



VALLEY VIEWS MARCH 2011

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It's the 'Luck of the Irish' we'll be celebrating
Thursday, March 17th

6:30 PM

Long Green Valley Council Home

Menu -Corned Beef, Cabbage and more
Green Beer and other beverages

\$12.50 per person

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c/o Paul Weber Financial Secretary

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Reservations must be made by Shrove Tuesday, March 8th
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We have limited capacity in our Hall. Council members have first chance.
Remaining tickets will be offered to Parish at Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.
Don't be left out of this fun event at a bargain price with Irish entertainment!





GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

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Dear Brothers,

Throughout the first quarter of the calendar year there is a great emphasis on Pro Life and Defend Life initiatives at the national, Supreme Council, State Council and our own Long Green Valley Council levels. Yet we strive to make this one of our strongest program areas throughout the entire year. I strongly encourage you to read the latest "Reflections" article by Lawrence Grayson which can be found on our council or the State Council web site. It not only brings us up to date on the current issues we are facing in Maryland, but also encourages our prayers and participation in the 40 Days for Life Campaign during lent. I encourage all of you to get involved in some way, if only in prayer, to support the unified efforts of all organizations striving to reverse the improper decision of the Supreme Court many years ago. More importantly, we have learned so much more since then, and the education of all on these matters is critical, especially our youth. It seems that the tide is turning, and we will need them to drive home the reversal. Additionally, the 32nd annual Maryland March for Life will take place in Annapolis on Monday, March 14th. I hope that you are able to participate as a visible way of displaying our feelings to State officials. For more details see the pro life article further in this news letter. And please support the continuing efforts of the Ultrasound Program which is making a significant impact locally and nationally.

After last year's highly successful membership growth, we are struggling to even get to a net positive position this year. We have only had 5 additions, while losing 8 from our ranks. In addition, we received one more resignations recently in response to the dues payment billing. And it is very disturbing that there are still **35 Brothers who have not responded with their dues payment** for this year, even after sending 2nd notifications. Brothers, I assure you that your officers are doing everything possible to provide more opportunities, activities and initiatives in all aspects of our council. Yet many are still not participating. It is up to us **ALL** to help our council to grow. And key to that is adding active participants. We have a membership blitz coming up in March, and I hope that all of you will take this opportunity to solicit one new member and guide him into our community. We need 18 new members in order to meet our goal for this year. We can accomplish this if the entire fraternity helps and gets involved. It's not too late.

It is time to start preparing for the election of officers for the next Fraternal Year. The nominating committee has been selected and the following brothers will be leading this effort: Chuck Bogdanowicz (chairman), Paul Weber, and me. If you would like to step up to a leadership role, or just want more information to consider it, please contact anyone on the committee, or any of your current officers. And if you are asked to run for a position, or lead one of the Program areas, I pray that you will respond favorably.

And, as is my continuing reminder, let's always stay faithful and be grateful.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Rev. Msgr. Richard E. Cramblitt

Dear Brother Knights,

In just a few weeks the great season will begin. When I say the great season I am referring to both Lent and Easter. They are in fact not two realities but one great season of grace. At the very center of the Lent-Easter season is Holy Week. On Ash Wednesday we begin the journey that leads us to the cross of Good Friday. We remain there near the cross until the glory of the resurrection is revealed on Easter. Then, from the stunning event of Easter we move through the Easter season until at last we come Pentecost. This is all a seamless progression and it is meant to renew us in faith and to deepen our spirituality. The real goal of it is to bring us into a deep union with the Risen Christ - a union so deep and pervasive that it will last right into our personal eternity in heaven. With that in mind I ask you to consider how you will keep the Lenten season this year. If you really want it to be effective in your life you must plan it out as carefully as you plan all the most important things in your life. Ask yourself where you would like be by the time Holy Week comes. Do you want to be forgiven of something haunting your past? Do you wish to be closer to the Lord through prayer? Do you want your own life to be more closely conformed to the Christ? Determine NOW what you wish to accomplish in the season of grace and then plan the steps you need to take. Lent is such a golden opportunity! Seize the opportunity!

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS In Service to One, in Service to All

Survey finds that vast majority see his words as relevant to our country today.
50 Years Later, President Kennedy's Inaugural Words Are Still Important to Americans

A recent Knights of Columbus-Marist poll finds that Americans overwhelmingly believe that key themes from President Kennedy's inaugural speech are still important in America today – 50 years later.

The survey focused on several memorable passages dealing with the importance of freedom, of service to the country, and the role of God in our national life. The results show that 85 percent or more of Americans still consider each of these ideas important for the United States.

The following are the percentages by which Americans say each quote surveyed is still either very or somewhat important:

- 96 percent for "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."
- 95 percent for "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

- 86 percent for “Here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

- 85 percent for "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God.”

In addition, approximately three-quarters of Americans see the first two quotes as “very important,” while about six in ten say the same for the latter two quotes.

The poll also found that a full two-thirds of Americans think President Kennedy was “one of the best presidents in U.S. history.” That number jumps to nearly three in four (72 percent) with the addition of those who think he was “the best president.”

“Fifty years after President John F. Kennedy stirred a nation with these important words, Americans continue to recognize the importance of what he said, of his definition of what it means to be an American,” said Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. “President Kennedy reminded us then that we must be at the service of God and country and that message – as Americans clearly understand – is still very important to our nation today.”

John F. Kennedy was the first Catholic elected to the presidency, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In 2010, the Knights funded the restoration of the inscriptions from President Kennedy’s inaugural speech located at his grave at Arlington National Cemetery.

The survey of 1,018 adults conducted January 6 to January 10 has a margin of error of +/-3 percentage points.

	<u>STATE NEWS</u>
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The February edition of “The Beacon” a publication of the Maryland State Council, contains several good articles on the Pro-Life movement and our involvement in it, and we especially call your attention to an excellent article, Reflections, by Lawrence Grayson about the essence of our country's foundation and political structure, which is then related to the structure of the Church.

The current and past issues of the Beacon can be found as a link in the Long Green Valley Council web page, www.kofc8736.org

A special Pro-Life Mass and lecture will be held on March 16th at Jesus the Divine Word Church. The church is located at 885 Cox Road in Huntingtown, MD. Celebrant for the Mass is Fr. Paul Schenck. Fr. Schenck is a long-time national pro-life advocate. He has served as a Pastoral Associate in Priests for Life, was the National Representative of Catholics United for Life, is

founder and chairman of the National Pro-Life Action Center on Capitol Hill, co-founder of National Pro-Life Radio, and serves as director of the Office of Respect Life Activities in the Diocese of Harrisburg. His pro-life ministry is conducted in Harrisburg, Annapolis and Washington, DC, as well as throughout the country.

After Mass a lecture by Barry Sullivan will be offered on the moral challenges people encounter in their everyday lives, and how the right response can convince women not to have abortions and friends to stop living immoral lives. Barry Sullivan is a Nuclear Engineer, father of two adopted children, and was a candidate for Congress in 1990 in Southern Maryland. He and his wife were founding parishioners of Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish in Dunkirk, MD.

Complete details can be found in the Pro-Life Mass flyer posted in the files section of the State yahoo group. You can find the flyer in the Programs folder, then click on the Pro-Life folder.

Please do everything possible to spread the word about this important Pro-Life initiative. Contact your pastor or parish secretary to see if this can be included in upcoming parish bulletins.

Please contact our Pro-Life Activities Chairman, Larry Grayson, with any questions.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

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Every Council a Star Council numbers as of 2/20/2011

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 14-5	5	8	-3	0
9815 / 7-3	2	0	2	2
10100 / 7-3	3	0	3	0
11372 / 18-6	4	0	4	0
District Total	14	8	6.00%	2.00%

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

There needs to be a sense of urgency in our membership efforts considering our Year to Date results. Every District #4 council needs to try to jump start our membership drives. It is not easy to motivate men to join in the difficult times we all are facing. We each need to point out the benefits available in the Knights of Columbus to those Catholic men that we encounter. Those looking for work should be able to find an extra networking tool in their new brother Knights. Men need to see their faith as a source of comfort in trying times. Their families can have an additional source of inexpensive social activity. Those that are doing well can find an avenue for helping the less

fortunate. Don't leave membership recruitment up to the other guy.

A few key dates, to remember: District Meeting at Mason Dixon Council, Tuesday, March 15th, 2011 at 7:30 PM. First Degrees on March 7th at Fr. Wolfe and March 22nd at Long Green Valley. A 2nd degree will be held at Fr Wolfe on March 23rd. Third Degrees will be held at Dundalk on February 26th and Cardinal Gibbons on March 18th. March for Life will be held in Annapolis on Monday, March 14th.

Vivat Jesus! Jim Cross, District Deputy

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS NEWS

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The March meeting will be Thursday March 10, 2011 and be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #2452 . This is the Honored Guest night so we expect to see a number of Grand Knights with their Honored Guest as well as others from their council. Why not give a broader recognition to the man you selected as your honored guest for this fraternal year?

The Chapter is also gearing up for our annual Children's Picnic at Villa Maria/St. Vincent and Gallagher Centers to be held June 4, 2011. We plan to expand and provide the children a happy experience. If you think you would like to help run a game, do some cooking, and generally help organize and extend a great time to these special children, please see me or email me at sorlando6@comcast.net. Ladies are always welcome.

Our semi-annual lottery tickets (for the month of May) were available at the last meeting. The proceeds allow us to do the administrative day-to-day running of the Chapter. If you need a ticket or need more tickets, see Gary Gray. There is no limit to the number of times you can win.

Our nominations for officers of the Baltimore Chapter will be during our meeting in May with elections in June. Please remember in order to vote, your council has to have its per capita paid to date.

I wish to thank you for the increased participation at our meetings and ask that you bring a fellow Knight to our next meeting so we can continue that trend.

May God Bless you.

If you have not given the name of your honored guest to Gary Gray or Jason McGinley by the time you read this, you are behind the "proverbial " eight ball. However, we want to recognize as many Knights as possible so get your guest's name in ASAP so we can generate a certificate to present to him. Gary can be reached at gag5040@aol.com and Jason can be reached at jason.mcginley08@comcast.net.



FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly 2378

Faithful Navigator

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Due to lack of interest, Archbishop John Carroll Assembly's 15th Anniversary Dinner at Columbus Gardens on March 20, 2011 has been cancelled.

Our annual 4th Degree Exemplification will take place on April 9th, 2011 At the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Frederick, MD. If you are a 3rd Degree Member of your council and interested in becoming a member of the 4th Degree, please contact Mike Novak FN on 410 515-6867 or Leonard Windsor on 410 937-7245.

*Archbishop John Carroll Assembly will hold its next meeting at Fr. Wolfe Council, Kilduff Hall on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 8:00 pm. **Please note the change of location.***



FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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DO YOU HAVE COVERAGE?

Did you know that about 50% of households in the United States and Canada have no individually owned life insurance? The statistics for why people have not availed themselves of life insurance coverage are pretty clear, and they really don't change from survey to survey. First, let's look at the survey results (*provided by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association in 2010*).

Why people don't buy life insurance:

- 74% list "can't afford coverage" as a major reason they don't buy.
- 52% say a major reason is that they "can't decide what to buy."
- 50% agree it is a good idea but "put it off until tomorrow."
- 43% worry about "making the wrong decision."

Let's examine each of these reasons. First, the vast majority list a major reason as lack of affordability, yet coverage is only offered if it meets your budget. It is in no one's best interest to offer you a product that you cannot afford. A good agent (like me and the other Knights of Columbus agents) go through a process with you to determine what the affordable monthly cost is.

For the record, a healthy non-smoking 40 year old male can get \$500,000 of term coverage with the Order for about \$1.50 a day.

If a client can't decide what to buy, I will conduct a needs analysis, which helps identify goals and objectives while considering your budget, at no cost. We offer term insurance, permanent insurance or a mix of both. We believe a combination of these products can solve all personal protection issues.

Putting the purchase of life insurance off can be costly, and I recommend against that. As you get older, premiums go up and you run the very real risk that your health can change. Negative changes in health can cause your costs to increase or can cause coverage to be denied. I can help those who worry about "making a wrong decision". You can trust me – I know what to look for and what to recommend. A conversation with me can help erase your doubt.

Contact me today for a free review!

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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During March we have several activities ongoing, some council sponsored and some Knights-supported. Please check out the activity reports below and join in as many as you can. With the start of Lent this month, join us for Shrove Tuesday and bring your beads with you. Remember that Spring begins this month and baseball is only days away.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Wednesday March 9th is Ash Wednesday. Keeping with our tradition, we will hold a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. John beginning at 5:00 PM. Your help is needed to cook and serve the parishioners. Cost per person/family is a free will offering with the donations going to the "Seminarian Support RSVP Program". Dinner will be held in the Parish Hall. If you can help, please call me to volunteer.

Pray the Rosary Online

Go to Our Catholic Faith - <http://www.ourcatholicfaith.org/> - and select "Pray Rosary" at the top of the page for this interactive prayer experience. You can click the rosary beads and the associated prayers are shown on the screen. This is a great way to help children learn the prayers of the

rosary, or to become reacquainted with it yourself! We made a promise in our hearts to pray the rosary daily, here is an opportunity to help you keep that promise.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Long Green Valley Council is continuing our support for the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry, led by Monsignor Fitzgerald. This ministry serves the numerous sailors – Catholic or others – who stop in the Port of Baltimore during lengthy trips around the world, bringing cargo to and from our country. Your support is always appreciated.

As always, call or send me an email when you have items to donate to the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry. We are looking for religious articles, gently used clothing, magazines, CD's and DVD's.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Since everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, Long Green decided to celebrate this blessed day with an Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage, green beer and other beverages. The party will be held on Thursday March 17th and begin at 6:30 PM in the Council home. Tickets are limited to 60 people. Cost is \$12.50 per person.

Send a check made out to Long Green Valley Council KofC #8736, care of Paul O'Weber 2223 Larchmont Drive, Fallston 21047. Reservations should be made on or before March 8th at which time any remaining tickets will be sold at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. John's to any and all interested parties.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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Come to the chapel any Tuesday evening during Lent for Evening Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Evening Prayer will begin at 7 PM with Adoration following. Anytime during Adoration, you are welcome to come individually to the sacrament of Reconciliation. Make this a family event!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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The Substance Abuse Awareness Contest has been completed by the students of St. John's. I am now arranging the judging of the posters. If you are asked, please agree to help us. If you would like to help, please feel free to call me. There are two age groups, ages 8-11 and 12-14, and the scoring will be 30% for the slogan / presentation of theme, 40% visual, and 40% overall impact.

After the posters are judged, we will distribute the winner's certificates, participant certificates and cash prizes through the school, and hopefully be able to send the winning posters to the District competition.

**Have a
Heart
for the
Innocent**



PRO-LIFE

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March for Life in Annapolis is on Monday, March 14, 2011.

Hopefully everyone has signed up for the Maryland Catholic Conference or The Catholic Advocacy Network sites and is getting emails about the bills in Annapolis during the General Assembly Session. There are constant legislative assaults on our Catholic Principles that need to be responded to quickly and constantly. Please get involved and stay involved. Pray often.

Each year concerned pro-life citizens in Maryland assemble in Annapolis to march on the capital in support of pro-life legislation. With the support of hundreds of supporters, pro-life legislators, lobbyists and the Knights of Columbus we have been able to hold off legislation that would restrict the pro-life movement, greatly hamper assistance centers, and make abortions even more prevalent in Maryland.

This year the march will be held on Monday, March 14th, beginning at 5:15 with a mass at St. Mary's Church in Annapolis. The evening's itinerary is:

5:15pm – Mass with Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien presiding

7:00pm – March to Susan Campbell Park by City Dock at St. Mary's Church

7:30pm – Speakers featuring David Bereit (40 Days for Life), Matt Birk (Baltimore Ravens), and your Maryland legislators

8:45pm – End of march food at St. Mary’s school cafeteria (Chick-fil-a), and exhibit hall open (approximately 20 exhibitors)

Last year we had over 800 participants at the Maryland March for Life, making it the single largest gathering of its type in Annapolis once again (although the press never covers the event).

How can you support the Maryland March for Life?

1. Attend the Maryland March for Life and to show your support for life issues in Maryland. Last year we had 800 people at the march!
2. Volunteer as a marshal during the march, directing the marchers, helping those who fall behind, directing traffic, etc. Contact Quentin Sedney, at 410-526-4366 or Quentin_Online@Verizon.Net.
3. Support the march financially through direct contributions to Maryland March for Life. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please make your checks to Maryland March for Life and forward them to P.O. Box 106, Annapolis, MD 21404.

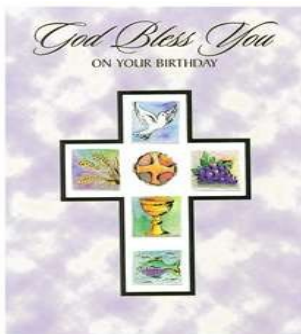


LECTURER'S REPORT

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Our Super Bowl Party was a great success with over 50 people attending and everyone enjoyed the food and watching the event on the big screen. We featured a DVD on the “old Baltimore Colts” on the big screen at our social meeting last month. It brought back memories of how football was in Baltimore and also how the game has changed. With our new AV system completed, we plan to utilize it more for future programs.

I am always interested in any programs or speakers you might want to have and welcome any suggestions. Please feel free to contact me if you have any contacts or leads or have a “story” I can use.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Pat Donohue	6	Jim Hock	7
John Vendetti	7	Keith Kruse	9
Preston Shelton	9	Vince Pipitone	10
Ray Peterson	11	Bob Elliott	13
Pat Martino	13	Tony Moscati	14
Dick Siejack	14	Tom Gorius	15
Matt Gutberlet	15	Harry Pippin	15
Deacon Don Murray	18	Al "Pop" Stritzinger	20
Bill Smith	25	John Schmidt	26
Jody Satterfield	29	Mike Talipan	29
Dean Manzoni	30		

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The Council will be conducting a membership drive at St. John's the weekend of March 19 and 20. We will not be speaking at the Masses but I am asking all members to wear their name badges when attending Mass. I would also ask you to stay after the Mass to handout membership info. We currently have 6 prospects who expressed an interest in joining and we are working on trying to meet with them to conduct interviews. We have a First Degree scheduled for the second meeting in March, but might have to reschedule

due to a conflict with our business meeting being canceled due to the Shrove Tuesday.

One of our goals this fraternal year was to try to get all the members in need of their Second and Third Degree completed. However, due to the weather and lack of candidates, several degrees have been canceled or rescheduled. There is a Third Degree scheduled at Cardinal Gibbons Council on March 18. Please keep this date open if you need this degree.



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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

Please continue to pray for the following:

Brothers:

John Robinson
Paul Oliphant

Relations:

Tory Robinson, Wife of Brother John Robinson

Deceased:

Pat Massarelli, Wife of Former Brother Robert Massarelli and Mother of Former Brother Michael Massarelli. She was past President of the Knights Ladies
Past Chaplin Msgr. Martin R. Strempeck

Charlotte Murray Wife of Brother and past Chaplin Donald Murray
Mary Hare, Sister of Brother Jack Lindung, PGK

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, Bob McGraw, at either of the above addresses and they will be listed/reinstated on the prayer list.

Knights Ladies of Long Green

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Greetings from the Knights' Ladies:

The Ladies had to, unfortunately, cancel their February meeting due to some inclement weather conditions that evening. Our topic would have been the benefits of maintaining an "Attitude of Gratitude". We decided to maintain an "attitude of gratitude" in our own homes that evening; remaining grateful and thankful that we were snug, warm and safe at home and not traveling on any icy roads.

March will be a busy month for the Ladies. On Tuesday, March 1st will we have a much overdue business meeting, followed by some basic instructions on simple yoga stretching and breathing techniques. On March 15th any member who is STAND certified will be teaching the religious ed middle school students how to make the "Blankets of Honor" for disabled veterans. The Ladies are also in the process of arranging a date in March to make our traditional muffins for the residents of Stella Maris. We are hoping to partner with the Social Action Club of St. John School by arranging the delivery of the muffins through an after school "tea party" at Stella Maris. Date, time and details are still being worked out; but if anyone is interested in helping, please contact Dana Rowan @ 443-299-6143 or email danarowan57@gmail.com and she will keep you informed as the details are confirmed.

A reminder – **Our Cash in the Attic Auction is fast approaching!** (April 5th 6:30PM) This is our Spring Fundraiser and there are TWO ways you can support it. **One** – clean out those cupboards, closets, and attics and donate any new or nearly new items you just don't use or wear anymore. We are searching for new or nearly new: purses, jewelry, household or decorative items, holiday decorations, etc. Basically anything that would appeal to "ladies". If your closets and cupboards are bare, then the **second** way you can support us is to **COME to the auction and bid, bid, bid!** All ladies of the parish are invited. Bring a friend, relative, or a stranger off the street. We will put a paddle in their hand and guest auctioneer Chuck Bogdanowicz will have them bidding on items they didn't know they needed or wanted before they know what hit them. If you have items to donate, please contact Dana Rowan @ 443-299-6143 or danarowan57@gmail.com to arrange a pick-up or drop off of donations.

Praying for an early Spring,
Dana Rowan, President, Knights' Ladies

Dear Brothers,

Since the close of the last baseball season, most of us have been adamant about not working the concession stand any more. In fact there have been many initiatives launched in an effort to make up the loss of revenue. Yet there remains some concern for our financial viability in the near term until there is more support for these activities. We previously discussed dropping baseball as a fund raising activity for a number of reasons. These include:



- diminishing cost effectiveness under Aramark's failing operations
- falling attendance at Oriole Games
- poorly maintained equipment that malfunctions and reduces sales
- Aramark policies that penalized us for circumstances beyond our control
- hard physical labor on concrete floors under sometimes intemperate weather conditions for our aging workforce
- long hours of stand operation
- lack of visibility for LGVC when working at the stand
- risk of penalties or non-worthy returns for the workforce we provide
- the large workforce required to man the old stand
- liability of our organization when subletting our stand to other organizations

We were recently contacted by Maryland Sportservice, the company that has won the new 10-year contract for concession stands at Oriole Park. They have operations and many other baseball stadiums and have a program in place for utilizing nonprofit organizations. They sent us a contract to review, and if interested to sign under no obligation or final commitment. After reviewing their terms, we feel that there is sufficient improvement to make it more worthwhile for us and warrants further consideration.

Some of the improvements are:

1. 10% commission on regular stands and 8% on beer stands
2. \$60 minimum per person for each game, with more to be paid if the net commissions are greater. (This is a major improvement, and one that we had requested from Aramark unsuccessfully.) (This provides opportunity for \$4,500 to \$9,000 per season income at a minimum.)
3. Only 15 game commitment required.....we would not have to manage the whole season as in the past. And all games are available, no A, B, or C menu list or requirement.
4. Stands with manpower requirements of 5 to 7, 10 (normal or average stand), and 12 to 14 will be available. Thus we could select a stand requiring fewer volunteers.
5. We can wear our own K of C hats to advertise the organization.
6. All volunteers would need to attend a training session and would be provided an I.D. badge that would be used for admission, etc.

This year could be our last year of baseball operation, per Jim Schmidt Jr., who has agreed to manage our operation again if we respond favorably. If we can get the necessary volunteer workforce and make the guaranteed profit per game, this will give us a great opportunity for a more favorable transition to other income sources. Jimmy has told us that we can address each and every one of these items under the new vendor contract and by taking advantage of several options for stand type. We will provisionally enter into contract negotiation with the new vendor, but **we have the right to opt out before the season unless we can achieve a situation that meets our needs, is favorable to us, reduces the financial risks and has sufficient support from volunteers in the Council.**

Therefore, your input is required if you have interest in Oriole Baseball Concession operations. Based upon the interest expressed (or lack thereof), you will help us make an important decision for the Council. If, after reading you have some interest, then reply to this email, or call Bob Renshaw at 410-592-8406 to express your interest.

There will be a meeting at the Council Home on Saturday, March 5th at 1pm to furnish details for baseball operation this year, including news of the new vendor Maryland Sportservice, and the terms and conditions of the operation under the new vendor. It is imperative that we have a sufficient pool of volunteers to run a stand that is mutually acceptable. If the Council does not have a sufficient number of workers who will commit to a 15 game contract, we will not proceed. If you can not attend the meeting and have interest, we will furnish everything that you need by email, mail or telephone to express your commitment.

If you do not respond we will assume you have no interest in working at the baseball concession stand. This is not an appeal to change your mind so **do not feel compelled to volunteer unless you are truly interested. There are a multitude of other Long Green Valley activities that can use your volunteer hours and attendance support.....but you should be willing to commit support to these as an alternative.**

Please join us for the meeting or respond with your opinion so we can make the proper decision in the best interest of the majority of council members.

Tom Zaegel, Grand Knight

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
MARCH				
01	Tues.	7:00 PM	Ladies Meeting	Council Home
03	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers meeting	Council Home
04/05	Fri./Sun.		State Council Retreat	Loyola on the Potomac
07	Mon.		State Council Weekday Retreat	Loyola on the Potomac
08	Tues.		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	St. Johns Hall
08	Tues.		<u>Business Meeting is postponed to March 22</u>	
09	Wed.		ASH WEDNESDAY	
10	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting-Honored Guest	OLoMC Council
14	Mon.	5:15 PM	Maryland March for life	Annapolis
17	Thurs.	6:30 PM	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	Council Home
17	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Assembly Meeting	Fr. Wolfe Council
18	Fri.	7:30 PM	3 rd Degree Exemplification	Cardinal Gibbons
19/20	Sat./Sun.	All Masses	Membership Blitz	St. Johns Church
22	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
23	Wed.		Second degree Exemplification	Fr. Wolfe Council
26	Sat.	9:00AM	State Council Spring Meeting	Lexington Park
APRIL				
05	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights Ladies Meeting	Council Home
07	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
09	Sat.		Fourth Degree Exemplification	Frederick, MD
12	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
14	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	Pope John Paul Council
22	Fri.		GOOD FRIDAY	
24	Sun.		HAPPY EASTER	
26	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
28	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Meeting	Council Home

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