

# VALLEY VIEWS

## DECEMBER 2013



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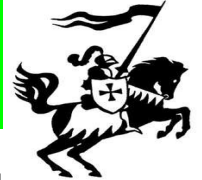
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### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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We are well into the holiday season. Thanksgiving is behind us and we are looking forward to Christmas and the beginning of a new year. We have reunited with friends and family and have opened our hearts to the cry of the poor and less fortunate. If only we could bottle this charity, unity and fraternity and practice it all year long. Fortunately, we can if we remember the first three principles of our order!

We have accomplished so much this past month and there are so many people to thank. The Thanksgiving Project was an impressive success. Brother Paul Wimmer was able to coordinate the donations, the purchase of food and delivery of a complete Thanksgiving Dinner for 150 families. Thanks to Brother Mike Bathon, our blood drive was the best one in council history. We will never know how many lives were saved by these gifts of life. Thanks to PGK Paul Weber and Brother Pat Donahue, we honored our deceased members through a beautiful Memorial Mass conducted by our Chaplain, Monsignor Rick Cramblitt.

We are now given an opportunity to serve the parish in the finest fashion of the Knights. The Monsignor would like to see the Knights provide assistance to parishioners who need help getting from their cars to mass due to handicaps or disabilities. Those of us who are parishioners of St. Johns are at Mass every weekend anyway. You only need to commit to helping before your normal mass for twenty minutes or so. If we have enough volunteers, no one will need to commit for more than a couple of masses a month.

In view of the fact that our second meeting in December would have been on Christmas Eve, we have canceled that meeting. I hope to see you at our Christmas party on the 15<sup>th</sup>. For those who can't make it, let me wish you and your family a peaceful and happy Christmas and I am looking forward to a successful new year.

*Vivat Jesus*

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

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Last month I attended the meeting of State Chaplains in Quebec City. A highlight of the gathering was a Mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Quebec at the Cathedral, a church which will celebrate its 350th anniversary next year. When Quebec became a diocese and Blessed John Laval was the first bishop and it covered all the French territory of North America. The next diocese was Mexico City! In some ways, all North American Catholics have a link to this historic city and basilica. But just as we know Mass attendance has dropped in our country (to on average 20-25% of baptized Catholics), there is even less participation in French Canada. Archbishop Lacroix asked all to remember the Church in Quebec in prayer, and to pray that this anniversary can be a true time of the new evangelization. Please remember that intention.

That meeting also observed that the average Catholic does not have the knowledge of the faith, nor the daily prayer practice of the faith, of a half century ago. It is why there is such an effort in our Order for the spiritual growth of our members and their families. A focus on spirituality may be the greatest thing we can offer to Catholic men and their families in 2013 and beyond, and it should highlight who we are and what we do as the Knights of Columbus.

That being said, what an opportunity we have this month to celebrate Advent and Christmas and to do so as the spiritual holy days they are. Advent reminds us of the long waiting for a Messiah, and how a faithful group of people—our faith ancestors—kept that promise alive. This is the mission you and I have today, to keep the faith message alive, and to help others remember the true meaning of these seasons. December can become frenzied, so please try to find moments of calm and reflection. Attend to the spiritual as well as the material preparations and I promise you will have a more satisfactory Christmas.

It is my wish and prayer that you and your loved ones, and indeed our entire State Council Family, may experience the peace and joy of Christmas as we celebrate how God came into our lives, and is part of our lives. Know that you will be remembered at my Masses on Christmas Day.

*Vivat Jesus!*

**SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS**

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

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

**Knights Deliver Initial Relief Supplies**

In a case of neighbor helping neighbor following the destruction caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, Knights of Columbus in the Visayas jurisdiction delivered food, water and other necessities during a relief operation in northern Iloilo. With donations from councils in the surrounding area, Knights from Iloilo City traveled about 50 miles north on Sunday, Nov. 17, with 788 sacks filled with rice, canned goods, noodles and bottled water.

“The Knights of Columbus network came through so we could identify the needs in the area,” said Visayas Deputy Rodrigo Sorongon of the relief operation. “It has been difficult to communicate with the councils in the devastated areas, but I was able to reach the regional deputy to find out what was needed.”

Knights of the Visayas jurisdiction also distributed clothing in the areas of Binon-an, Batad, Iloilo and Concepcion. These are coastal areas hit by ocean surges that caused massive destruction along the shoreline.

In addition, Knights from Cebu City traveled to northern Cebu to distribute sacks of rice and canned goods.

“This will be a long-term relief operation, and the Knights will continue to be there,” Sorongon noted.

## **STATE COUNCIL NEWS**

**William C. Kuchmas, State Deputy**

### **Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity**

Typhoon Haiyan, the second deadliest Philippine typhoon on record hit the island chain on November 7th, killing at least 4,011 people, injuring 18,567, 1,602 missing in that country alone. The typhoon caused catastrophic destruction in the central Philippines, particularly on Samar Island and Leyte where cities and towns were largely destroyed. Approximately 11 million people have been affected and many have been left homeless.

The Supreme Council donated \$250,000 towards relief efforts immediately after the Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines. As Knights we join to pray for the victims and their families throughout the world. In addition you are asked to consider a charitable donation to assist in the relief efforts for those in great need. A link with information on how to donate to the Philippines Disaster Relief Fund via the Knights of Columbus is available on the home page of the Maryland State Council's web page: [kofc-md.org](http://kofc-md.org) or the Supreme Council's website: [kofc.org](http://kofc.org). Together our support for the victims of this tragedy will Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity.

We are approaching the halfway point of the fraternal year. It is of utmost importance to keep membership at the forefront of your activities. Please ask every eligible Catholic man to join our ranks. Results of the membership blitz are still being received, the numbers so far are looking good and will be shared with you at the Mid-Term meeting January.

On behalf of Donna and myself. I wish you and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas. I deeply appreciate all the work that you have done to make the year to date so successful and rewarding. During this very special time in which we observe the birth of our Lord, I ask you to continue to be aware of all those around us who are in need, especially the elderly. Please take this time with your families to be joyful and thank God for the many blessings which are ours.

Remember to 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,

May the peace and joy of the birth of Jesus be with you for the new year. Remember that it is through his birth, death and resurrection that we have become Catholics and Knights of Columbus. Throughout history, the spirit of Jesus has lead the actions of leaders of the Church and our lay activities, such as the Knights. We have much to do to keep our actions as Jesus intended.

Time goes quickly over the winter and before you know it, the Council will be looking for new officers to lead us into the next fraternal year. While you are thanking God for all you have received, please ask for his guidance while you consider whether to serve as an officer in the Council. We need you.

On behalf of Jane and my District Warden John Schmidt, we wish you a blessed and safe Christmas and a great New Year.

*Vivat Jesus*

## BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will celebrate its annual Christmas party at Saint Agnes Council on Thursday December 12 2013 at 7:00 p.m. located at 2021 Frederick Road; Catonsville, Maryland 21228 at a cost of \$10.00 per person. The meal will consist of an assortment of appetizers with the main course of roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley and assorted desserts. There will also be an assortment of beverages including beer and wine. Please reserve your seat through Chapter Treasurer Joe Herman with checks made out to the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights and sent to Joe at 2803 Kirkleigh Road; Baltimore, Maryland 21222-4615 or [JWHerman@comcast.net](mailto:JWHerman@comcast.net)

Please be aware that the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Annual Charity Appeal is forthcoming unless you've already received the request. We request that you be as generous as possible in supporting the Chapter sponsored Christmas party and Spring event at the Gallagher Center and Villa Maria for God's Special Children.

Fraternally  
Gregory E McClain  
President  
Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

## FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly #2378

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Sir Knights,

Thanks to all those who supported the John Carroll Assembly Memorial Mass on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Father Foley did a wonderful Mass. The John Carroll Assembly Color Corps has been busy with council memorial masses



Our next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting will take place at St Ignatius Council, Forest Hill, on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be a holiday social meeting. Please watch for more details by e-mail.

Please remember the Calvert Province 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 in Frederick, Md. If you are not yet a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Member please see any 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of the Archbishop John Carroll Assembly.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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A joyous Christmas season is upon us! Council programs present many opportunities to join in the Christmas spirit by getting involved. Here's a great chance to contribute your talents as you choose. Please advise the chair person or officers of your availability. The times and places where we need help are specified in the Activity Reports below.



We'd like to see as many Brothers and their families as possible at **Light Up for**

**Christ** on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after 5 PM Mass. We'll hold a short ceremony of less than 15 minutes with some readings and a few carols to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. The ceremony will be completed as we throw the switch to light the nativity scene. Then we'll go to the Council Home for refreshments and finger food. It's a great way to get everyone into the true Christmas spirit.

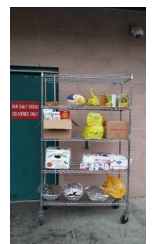


Long Green Council Home

We would also like to see members and their wives at the **Council Christmas Party** on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the Council Home. See the description in the Council

Activities report below. Sign up and get your check (made to LGVC # 8736) to Tom Zaegel by Sunday, December the 8<sup>th</sup>.

A highlight of our November Activities was three deliveries of collected food to Sisters of Charity, Our Daily Bread (at right) and Beans and Bread (at left) in Baltimore. The pictures here show your team at work doing the rewarding work of unloading the donated food and carrying it to their facilities. See more below in the Community Activities Report of the







### Thanksgiving Food Drive.

The **December Social Meeting**, scheduled for Christmas Eve, **Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> is canceled**. Families are a higher priority than the Council and most members will just be too busy getting ready for the Holiday. However, we will park cars for the 4PM mass that day. If you can help the team park cars, please let us know.

From the Program team of Council, Family, Church, Community, Culture of Life and Youth Activities, we hope you and your family have a blessed Christmas Holiday season. Here is a summary of times when we can use some volunteers in December.

#### Summary of Volunteer Needs in December for Activities

Activity	Leader	Date / Time
Breakfast with Santa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Cards Sales</li> <li>Santa Knightline</li> </ul>	Bill Zoli Pete Stankoski	Sat Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> 8AM – 12 Noon
Nativity Scene Assembly	Joe Wenderoth John Reed	Monday Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM
KCIC Poster Judging	Officer Team	After Tues, Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting
Christmas Eve 4PM Mass Parking	Jim Schmidt Jr	Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2 – 6 PM
Nativity Scene Disassembly	Joe Wenderoth John Reed	Monday Dec 30 <sup>th</sup> 1 – 3 PM

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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**Keep Christ in Christmas religious cards** are on sale. Bill Zoli leads this program and will have cards at Breakfast with Santa and at the December Business Meeting. These religious theme cards focus on the true meaning of Christmas and are especially appropriate for your Catholic friends and fellow Knights when you write out cards for 2013. Take a look at the cards and buy a box. You can bring your check or cash to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> or to our December 10<sup>th</sup> Business meeting. The ad and order forms were attached to last month's newsletter.

Our **Memorial Mass** to remember deceased members, especially those we have recently lost, was held on Monday night, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. After the special Memorial ceremony in the chapel we had a reception at the Council Home. Several widows and their families were in attendance among about 40 people at the mass and 25 attended the reception in the Hall afterward. Thanks to those who came to support this important event.



The **Light Up for Christ** preparation activity starts Monday, December 9th with the Creche equipment recovery and set up next to the Church parking lot. A small team will gather to find the Manger Scene figures, the Manger structure and associated

items. Our team assembles and installs the Creche scene and spreads some hay to complete the set up. The process takes several hours. You are welcome to join us for the set up effort. We will **assemble the Nativity Scene** on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> in the Church Parking Lot. We'll meet at Church at 1 PM to start the process. Come over if you can help.



On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> we invite parish members at the 5 PM mass to walk outside afterward for a brief **Light Up for Christ Ceremony**. At the dramatic concluding time a light is remotely turned on to illuminate the cradle. After the ceremony we adjourn to the Council Home for refreshments and fraternity. Family and parish members are welcome for finger food and drinks after contemplating the real meaning of Christmas. Please join us.

We will **Disassemble** and put away the Nativity Scene on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM. Let us know if you can help.

We will **Park Cars** again at the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve. If you can help, please come to the Council Home at 2 PM so that you can don a safety vest and help set up. We will formulate a plan for parking cars in stadium style to maximize the capacity of the lot. Dress warmly and appropriately. If you attend the 4 PM mass you can drop off your family and help park cars. Just before the mass starts, you can join them.



If you don't attend that mass, we will have refreshments in the Council Home, during mass, before we go back out to direct traffic out of the lot. Come join the team!

Msgr Rick has asked the Council to help mass attendees who are old or infirmed get out of cars in front of the church before masses. When family of friends drop them off, the driver often has to get out to help and it slows traffic.



**Assistance with Church Mass Parking** will speed traffic flow in the lot as well as make it less dangerous. We usually help people at the drop off zone at Christmas Eve mass while we are parking cars. This year long effort will benefit the Church and will make the Knights more visible to the Church Community, possibly becoming a recruiting tool. Let GK Bob Renshaw, Chancellor Paul Wimmer or Church Activities Chair Pat Donohue know if you can help and which mass you typically attend. This will require about 15 minutes before each mass for those who serve. We plan to have a schedule so we can spread the small workload and not require the same people to work at every mass. Thanks!

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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American  
Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Our Community Activity in November was the **Red Cross Blood Donation Drive**, a one day event on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We collected 96 units of blood, a new record for our Council Blood Drive. Brother Michael Bathon led the Council team this year. Thanks to all who helped with set up, reception, hospitality, and clean up for this great expression of the Council's concern for our Community.

**Drive** in the Fall is process that lasts great volunteer excellent support the donation and very rewarding to for over 150 food we donated to Sisters of Charity at St Wenceslaus, at Beans and Bread and Our Daily Bread.



The **Thanksgiving Food** a complex and lengthy into the winter. We had a turnout from the Council and from the parish and school in collection process. It was provide a Thanksgiving meal families this year with the



The food collections, food shopping trips and deliveries downtown are a great way to show thanks for the abundance we enjoy. It was gratifying to see the appreciation of the Sisters of Charity when we delivered the food to their pantry at St Wenceslaus.



Paul Wimmer chaired this event. If you haven't participated before, try it next year. We guarantee you'll enjoy it. The workers at these facilities and their clients, the poor, greatly appreciate the job we do.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive Activity Pictures



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Home of Dick Siejack, Past State Deputy

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"IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"



## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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**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.



**Big Screen View of a Ravens Game for a Tailgate at the Council Home.**

Our Ravens **Tailgate** Series concludes with games on **December 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**. These games will be hosted by Joe Wenderoth and the doors will open at 12:30 for a 1PM game. Join us for football and fraternity. Tailgate receipts help us pay the bills for the Council Home while you enjoy the game and fraternity.

The **Council Christmas Party** provides an excellent opportunity for fraternity as members and their wives celebrate the approaching Christmas Season.

We have set the date for **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** for the Party starting at 5 PM.



The cost is \$25 per person.

The catered dinner menu is spring mix green salad, Filet of beef, chicken marsala, mixed vegetables, parsley red skin potatoes and desert. Beer, wine, soft drinks and coffee are included.



**If you would like cocktails feel free to byob.**

We will have cocktails and mingling from 5pm to 6pm. Dinner will follow, and then we'll party on.

We need to provide the final count on Dec. 8th, so please contact Tom Zaegel at [tomzaegel1@comcast.net](mailto:tomzaegel1@comcast.net) or 410-746-7895 as soon as possible to reserve your spot. We hope to see you at this festive occasion.

### Lunch Bunch

Our December meeting will be lunch at the Silver Spring Mining Company Restaurant in Hunt Valley at 11:30 on December 17. We had a very enjoyable time last year at our first Christmas get together and I'm sure that this year's will be just as pleasant. We have a room reserved for our group and will just order from the menu and settle the bill at the end. I hope that our current and former chaplains will be able to attend also and we will be pleased to share the cost of their lunches also.



I hope to see some of our retirees who haven't attended for a while and any new members who would like to attend. All are welcome, but it would be appreciated if you could let me know at

baltobob@comcast.net or phone at 410-592-8406 that you will be attending so that I can tell the restaurant how many to expect. We hope to see as many of our old friends as possible.

## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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As Brother Knights we support life affirming activities in every form as the goal of our Culture of Life Activities. 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** started just after Columbus Day in October and has been very successful under the leadership of new Member Kirk Larter. To date we have raised well over \$2,000. Thanks to those members who have worked at this activity and done it well.



Money collected from our Tootsie Roll drive is used to support causes for Intellectually Disabled Citizens such as Camp Glow, a residential, one week camp, run by the Archdiocese.

On the first Sunday of each month, December 1<sup>st</sup> this month, there will be a **Rosary for the Unborn** after the 9AM mass. Please join them on the Mother Mary side of the church after the mass.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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**Breakfast with Santa** is on Saturday, December 7th. The event starts at 8 AM and lasts until 11 AM. Families enjoy a pancake breakfast and then take the kids to the stage to talk to Santa. PGK Joe and Barbara Owens have been Mr. and Mrs. Santa for years now (shhh, don't tell the kids). They facilitate the main activity as the kids visit Santa to tell him what they want for Christmas while having their picture taken with him.



On their way to the stage and Santa, parents will see the Long Green Valley table where we quietly offer parents the opportunity to sign up for the **Santa Knight Line**. Parents are asked to fill out a sheet with children's name(s), desired gifts and other personal facts such as their chores or special concerns. These extra details help convince the children that it is Santa on the line when he does call their house several weeks later.

Parents select one of two nights for Santa to call and speak to their child to make sure the coordination for Christmas is complete. Pete Stankoski could use some help from you signing up parents. **Also, let us know if you can make a few "Santa calls"**. They are a lot of fun and only take an hour for several calls.

The Long Green Valley Council **Family of the Month for November 2013 is Paul and Jean Wimmer**. Please congratulate them when you see them. Paul organized and conducted the Thanksgiving Food Drive campaign, one of our biggest and best charitable outreach activities. Paul has taken this effort over from John Mayni who provided his notes and input to help make Paul successful for two years now. Jean sings in the Church Choir and has been a Career Catholic Educator.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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The Council 2013 **Soccer Shootout** winners will be awarded prizes. Our Soccer Shootout winners at SJE School were:

Age Group	Boy's Name	Score	Girl's Name	Score
<b>6 and Under</b>			Anna Bowers	33
<b>7-8</b>	Ben Madore	102	Adriana Tarr	83
<b>9-10</b>	Eugene Bressler	104	Cailyn Tripp	107
<b>11-12</b>	Owen Laue	198	Caroline Klecka	157
<b>13-14</b>	Alec Jara	154	Jessica Bauer	152

If **you** would like to help with Youth Activities, especially if you can attend during the daytime when school is in session, please consider taking **STAND training** required by the Archdiocese when we work with youth. You will 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.



The K of C **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** was competed at St. John's School. The school furnished materials to students and we will judge their posters after the December Business Meeting. The winners posters will be submitted to the State contest. You are welcome to join the Knight's team, judging the posters, at that meeting.

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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Please contact me by e-mail (preferred) or by phone if you know of any brother or family member that is in need of our prayers.

Please pray for the following:

### Sick/Prayer List

#### **Brothers:**

Msgr. Jack Collopy  
Father Leo Tittler  
PSD Phil Asplen, Jr.  
PGK Bob Dee  
PGK Larry Flynn  
PSD Gene Hogan  
Brother Frank Huebler  
PGK (Bel Air Council) Al Kramer  
Brother Dick Lanham  
PGK Carroll McComas  
PGK Joe Owens  
PGK John Robinson  
Brother Bill Seibert  
Brother Bob Snyder (Administrative Assistant to the State Deputy)  
Brother John Stansfield



#### **Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:**

Alyssa Baumgartner, Granddaughter of Lynn Gryctz (Friend of Chancellor Paul Wimmer)  
Michelle & Alex Bronzert, Daughter-in-Law & Son of Brother Norm Bronzert  
Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Sam Gibson  
Jerry Henderson Sr., Father of Brother Jerry Henderson  
Mary Beth Lindung, Wife of PGK Jack Lindung  
Carol Messenger, Wife of Brother Gene Messenger  
Tina North, Wife of Brother Michael North  
David Pusey, Cousin of Chancellor Paul Wimmer  
Helen Radcliffe, Wife of Brother Carl Radcliffe (Deceased)  
Tory Robinson, Wife of PGK John Robinson  
Margery Schammel, Wife of Brother Willie Schammel

### Deceased Prayer List:

#### **Brothers:**

None



**Relatives/Friends of Brother Knights:**

None

**PLEASE NOTE:** *We have no system of routinely identifying those people whose health has improved to the point that they no longer need to be on the prayer list. Consequently, at the end of each quarter, we will delete all names that have been on the list for three or more months. Anyone with a request should contact the Chancellor, Paul Wimmer, by e-mail (preferred) or by phone and they will be listed/reinstated on the prayer list.*

**SERVICE:**

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.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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Brothers,

On Tuesday November 26, two new men joined our ranks. In the name of Christopher Columbus and in honor of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, please welcome them into our Council.

Now let's work towards our goal of 10 new members by the end of February. There are so many potential Members among the Catholic Gentlemen that we know. Please remember to carry and use the interest cards.

All Knights are recruiters. Please when you speak with a potential knight emphasize the charitable tenets of our Order. This is the primary reason we join and it's a fantastic feeling to be part of such a Fraternity!

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?

Fraternally  
Ray Dietz

Members	204
Inactive	13
Honorary	17
Honorary Life	37
Disability	0
Goals	
Membership	<b>13</b>
New Members	-1
Insurance	<b>5</b>
New Insurance Members	+1

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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### Life insurance as a gift?

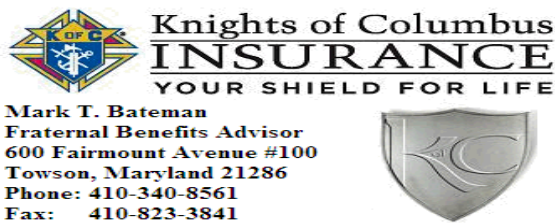
The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. How morbid, they may think quietly or aloud. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is a really thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of life insurance only in cases where someone dies. Life insurance should, in fact, be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.



## COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

### **December Birthdays:**

Matt Cuculis	02	Kevin Ewing	04	Larry Polk	04
Jack Murphy	06	Chuck Bogdanowicz	07	Bob Black	10
Ron Carr, Jr.	12	Mike Lynch	12	Joe Sliwka	13
Wayne Crimy	16	Gary Terrinoni	16	Joe Wenderoth	16
Sal Bollino	17	John Stansfield	17	Mike Sawyer	23
Paul Crowe	24	Ron Carr, Sr.	26	Steve Harris	29
Chuck Daley	30	Fr. Dave Kruse	30	Mike Keegan	31
Tom Rowan, Jr.	31				

### **December Anniversaries:**

Frank Budzynski & Gloria Gosnell 29 (31 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

### *A Season of Hope in Dark Times*

The Church experienced a rebuff recently in the culture war against religion. In spite of a letter from the U.S. Catholic bishops about dire effects of the proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), the Senate voted overwhelmingly on November 7 in favor of it. The act bans workplace discrimination based on a person's self-proclaimed gender identity. The battle now moves to the House of Representatives.

This is the latest assault on religious liberty in America. Roe v. Wade, Obamacare, a growing number of states recognizing same-sex marriage, statutes legalizing physician-assisted suicide, and a host of other laws and regulations are creating a dark moral climate in the nation. In just the past few months, Christian photographers in New Mexico were fined for declining to photograph a commitment ceremony between lesbians; a Christian-owned bakery in Oregon was harassed out of business for not creating a wedding cake for a gay couple; bathrooms and locker rooms in California schools now can be used by any student regardless of his or her gender; and under the HHS healthcare mandate companies soon will be heavily fined if they do not provide their employees with health insurance that covers contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

At the time of Our Lord's birth, Rome sanctioned homosexuality, suicide, gay marriage, abortion, pornography, and other lustful perversions. Does the permissiveness of that ancient culture not appear familiar? Are we not recreating a pre-Christian pagan moral climate?

The movement toward an anti-Catholic, anti-Christian, secularist, anything goes society has been underway for many decades. Like a viscous fluid running downhill, the movement to replace religious constraints on behavior with an unrestrained licentiousness has been slow, but steady. Each encroachment typically has been a small change from what was previously accepted, and thus has gained continued toleration. The cumulative effect, however, is staggering. The current moral temper of the nation is far removed from that of the 1990s, farther from that of the 1970s, and farther still from that of the 1950s.

Christmas soon will be here. This marks the most-significant religious, historical and cultural event in the Western world. It is the overt celebration of the Son of God coming into the world, assuming a human form, and leading a life that would make atonement for our sins. For many years, there has been an effort to secularize this religious remembrance – to ban Nativity scenes from city halls and shopping malls, to expunge Christmas programs and carols from school plays, to replace the greeting "Merry Christmas" with "Happy Holidays," in effect, to expel from public notice that same Christ Child who could find no place in the public inn.

This is occurring in spite of the fact that 95% of Americans say they celebrate Christmas, and 62% claim to attend religious services either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. It is probable that most of these people do not know or have forgotten the meaning of Christmas. It is more likely that they celebrate Xmas, a month-long frenzy of shopping, gift-giving and partying.

We can no longer hide our religious beliefs and deemphasize their public expression? There can be no further accommodation without a total annihilation of Catholic identity, of its erasure from the memories of our young. There can be no further retreat without a total loss of religious freedom, of societal mores based on virtue and morality, and of a public recognition that we and this nation owe our existence to God.

In spite of the moral darkness of our time, there is hope. And that hope rests on Our Lord. Things can change. Many good Catholics and other Christians still live in America. The answer is to begin a counter-movement – and it must start now.

A new liturgical year began with Advent on December 1. Since the 4th century, the Church has designated this as a period of preparation and expectant waiting for the coming of the Lord. It is a season of hope. St. Paul reminded the Ephesians that before their encounter with Christ, they were without hope. In spite of their gods, they were without God, in a dark world, facing a dismal future. Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical *Spe Salve* (Saved in Hope), points out that with the coming of Christ, Christians “have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness... The dark door of time, the future, has been thrown open. The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life.”

If people really understood and acted on the meaning of Advent, the world would be a different place. Advent originally was designated as a preparatory period of mortification and fasting. The rules for observance were later relaxed, but the season remains one of penitence.

Is it difficult to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas? Can we not do something each day to ready ourselves for the coming of Christ – say the rosary daily, spend an hour each week in Eucharistic Adoration, abstain from meat on Fridays, go to Confession, attend Mass more frequently, meditate on the liturgical readings through which the penitential spirit of the season is exemplified?

If we do, the results will be profound. As Pope Benedict reminded us, “we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present.” For our own sake, and the sake of the people we love, have hope and pray. When we do, the world will be a different place.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>			
3	Tue 7:00 PM	Knights Ladies Christmas Dinner and Party	Council Home
5	Thurs 7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
7	Sat 8:00 AM	Breakfast with Santa	St. John Church Hall
7	Saturday	BC of GK Children's Christmas Party	Villa Maria
8	Sun 12:30 PM	Tailgate Party	Council Home
10	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
12	Thurs 7:00 PM	BC of GK Christmas Party	St. Agnes Council
13	Fri 11:30 AM	Knights Ladies Christmas Tea in the Valley	Council Home
14	Sat 6:00 PM	Light Up for Christ Ceremony	St. John Church & Home
15	Sun 5:00 PM	Council Christmas Party	St. John Hall
17	Tues 11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch Meeting	Silver Spring Mining Co. Hunt Valley
18	Wed 7:30 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification	Fr. Wolfe Council
19	Thurs 8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Christmas Meeting	St. Ignatius Council
24	Tuesday	Christmas Eve Parking Cars	Church
25	Wednesday	Christmas Day	
29	Sun 12:30 PM	Tailgate Party	Council Home
31	Tuesday	New Year's Eve	
<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>			
1	Wednesday	New Year Day	
4	Saturday	State Council Mid-Term Meeting	Columbus Gardens
7	Tues 7:00 PM	Knights Ladies of Long Green	Council Hall
9	Thurs 8:00 PM	Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights	
14	Tues 8:00 PM	Council Business Meeting	Council Home
16	Thurs 8:00 PM	Archbishop John Carroll Assembly Mtg	
21	Tues 11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch Meeting	Council Home
22	Wednesday	March for Life	in Washington, D.C.
28	Tuesday 8:00 PM	Council Social Meeting	Council Home

Dear Knights' Ladies.....

Ladies,

We wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and Healthy and Happy New Year.

The Knights' Ladies partnered with Brian Swab this year for his Eagle Scout Project of sending snacks and goods to our soldiers in Afghanistan. Thanks to the generosity of our parish, Brian was able to make many soldiers serving overseas very happy this Christmas Holiday.

Our Knights Ladies realized that being in a hospital is not a happy time for a child but managed to bring smiles by providing Halloween dress ups and Christmas gifts to young patients of Kennedy Krieger Hospital.

We also sent a \$100 and personal greetings to our Seminarian, Kevin Ewing in Rome along with some homemade treats for him and his fellow American seminarians to share. Each lady provided a dozen homemade cookies.

Together we baked 229 blueberry muffins to be included in the food deliveries for the Knights' Thanksgiving Projects and donated \$300 towards the purchase of food.

At our Christmas Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> we exchanged home-baked gifts for the recipient to enjoy over the Holidays. We also adopted several children for the Annual Giving Tree.

And finally, we will hold our first ever Christmas Tea in the Valley December 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate an item for our raffle, please contact Diane Elliott ([gluemon@yahoo.com](mailto:gluemon@yahoo.com)) .

As you know we take a 'sabbatical' in January and February because we don't like to drive in bad weather and it always snows on our meeting nights. Mark your calendars for our next meeting, March 18<sup>th</sup> (third Tuesday) for a 'Soup Supper'.

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## Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

Ladies,

We had so much to tell you this month that we filled up the previous page with all our good news.

Hope to see you at our meetings and fundraising events.

*Mary*

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