



# VALLEY VIEWS

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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### "IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS"



#### LETTER FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

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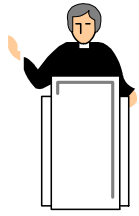
Dear Brothers,

Thanks to those who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner on January 19, and the Letter Signing event on the weekend of January 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>. The long hours contributed by those who prepared the food and the hall are greatly appreciated. The contributions generated by this event for the Gabriel Network are also greatly appreciated. Hopefully the signatures on the letters from the Letter Signing event will bear fruit in the Legislature. The combined letters should be delivered to Annapolis in mid February. The signatures are being collected in about two-thirds of the parishes in Maryland.

The Aberdeen Ordnance Museum trip was a sobering reminder of the commitment of those who serve in the Military. The March for Life in Washington was another sobering reminder of the issues at stake in this election year.

Also thanks to all those who turned in their Fraternal Surveys. The totals have been turned in to Supreme for the 2007 year. The charitable services provided by the Knights of Columbus are immense. Don't forget to ask a Catholic man to be a Knight.

Vivat Jesus!



## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

Fr. Willie Franken

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Dear Brothers:

The holy season of Lent begins early, February 6, on Ash Wednesday this month. Lent is derived from an Old English word for spring, Lenten, to name these forty days. As the hours of daylight continue to lengthen, the rebirth of nature during spring draws closer. There can be no harvest without plowing and planting. So, too, there can be no Lent without the hard work of authentic conversion, and the practice of the traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some of us remember Lent as a time to give up candy or cookies, or a time to stop smoking. Lent can be a time to implement some personal change in our lives. This change is referred to as conversion. During this time of Lent, we remember the promises of our baptism, when we were joined to Christ, and promised to turn away from sin and follow the way of the gospel. We are encouraged to conduct a personal inventory of our lives. What area(s) of my life would I like to change? What about my prayer life? Do I pray on a daily basis to God? Do I spend time reading the scriptures or in spiritual reading? What is my practice of fasting? Some of us may need to "fast" from time at work, or time at the computer.

May this season of Lent be one of blessing as we prepare for the great day of Easter.

## **SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Knights of Columbus Insurance Set 3 New Records in 2007**

Knights of Columbus life insurance in force reached \$66.1 billion at the end of 2007, setting a new all-time record, Supreme Knight and Chief Executive Officer Carl A. Anderson announced Jan. 2. It was the seventh consecutive year of insurance sales growth for the Order.

"The year 2007 was a very strong year for us," Anderson said. "Not only did we set a new record for insurance in force, but it was a record year for life insurance sales, which totaled \$6.564 billion. And December 2007 was our best month ever, adding \$864.1 million of new life insurance coverage for our members and their families. Our insurance sales for December 2007 exceeded the amount sold during the entire year in 1978."

"I am very proud of our 1,300 field agents and 130 general agents, who worked so hard and so effectively to help Knights protect their families and build financial security," Anderson continued. "Our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, believed strongly that we should provide every Catholic man with the means to protect his family from financial ruin by offering a sound, professionally-run life insurance program. The size and strength of our insurance program is a worthy testament to his far-sighted vision."

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## STATE REPORT

### 110th Annual Maryland State Convention

The Maryland State Council will be holding the 110th annual convention in Ocean City Maryland over the weekend of May 16, 17 & 18, 2008. The convention will once again be at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort. There will be three business sessions, 1 on Friday evening, one Saturday morning and the final session on Sunday morning. On Saturday morning there will be the parade and introduction of Grand Knights and Ladies followed by presentation of awards.

In addition to the business sessions of the convention, there will be plenty of fraternity and hospitality the whole weekend. On Thursday there will be a golf tournament, on Friday the Grand Knights will compete by District in the Grand Knight Olympics. Prior to the first The business session on Friday, there will be a Mass that is open to all. Right after Mass will be the first session. There will be Saturday and Sunday morning breakfast buffet and a Saturday evening banquet. There are activities for the youth on Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday evening.

To take part in the festivities, you must register for the convention. Please see your Grand Knight for the appropriate registration forms.

See you at the Ocean!

## DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

*Ed Colvin,  
District Deputy 2*

Greetings Brothers,

As I write this, I am amazed that January is over. Where did it go? Into the past with all that we accomplished in 2007. That's right! Those activities that were held last year are your past, your Council's heritage. It is easy to be proud of the councils in our District. Our work is not yet done. We have 5 months to complete OUR mission. Every Council should be keeping a commitment to bring eligible Catholic Gentlemen into our Order. If each Brother Knight would bring 1 new member to our ranks, imagine how this District would grow.

Thanks to the Grand Knights for submitting your activity reports on time.

I'll see you "down the ocean". Once again, we are going to have a District Hospitality Room at the convention. Due to the special nature of this convention, we will be pumping up the activities in the hospitality room. I will be looking to the councils for donations and ideas. We are blessed to have some great party planners and decorators in the district. We will put our heads together and have a great room for our friend and Brother Dick Siejack and his lovely wife Pat.

Special thanks to those of you that came to the Mid-Term Meeting, especially the Deputy Grand Knights. This meeting was for you.

"Through Our Works of Charity, We Manifest the Lord's Presence."

Vivat Jesus

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Ed Colvin  
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The next Chapter meeting will be Thursday, February 14th, 2008 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel #2452 Post Chapter President's Night.

## FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

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My Brother Sir Knights:

**February 21st., 2008**– Regular meeting at Long Green Valley Council. Thursday at 8:00 P.M.

Our usual schedule of meetings on the third Thursday of the month has to be changed for March, since Holy Thursday is celebrated on that day. Consequently, the meeting is changed to the **fourth Thursday, March 27**, at Long Green Valley Council, at 8:00 PM. Please mark your calendars.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification for this year will take place on Saturday April 5th., 2008. At the Holiday Inn and Conference Center 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, MD. It is not too early to recruit 3rd. Degree Knights at our councils. Our Faithful Admiral Sir Knight Brian O'Connor will be visiting all our councils talking about the purpose of the 4th. Degree and recruiting new members.



## INSURANCE MATTERS

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## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

### **“You Never Know”**

A brother knight called me to discuss Knights life insurance -- it turns out the Knights' high dividend rate on his Knights life insurance was doing better than his state pension.

We had a meeting and he decided to purchase more life insurance. He was more interested in the cash value that would accumulate, and not so much in the immediate death benefit. As it turns out, this brother knight was diagnosed with bone cancer 17 days after his new policy was delivered. At this point, his “cash value policy” became a death benefit policy. Unfortunately, he passed away six painful months later and the Knights paid this valuable \$100,000+ policy to his widow. Since the brother knight did not know he had bone cancer when I delivered his policy, we paid the claim.

As a result, his widow had money to pay off the mortgage and help with her retirement. In other words, the widow keeps her and her children's home and the stress of finding enough money for day to day expenses was alleviated. After all, losing your spouse and parent is stress enough.

I am an advocate for your wife and children when the unforeseen happens. That's what is important ... because *you never know*.

*God bless!*

Membership

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Jim Schmidt, Sr, PGK  
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For those who need their 2<sup>nd</sup>. degree, there will be one Feb. 28th at Father Wolfe Council. There will also be one at Belair Council March 10 and another at Cardinal Gibbons on March 12. There are 12 Brothers who need this degree.

For those of you who need their 3<sup>rd</sup>. degree, Cardinal Gibbons will hold one on March 14 Th. We have 21 Brothers in need this degree.

Please contact me so our Council can make the arrangements. Thank you.

Jim Schmidt  
410-592-8891

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

John Stansfield  
410-836-0862  
ressq351@verizon.net

There will be a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 5, 2007 from 5-7 PM at the Church Hall. Come hungry and bring a friend. Help in the kitchen, serving, setting up and cleaning up are needed as always. Please call me at 410 836 0862, or e-mail at [ressq351@verizon.net](mailto:ressq351@verizon.net) for information or to help.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bob Renshaw, Director  
410-592-8406

The Thanksgiving Project is now wrapped up. In December, John Mayni, Carroll McComas, John Caine and Tom Zaegel delivered 25 additional turkeys, produce and groceries to the Sisters of Mercy for distribution at Christmas. In addition, the nuns asked them to pick up 85 chickens that they had bought at Santoni's but could not get delivered.

This is the 17th year for this project. John Mayni has calculated that over this time, we have received \$74,018 in donations and have distributed 4458 turkeys and 33,310 pounds of potatoes which benefited 5197 hungry families. Many thanks to everyone who has participated in

this project in any way. This is an excellent example of the concept of Charity upon which this Order was founded.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Jim Schmidt Jr.

Reserve the Date  
February 23, 2008

Bring in the New Year with old acquaintances and make new friends. Come and enjoy an Italian dinner with your K of C friends on Saturday February 23 after 5PM Mass. The dinner starts at 6:15. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Cost includes Hors d'oeuvres, lasagna, salad, Italian bread, dessert, wine, beer and soda.

If there is inclement weather the dinner will be on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Send checks, made out to the Knights of Columbus Council 8736, to

Jim Schmidt Sr.  
11568A Belair RD.  
Kingsville, 21087

by February 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Jim Schmidt Sr at 410-592-8891 to make a reservation.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Charles J. Valle  
410-666-1169

On the weekend of January 21, St. Johns Church, along with the Archdiocese in general, had a campaign to send letters to our Legislative Delegates urging support for pregnancy center funding by the Legislature now in session. The Council provided the personnel and facilities to get parishioners to sign the appropriate letter for their own Delegates. These letters will be forwarded to them by the parish.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Chris Phillips, Director  
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[Chris.phillips@liebert.com](mailto:Chris.phillips@liebert.com)

### Youth Mass

Each Saturday at 5PM, Saint Johns has a Mass that is geared towards the youth of the parish – both the young, and the young at heart. The music and singing is performed mostly by teenagers, with drums and electric guitars. If you are looking for a way to encourage your children or grandchildren to attend and enjoy Mass, perhaps this will help. The

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Masses are highly spirited, and great effort is being given to preach to the youth's interests and connection to the gospel.

There is still room for kids with some musical talent. If they do not possess musical gifts but still want to participate, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and greeters are also needed. Please have them contact Colleen Sisolak at the parish office.

## **Keep Christ In Christmas Poster**

The Knights sponsored a poster contest for the children of St. John's. Tough judging once again yielded our winners this year. The Knights awarded the prizes at the School's Christmas Program in the Church on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Delcher, the school principal, had some very kind words about the association of the school and our Council.

Our winners:

Grades 1-3

1<sup>st</sup> - Brian North, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Erin Dodson,

3<sup>rd</sup> - Kayla Kozak

Grades 4-6

1<sup>st</sup> - Christine Kruse, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sarah Kujala,

3<sup>rd</sup> - Allison Shields

Grades 7-8

1<sup>st</sup> - Jennette Dielmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Juliette Arcodia,

3<sup>rd</sup> - N/A

Each winner received a check:

1<sup>st</sup> = \$30, 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$20, and 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$15

## **Catholic Bee**

Watch for news soon as Brother Joe Owens will be reporting on the upcoming Catholic Bee!

## **PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES**

*Jim Cross*

*410-893-1266*

Thanks to all who helped with The Spaghetti Dinner and "100,000 Letters for Life Campaign" on January 19-20, 2008. Jim Schmidt Sr had a crew cooking spaghetti on Friday, the tables were decorated on Friday night and the Kitchen Crew and Servers were ready at the end of the 5 PM Mass. The dinner was a success with donations of \$876 taken in from about 150 that attended.

This exceeded last year and after expenses should result in \$500 being sent to the Gabriel Network.

The letter signing at the four weekend Masses resulted in parishioners signing 383 letters to be sent in to The Maryland Catholic Conference for their presentation in Annapolis during February. The response showed strong support for the effort to have the State spend more of the \$13 million it allocates to "Family Planning" at non-profit agencies like Gabriel Network which assist pregnant women that choose to have their babies and parent them or offer them for adoption. Our effort and the one we are doing on January 26-27 at St. Marks in Fallston will contribute to the campaign at 180 of 240 parishes in Maryland. Thanks again to all those who worked at all of these events and who supported the campaign by signing letters to the legislators.

The March for Life in Washington DC on January 22, 2008 will be attended by four of our members this year. The bus leaves at 8 AM from St. Marks parking lot and returns around 5 PM. There are several Masses at 10 AM in DC. The best is the Youth Mass in the MCI Center with 10,000 or so in attendance. Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Seminarians, Nuns and contingents from many high schools with choirs and youth readers of the prayer of the faithful in many languages are an awesome sight to see. The throng filling the ellipse and filling Constitution Ave. for twenty blocks shows how the media lies in their reporting. The 11 o'clock News will report that thousands on both sides of the Roe vs. Wade issue marked the decision anniversary today in DC. The truth is 100,000 from every state in the union against abortion are there each year in the cold. The Pro Choice people have not been seen by me since 1998. They now show up in April when it's warmer and they won't be embarrassed by the fervor of the young adults and teenagers who disagree with the Culture of Death.

## **LECTURER'S REPORT**

*Joe Wenderoth*

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At the lecturer meeting / program in January we reviewed the trip to the APG Ordnance Museum and supplemented it with follow on discussions. The museum has about 230 items on display in the field around the museum building. Most of these are examples of weapons from foreign countries in WW I and II. Some are the only remaining examples left to

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see and study. There is an Atomic Cannon and the German 11-inch railroad gun.

Our plans for February's meeting are still taking shape but I hope we can plan a trip to the Museum of Industry in Baltimore.

Lecturer Puzzle Contest: Submit an entry for a chance at the \$1,000 prize (if you get the lucky scratch off ticket). Try your hand at February's puzzle. You can e-mail or snail mail answers to the Lecturer. The Knight's Ladies continue to be invited to compete. Best score wins. Ties resolved by random drawing. This month's answer is a single word!

## February Puzzle: You said a mouthful...

What is the only one common, uncapitalized, seven-letter English word, containing just a single vowel – that does not have the letter S anywhere within it? Hint the answer starts with T.

Good luck. Send responses by e-mail or snail mail PO Box 9779, Baldwin 21013.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rich Siejack	1
Dan Flannery	4
George Thuman	4
Tom Zaegel	6
James Milarcik	8
Chuck Valle	8
Andy Amasia	9
Ed Miller	13
Jack Lindung	14
Ed Nordberg	16
Norman Bronzert	19
Jim Brayton	22
Gil Adelhardt	23
Carl Sallese	25
Chris Phillips	26

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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

Please continue to pray for the following:

### **Brothers:**

Fr. Jack Collopy  
Alan Woodman  
Dick Spinner  
Vince Wheeler  
John Robinson  
Norm Bronzert  
Charles Crogan  
George Fitzpatrick  
William Seibert  
Matthew Maguire  
Francis Huebler  
Ross Galeano  
Tim Calvert  
Jim Scheno  
Pop Stritzinger  
Mike Talipan

### **Relations:**

Stan Gibson, Brother of Brother Samuel Gibson  
Kevin Landefeld, Son of Brother George Landefeld  
Kim Schlee, Daughter of Brother John Schlee  
Donna Schott, Niece of PGK Jim Schmidt Sr  
Norma Ventura, Wife of Brother John Ventura  
Leonard Scheno, Brother of Jim Scheno  
Ann Hughes, Mother-in-Law of Brother Joe Wenderoth  
Faith Rowland, Granddaughter of Brother Bill Loeffler  
Mary Renshaw, Wife of Brother Bob Renshaw  
Michelle Kanotz Birdsall, Daughter of Brother Bill Kanotz  
Marilyn Carr, Wife of Brother Ronald Carr, Sr.  
Vincent Crogan, Brother-in-law of Brother George Landefeld  
Tina North, Wife of Brother Michael North  
Patrick Caton, Son of deceased Brother Tim Caton

### **Deceased**

Gary Woodman, Son-in-law of Brother John Ventura  
Eva Burns, Mother of Ted Burns

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Paul Weber, Financial Secretary

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An invoice for 2008 dues was mailed to each member in mid-December. If you have not sent your payment, please forward your check payable to LONG GREEN VALLEY KC #8736 to my attention at the address indicated on your invoice. Payment of your 2008 dues is requested no later than February 15, 2008.

Please include any change of address, phone number, email address, etc. with your payment. If you would like to receive information and special announcements about Council events via email, and have not previously given me your email address, please include it with dues payment. It is important that we have current information so we can contact you as needs arise. We would prefer to utilize the internet whenever possible, giving us the ability to reach as many as possible with one communication. For the past year we have been using this method very effectively to advise the members of special upcoming events, meetings, social gatherings, death of members and other pertinent information. In the future, you may also receive your monthly newsletter by e-mail.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Tom Zaegel, Council Treasurer*

As was noted at one of our recent meetings, our fiscal year 2007 Federal Income Tax return has been submitted to the IRS. We are very fortunate that for the past 4 years our returns have been prepared by Brother Mike Rusk. Mike is a CPA and manages his own accounting business, Rusk & Company. Mike has donated his time and efforts, and those of his staff as required, to this activity. This has resulted in a significant cost savings to our Council. Please let Mike know how much his efforts are appreciated when you see him at St. Johns or at any of the Church or Council activities.

I would also encourage you to utilize his services for your personal needs, as I do.

His contact information is: Rusk & Company, P.A. 1400 Front Avenue, Suite 201 Lutherville, MD 21093-5365 (410) 821-8700

## BASEBALL GAMES

Opening Day is March 31 this year. As you know, baseball commissions make up over 50% of our Council's income. We need to expand our pool of eligible volunteers to work the concession stand. Since all workers must complete the ARA training regarding their alcohol policies, we are trying to arrange a training session at the Council Home on an evening in March. In order for us to have such training here, we need to have at least 40 people in attendance. This would be a good time for anyone who did not attend the session last year to obtain certification. This includes family members who would be interested in working at the stand. The certification for many of us veteran workers will expire in 2008. This would be a good time to become re-certified.

If you can attend this training, there will be a sign up sheet at the meetings in February. If you can not attend any of these meetings, call me at 410-592-8406 or e-mail me at [baltobob@comcast.net](mailto:baltobob@comcast.net). I need to know how close we are to reaching the minimum of 40 attendees. It would be in our best interest to reach this number so that they will bring the training to us rather than requiring us to take it at Camden Yards.

We need two volunteers. One person is needed to replace Jim Schmidt in coordinating the baseball schedule with ARA and other councils and organizations that work the stand under our name. Another person is needed to replace me in coordinating the phone callers who recruit volunteers for each game. Please let the Grand Knight know if you are willing to serve in either of these capacities.



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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
05	Tues.	5/7 PM	Shrove Tues. Pancake Dinner	Church Hall
05	Tues.	<u>7:30 PM</u>	Knights Ladies	Council Home
07	Thurs.	6:45 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
12	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
14	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	
21	Thurs.	8:00 PM	AJCA Meeting	Long Green Valley
23	Sat.	6:00 PM	Italian Dinner	Council Home
24	Sun.	2:15 PM	<i>Snow date for Italian Dinner</i>	
26	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
<b>MARCH</b>				
06	Thurs.	6:45 PM	Council Officers Meeting	Council Home
11	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
13	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK meeting	
15	Tues.	Payment of 2008 Council Dues should be done		
25	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
27	Thurs.	8:00 PM	AJCA Meeting	Council Home

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Long Green Valley Council No. 8736  
c/o Michael Sallese  
2701 Chestnut Hill Road  
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Knights' Ladies,

Sweetheart Night...you're going to love it!!!

The Knights' Ladies will meet in the Knights' Hall on February 5 at 7:30 PM, after the Pancake Supper. (please note time change) We will celebrate "Sweetheart Night". Ladies are asked to bring a photo of themselves and their 'sweetheart' from your wedding or prom in an envelope and give it to Joanne Reed. Each photo will be assigned a 'number'. After a short business meeting (we promise) the ladies will be given time to peruse the numbered photos and try to guess 'who is that lady' in the photo. We have a 'special surprise' for the lady that guesses the most correctly. And, just in case the pancakes and syrup doesn't have you on a sugar buzz, we'll have some fabulous desserts to share. See you there!!!

Mary Weber, Co-President