day. New Member Kirk Larter has stepped up to lead the drive and is contacting retail establishments so that we can offer the Tootsie Rolls at store fronts, as well as after mass one week end. He will ask for your support handing out Tootsie Rolls. You can offer your support for the drive to him by email at kirk1@comcast.net or call him at 410-215-5764.



Ray Dietz Offers Tootsie Rolls after Mass in 2012



There is a modest amount of training involved – just a few minutes of your time to learn about the charity and the Knights' program. That information will enable you to educate and motivate passers by to contribute to this worthy Culture of Life initiative.

Money collected from our Tootsie Roll drive is used to support causes for Mentally Disabled Citizens such as Camp Glow, run by the Archdiocese. Below this article is some information about the Camp from the Archdiocese web site.

On September 27th LGVC visited Birthright in Bel Air to donate items needed by young mothers and mothers to be. Birthright, a pregnancy aid center, is one of the Culture of Life agencies that we have supported in the past and continue to support. Learn more about them at this web site <http://birthrightharfordcounty.org/>.



Parking was tight at their center as evidenced by the sign. GK Bob Renshaw and Program Director Joe Wenderoth unloaded over \$300 worth of diapers, formula and similar items which were purchased and taken to their facility in Bel Air. We met with Elyse Colao, Administrative Assistant.



The items consisted of 4 cases of diapers (160 each), 3 cases Baby Wipes (700 each), 3 cases formula (8 quarts each) and 1 jar of powdered formula. We donated the food and materials and talked to some of the clients who were visiting to get help. The enthusiasm and gratitude of the staff were themselves. Let us know included in these



rewards of if you want to be activities.

Camp GLOW

Camp GLOW (God Loves Our World) is a week-long residential summer camp for adults with disabilities held at the [Monsignor O' Dwyer Retreat Center](#) in Sparks, MD. Begun by Sr. Justa Walton, I.H.M., in the 1970's, Camp GLOW has been an annual tradition providing spiritual development and social enhancement to hundreds of camp participants.

Under the direction of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Office of Disabilities Ministry, Camp GLOW fosters a loving environment in which participants strengthen their relationship with the Lord through the celebration of Mass and other spiritual activities. In addition, there are many fun activities including music, swimming, hiking, sports, arts and crafts, movies, parties, dances, and a talent show.

For many, Camp GLOW provides the only vacation they will have during the year. It also provides a respite for parents whose sons or daughters live at home.

Camp GLOW is funded entirely through the generosity of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, parishes, Knights of Columbus Councils, religious and civic organizations, businesses and individuals. Donations may be made to the Sr. Justa Walton Fund and mailed to the Office of Disabilities Ministry.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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We are still basking in the glow of our recent Long Green Valley Council summer picnic!! On Sunday, August 25th about 50 LGVC members and family convened at Tom and Dana Rowan's beautiful home in Fallston. The day was beautiful and the setting was picturesque. We referred to the grounds as "Rowan State Park". The pictures throughout this article show the idyllic setting and enjoyment of attendees.

The Council served hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, ears of corn and refreshments. Attendees brought side dishes and deserts. Although the party was scheduled from 1 to 5 PM we were there long afterward. Many commented on how much they enjoyed this memorable Council event and the fraternity was evident in every conversation. Hopefully this will be a growing event for years to come.



There was a pool to enjoy, lawn games, horseshoes and puzzles. If you missed it, make a note to come next year and join the fun. More pictures will be made available for your enjoyment.



The **Family of the Month for September 2013 is Chuck and Eileen Bogdanowicz**. Chuck is our Council Lecturer and doubles in that same role with the Maryland State Council. Chuck is also a cook at numerous Council activities such as the recent Tailgate Parties. Eileen serves in several roles for the Church including the Children liturgies.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Youth Activities start with the 2013 Soccer Shootout. We are still planning the event at this writing so follow us by email and meetings to learn when the contest will be conducted. John Reed is building a goal target with PVC pipe obtained by Jim Schmidt Sr. The Shootout is a fun event that we typically conduct in one half day on the St John School campus in conjunction with the school Physical Education Program.



If you would like to help with Youth Activities, especially if you can attend during the day time when school is in session, please consider taking STAND training required by the Archdiocese when we work with youth. The test can be taken on-line at the Archdiocesan web site. Please go to <http://www.archbalt.org/about-us/child-youth-protection/training/>

You will also need to provide contact information for references. It is sad that the world has come to this need to certify character, but it is easy and quick to be certified and you'll be ready to help with our youth events. It protects both the children and us. Let us know if you need more information.

We look forward to our typical variety of Youth Activities this year including: Soccer Shootout, Basketball Free Throw Contest, Poster Contests, Support for School Events, Trunk and Treat and more. Stay tuned for details.

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:

Father Leo
Msgr. Jack Collopy
PSD Phil Asplen, Jr.
PSD Gene Hogan



PSD John Glynn
PGK Carroll McComas
PGK Bob Dee
PGK Larry Flynn
PGK Joe Owens
PGK John Robinson
PGK (Bel Air Council) Al Kramer
Brother Frank Huebler
Brother Dick Lanham
Brother Bill Seibert
Brother John Stansfield
Brother Bob Snyder (Administrative Assistant to the State Deputy)
FDD Brian O'Connor

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Lillian Beachman, Mother-in-Law of Brother Sam Gibson
Margaret Dee, Wife of PGK Bob Dee
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson
Mary Beth Lindung, Wife of PGK Jack Lindung
Carol Messenger, Wife of Brother Gene Messenger
David Pusey, Cousin of Chancellor Paul Wimmer
Helen Radcliffe, Wife of Brother Carl Radcliffe (Deceased)
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson
Carolyn Thuman, Wife of Brother George Thuman

Deceased Prayer List:

Brothers:

None

Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:

Charles Leggore, Sr., Father-in-Law of PGK/PDD Jim Cross
Rosemary Schammel, Mother of Brother Willie Schammel

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 Bob Renshaw's focus area of Service for the 2013/2014 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 will also consider other service projects.

Current Initiatives:

- At present, our greatest need is for visitors to PGKs John Robinson and Bob Dee. Please contact me if you can arrange time to visit with either John or Bob.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We will have a Membership Blitz Weekend Oct 26 & 27 at all Masses and need your help. Every organization needs new members to replace those that have gone before us and to bring in new energy, to reinvigorate our activities.

We also have about 20 brothers who need to take their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. If you are one of these men, please talk with me about getting you into the next Degree. A 2nd Degree will be held at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council in December and a 3rd Degree will be held at Dundalk Council in January.

As Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has stated: "We have a moral obligation to offer membership to every Catholic Gentleman." Who have you asked lately to join the Knights?

Members	202
Inactive	13
Honorary	16
Honorary Life	37
Disability	0
Goals	
Membership	13
New Members	0
Insurance	5
New Insurance Members	0

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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Ask eligible men to join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often “forget” to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn’t joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don’t forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays:

John Bushman	02	Vince Wheeler	05
Randy Keiser	08	Mike Sallese	11
Frank Gonce	13	Bill Kanotz	13
Mike North	15	Mike Karlinchak	18
Shawn Vogt	19	Charles Elbert	24
Matt Lewis	27	Greg Sibiski	29
Rich Knauer	31	Gene Messenger	31

October Anniversaries

Chris & Kathy Phillips	04	(28 years)
Bob & Lisa Porter	14	(8 years)
John & Amy Stansfield	20	(12 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 Desensitized American Conscience

America was established as a great experiment in human liberty, based upon a belief in the worth and Every 26 seconds, around the clock, every day of the year, on average, another child is aborted. With the ready-availability of the “morning-after pill” and the promise of free abortifacients under Obamacare, the slaughter is no doubt greater and poised to increase. Is the American conscience so numbed that since 1973, when abortion was legalized in this country, we could wipe out the equivalent of the combined populations of California and New York and call it a “woman’s choice?” In the United States, which has the highest healthcare expenditures per person of any nation in the world and where an overwhelming proportion of the world’s medical advances are made, could the lives of 55 million women have been at risk if they carried their children to term? We are deluding ourselves.

And what happens to the children who survive attempted abortions. It is conservatively estimated that at least 1,200 children in the United States are born alive during these procedures. The number is likely to be much higher, as abortionists are not inclined to report their “failures.” Many abortionists will simply kill the child, which is what they are paid to do. Each has his preferred method – suffocate the infant, twist its head off, cut its spinal cord, place it in a jar of toxic liquid, or other brutish technique. Then, the lifeless bodies are disposed of as medical waste, incinerated, or left as garbage. When the police investigated the clinic of Kermit Gosnell, the Philadelphia late-term abortionist, they found body parts stuffed in cat food containers, in jars of toxic fluid, ground in garbage disposals, flushed down toilets, and stored along with employees’ lunches in a refrigerator. The impassivity of the abortionist rivals that of Josef Mengele, the SS doctor who carried out medical experiments on concentration camps prisoners.

The veil over the abortion industry is slowly being lifted, thanks to the undercover efforts of groups such as Live Action, Operation Rescue, and Life Dynamics, the persistent, conscience-disturbing, public demonstrations of Defend Life, Created Equal, and Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, and the prayerful vigils of 40 Days for Life, Christian Defense Coalition, and innumerable local and national faith groups. The most egregious of the abortionists – those who are totally insensitivity toward human life and routinely kill, not only children in the womb, but infants delivered alive -- are slowly being exposed and brought before their state medical boards or in the most extreme cases to trial.

Yet, the legal onslaught continues. Sanctioned abortionists soon reopen their clinics or move to another state to continue their lucrative practices. They can do so because the public does not admit to the barbarity of abortion. The people in Nazi Germany who lived close to Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Dachau must have seen the smoke rising from the chimneys, but they could not deal with the depth of evil taking place inside the walls of the camps and ignored their consciences. The neighbors of Kermit Gosnell, Douglas Karper, LeRoy Carhart, Stephen Brigham, and other late-term abortionists must see the nearby pro-life demonstrations, graphic images, and prayerful vigils, but apparently they do not want to admit that killing is happening in their communities and so ignore their consciences.

But it is not only abortionists who anesthetize their minds to the reality of their actions. An increasing number of cases are being reported of women who give birth unattended and treat their children as trash. In this year alone: Several boys in New Jersey were playing near an apartment building when they heard sounds coming from a nearby dumpster; upon investigating, they found a newborn baby with its umbilical cord still attached struggling in a plastic bag. A woman in Pennsylvania was in a sports bar watching TV with friends when she had the onset of labor; she went to the bathroom, gave birth, suffocated the child, stuffed it into the toilet tank, and returned to her friends to continue watching TV. A Virginia woman gave birth in a toilet, put the baby in a garbage bag and threw the bag into a dumpster. A high school girl in Pennsylvania gave birth in her school bathroom, and then attempted to flush her child down the toilet; when that did not work, she left it in a trash can and went about her day as if nothing unusual had happened.

Do these women not have any maternal feelings for children born of their own flesh and blood? Virtually every woman who has an abortion today was born after *Roe v. Wade* became law. Can they be so ungrateful, so callous, so deluded that although their mothers chose life for them, they are willing to kill their own children?

Can any couple who truly believes in God think that the embryo she carries is nothing but a blob of cells, some genetic material, a “thing” that must not be allowed to infringe on their rights, their pleasures, their life style? With the advances in science and the widespread availability of sonograms, it has been visibly shown that the “thing” is a human being from the earliest stages of development. Are people so selfish that they must exercise their right of self-determination to the detriment of the life of an innocent child – one who is voiceless and hidden in the womb – whose rights are never taken into consideration?

America, as Europe, is evolving into a society that totally excludes God from public awareness, and with it from private consciousness. As a result, children are seen as a restriction on a person’s lifestyle, as a threat to personal pleasure, rather than as a gift from God made in His image and likeness. The nation is moving towards a moral abyss, akin to that of the pre-Christian pagan societies, with a widespread belief that there is no future – so the culture says, enjoy the now. Society can be returned to the moral values upon which it was founded—but only with the help of God, through our public action and prayers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
OCTOBER			
1	Tues 6:30 PM	Knights Ladies of Long Green Dinner	Council Hall
3	Thurs 7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Hall
4/6	Friday - Sunday	State Council Fall Meeting	Hagerstown, MD
6	Sun 11:30 AM	District Horseshoe Contest	Eden Mill Park
8	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
10	Thurs 8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	Notre Dame Council
11	Friday	Race for Education	St. John School
12	Sat 7:00 PM	Columbus Day Ball	La Fontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie
14	Monday	Columbus Day Celebration	Washington, D.C.
14	Mon 7:30 PM	Living Rosary	Mason-Dixon Council
15	Tuesday 11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch	Council Home
17	Thurs 8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	Our Lady of Grace Council
22	Tues 8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
26 & 27	Sat & Sun	Membership Blitz at all Masses	St. John Church
November			
5	Tues 7:00 PM	Knights Ladies of Long Green	Council Hall
7	Thurs 7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Hall
10	Sun 3:00 PM	State Council Memorial Mass	St. Clement Church, Rosedale
11		Veterans' Day/Armistice Day	
12	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
14	Thurs 8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	
21	Thurs 8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	
26	Tues 8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
28	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	

Knights' Ladies.....

Reserve your ticket today for our first

Christmas Tea in the Valley



Friday December 13, 2013 @ 11:30am.

Cost is \$22.00 and includes, High Tea with soup, scones, lemon curd, tea sandwiches, and dessert, entertainment, favor, seasonal tablescapes, raffles, door prizes and lots of Christmas Cheer. Call Mary Weber on 410 879-0558 to reserve your ticket,

At our November 5th meeting we will have a Jewelry Fashion Show by Accents. Jewelry will be available for sale after the fashion show for Christmas gifts and all attendees will receive a coupon to visit Accents new store located at 2906 Emmorton Rd, in Abingdon.

2013 Christmas Ornaments are now available. This year's White House ornament honors the administration of Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of the United States. The focus of the 2013 ornament is an American Elm tree planted just before Christmas by Woodrow Wilson on the North lawn of the White House 1913.

Cost \$22.00 . Call Cassie Wenderoth on 410 592-9718 to order

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Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

See inside for information about our December 13th fundraiser - **Christmas Tea in the Valley** and our Christmas Ornament sales.

The November meeting will be on Tuesday Nov. 5 in the Council Home and begin at 7:00 PM

Our monthly meetings are normally held on the 1st Tuesday of each month – October through June at the Council home. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Should we reschedule a meeting, we'll give you plenty of notice.

Hope to see you at our meetings and fundraising events.

Mary

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