

# VALLEY VIEWS

## DECEMBER 2011



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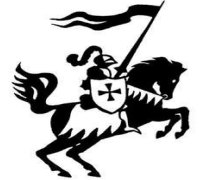
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### GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

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Dear Brothers,

Here is the December update for implementation of my three focus areas for LGVC: Membership, Council Home Facility and Communications.

**Membership:** Our Membership Team, led by Director PSD, PGK Dick Siejack is making steady progress bringing new members into the Council and advancing existing members to higher Degrees. Member surveys have started in November. Remember to carefully complete the survey so that we have your input for development of a standard operating procedure to supplement the bylaws. Here is a sample question "Why did you join the Knights?" We have also started taking digital photos of members for our Council records.

**Council Home facility:** The Church-sponsored repairs to the foundation have started and will be completed about mid-December. Stay tuned to see if our Council Home operations will be affected. Timer operated heaters have been installed in the bathrooms.

**Communications:** We are striving to improve Council Communications and invite your ideas. There are a number of new communications techniques such as web site based polls that we will use to determine if they will work better than current methods of soliciting inputs.

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

Vivat Jesus



## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

**Msgr. Richard E Cramblitt**

I was reading some of the odd and ends in the news recently. You know the kind of thing: man bites dog, etc. It struck me that there are all sorts of very odd thing that go on in the world around us. As a man of faith one of the oddest things I see is not the bizarre little stories that crop up in the news but the blindness of so many among us in the world to the legitimacy and place of faith in our culture. In a day and age when humanity is crying out for a deeper meaning to life than the mere material and physical, how can it be that the effort to block the expressions of faith in the public forum has such momentum? How can it be that so many simply close the door to faith at all?

One of the most important functions of the Knights of Columbus is to witness to the reality of God. The Knights and the Knight's Ladies do so much good in the world. But so do many others, even atheists, who act out of simple human compassion. The Knights are called to witness to more than compassion. We are called to witness to the truth of God, and to our own faith that Jesus is the Son of God. We are called to clearly and unambiguously be men and women of faith in the revelation given in the person of Jesus. All the good that we attempt to do flows from that conviction of faith.

In Advent and in the Christmas season I urge you not to be overwhelmed by the secular "holiday spirit", but to allow yourself to be renewed in the truth of Christ. If your faith in Jesus is at the center of your heart, all the joyful celebrations of this time of year will have a right and true perspective.

Merry Christmas to all my brother Knights and to the Ladies and to your families! May your holidays be blessed.

## **SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS**

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

### **SECOND RESPONDERS PROGRAM**

On Nov. 18, Capt. Alfredo Fuentes, FDNY (Ret.) addressed the state deputies about the Order's new Second Responders Program, which was announced at the Supreme Convention held in Denver last August. As consultant to the supreme knight for disaster relief, Fuentes is developing the program that will help K of C councils to effectively support their communities when faced with a disaster, whether natural or manmade.

"Disasters can only be responded to with a team effort," Fuentes said. "You are so critical for the success of this program. You will all have a part in its development."

Fuentes explained that there are already plans underway to survey members and create a database of volunteer capabilities, including identification of supplies, facilities, personal skills and experience.

The program will first be launched in the United States, and then expand to other jurisdictions. The Supreme Council will soon accept applications for a disaster response coordinator for each state, and is developing a disaster response training program with the help the University of Connecticut.

In addition to providing a critical service to communities, the Second Responders Program has the

potential to attract new members, Fuentes said. "Individuals wanting to leave a mark," he said, "will be drawn to the Order's emphasis on action and charity."



## **STATE NEWS**

The Maryland State Council is honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to Catholic education and to the community at large. Nearly every local council will have one or more members or close associates who serves in one of these professions. They all are deserving of our support and recognition, but each year some stand out above the rest. We are sure that you know someone who should be nominated.

The Grand Knight should appoint one more chairman for these programs. Appoint a nomination committee and a panel of independent judges. Then select a council honoree in each category. Make the presentation at an awards ceremony at a council meeting or social gathering or at any other appropriate venue such as the honoree's school or work location. Invite the recipient's family and friends to the presentation. In addition to a certificate, present a plaque or another appropriate award. Be sure to inform your local news media. Finally, submit the resumes of the council honorees to the State Council chairman on a timely basis.

The State Council Awards in each category will be presented at the annual Founder's Day Mass and Reception to individuals selected from entries received from local councils.

Experience has shown that your local service organizations are eager to participate, so that finding nominees and getting the nomination forms completed is very easy. However, remember that you will be dealing with some very busy people, so it may take some time. Please start as early as possible.

The **Citizen of the Year Award** is based on outstanding religious or civic contributions at the local, state or national level. You can find candidates by using many sources within your local community. Look for someone providing exemplary service to youth, to the homeless, to their church, or to pro-life causes. There are no restrictions of the type of service; the key is simply *service*. To qualify for Citizen of the Year Award the nominee must be a resident of the State of Maryland.

The **Catholic Teacher of the Year Award** is given to a Catholic teacher who has demonstrated exceptional ability and service to the education of our youth. Contact your school principal or the head of your parish CCD for possible candidates.

The **Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT of the Year Awards** go to outstanding individuals in each of these professions. Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the jurisdiction have been recognizing public safety personnel for their outstanding service and dedication for many years. It makes no difference whether these individuals are paid employees or volunteers; in many instances, these men and women risk their own lives to protect the citizens and the property of those they serve. Isn't it time to give something back to these brave and courageous public servants? Invite your local police and fire hierarchy to nominate members of their organization who have demonstrated exceptional service to the community. Establish a working relationship with local public safety departments and make them aware of your support and your gratitude for the services they render.

Please include a narrative describing the contributions of your nominee and explaining why your Council feels that this individual should receive recognition by the Maryland State Council. Include a biography of your nominee. Your narrative cannot exceed four (4) pages using a font no smaller than that displayed here

(Times New Roman 12). Submit this form, your narrative, and any photos, newspaper clippings or other supporting information. Your submission must be postmarked no later than **February 24, 2012.**

Nomination packages should be sent to: Jim Brown  
9318 Lawson Lane  
Laurel, MD 20723

If you have any questions please call me at 301-604-5178 or e-mail me at [jwb122@hotmail.com](mailto:jwb122@hotmail.com)

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

**Jim Cross, PGK, 410-893-1266, [James.cross@comcast.net](mailto:James.cross@comcast.net)**

Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 11/23/2011)

Council /Goals	#	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 13-5	9	9	0	9	3
9815 / 8-3	4	4	0	4	-1
10100 / 8-3	0	0	6	-6	-3
11372 / 17-6	8	8	0	8	0
District Total	8	8	0	8	2

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

Each council in District 4 is very active in its parish. This is commendable. Social activities like Raven Bull roasts or Tailgate Parties, Bingo and Turkey Shoots bring the parishioners together and raise funds for the parish and council. Membership gains often result and several councils are making progress this year.

Long Green sent 5 soccer winners to the State Soccer Shoot-out and Gabrielle Brady won First Place in the 9-10 Girls bracket. Please turn your "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest winners in to the State by December 5. Start working on Basketball Free Throw plans and submissions for Teacher, Police, Firemen of the Year. Second Quarter Activities need to be done by December 31 and the Reports turned in to the State by January 15. Get them done a little early and have your Grand Knight turn them in at the Mid-term meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2012.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- A few key dates to remember:  
 First Degree at Fr Wolfe Council on Dec 19.  
 Second Degree at Fr. Wolfe on Feb 29, 2012.  
 Third Degree at Cardinal Gibbons Mar 16, 2012.  
 Midterm Meeting for GK & DGK on Sat., Jan 7, 2012.  
 March for Life in Washington DC on Monday, Jan 23, 2012.  
 State Convention May 4-6, 2012.

Vivat Jesus! Jim Cross, District Deputy #4



## **FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

### **Archbishop John Carroll Assembly 2378**

Greetings, Sir Knights,

First of all, I wish to express my deep and profound gratitude to all of you who have expressed support and concern during these past couple of months. Hopefully, I am on the mend and will be with you soon. I feel a bit out of it, not attending the past couple of events, but, folks have advised me that the Memorial Mass went very well and the crab feast in September also was a success, as well as the October Fest in October. Coming up is the Assembly Christmas Party which will take the place of our regular December meeting at Long Green Valley Council starting at 8:00PM. Our ladies are invited of course and we hope to see many of you there. God will in' and the creek don't rise, I should be there as well. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification is not that far away, March 3, 2012. For those of you planning on attending, all hotel reservations should be made through Mike Novak, our Faithful Admiral. We have been allocated 10 rooms. Please plan now to attend. Finally, from our house to your house, may you have the most blessed and holy Christmas ever and may the New Year bring you peace, joy and happiness!

Deacon John

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Tom Zaegel PGK, 410-557-4465, [tomzaegel1@comcast.net](mailto:tomzaegel1@comcast.net)

The Christmas cards and magnet sales effort has not been as successful as hoped. There have only been a few orders from the Knights, Church, and School. This is very disappointing. Hopefully the activity will have better results after the sales at the breakfast with Santa and after masses on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our charter Chaplain and former SJE Pastor, Father Leo Tittler is back in town. Brother Dick Lanham has been with him twice since his return and notes he is looking good. He has taken residence at Bright View Assisted Living, 8100 Rossville Blvd., room 302. We are making plans to visit him in the near future as well as bringing him out to the council home in January.

We also recently heard from another member who is in the military chaplains corps, Reverend Dave Kruse. He advises that his father, Joseph Sr., will have open heart/bypass surgery on 14 Nov (at Bayview he thinks). His father was 77 on 17 Nov. Brother / Reverend Dave requests that his fellow Knights keep his "Pop" in our prayers. He had hoped to leave Okinawa on 22 Nov and return on 7 Dec, and while home also get a little hunting time with his brother in PA. I sent emails to Dave with prayers and best wishes, as well as an invite to stop in to visit with us if he has time. His email address is [david.kruse@kadena.af.mil](mailto:david.kruse@kadena.af.mil).

We still do not have Pro-Life and Youth Programs Chairmen at this point. This is taking a toll on the Grand Knight and yours truly. If someone does not come forward to help us out, it may jeopardize our Surge with Service Program as well as star council qualifications. It is our hope that we will receive a special Christmas present from some brothers willing to take charge of these areas.

While the council has had numerous activities to be proud of in the past, and so far this year, there are many opportunities for more charitable activities that we are not implementing due to the lack of volunteers and leaders willing to help. Charity is the first and foremost principle of our order. Yet we are not increasing our efforts in this area. We hear comments about doing more charitable projects, but the officers and



program chairmen can only do so much. A successful K of C Program depends on people taking the initial ideas, modifying them to suit specific situations and local needs, and then implementing the program in a way that works. Our council should be an ever growing influence and important force within the parish and community. We must strive for more meaningful and relevant programs of action. This is the primary thrust of the Surge with Service Program. In order to grow and improve, we need more than the 10 to 20% of the membership to get involved and lead or support new activities. **Please make this part of your New Year resolutions to become more active and involved with the council.**

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Pat Donohue, 410-941-5025, [donohuepj@comcast.net](mailto:donohuepj@comcast.net)



### **Long Green Valley Concert Series (2011-2012 Season)**

**Lessons and Carols** will be performed on Sunday, December 4, at 6:00 PM, enjoy a concert of beautiful CHORAL MUSIC AND READINGS in our historic chapel. Hear the music of Handel, Mozart and Rutter by candlelight. This event is free, but tickets are required and seating is limited. Tickets are almost gone! Contact the parish office ASAP to determine availability: 410-592-6206, or [sjehydes@sjehydes.org](mailto:sjehydes@sjehydes.org).

The **Godspell** dinner-theater was a rousing success. LGVC Knights, Lady Knights and Chorus volunteers set up the dining room, prepared the food and beverages, and served over 250 guests and cast members with our usual efficiency – we served a quality meal within budget parameters. Special thanks to **Chuck Bogdanowicz**, **Mike Talipan** for their expertise in the kitchen and serving line as well as **Tom Zaegel** who organized and managed the beverage operation.

### **Parish Clean-Up**

LGVC provided the vacuum truck as well as several volunteers for the fall clean-up held on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to **Tom Zaegel** for procuring the Vacuum Truck which is an integral part of this event.

### **Memorial Mass**

Our annual Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> in the SJE Chapel to remember and pray for our departed council brothers and Knights Ladies. Our worthy Chaplain, **Msgr. Rick Cramblitt** was the celebrant and **Paul Weber** was the master of ceremony. We also hosted a reception with tasty deserts, snacks, and beverages in the council home immediately following the ceremony. Special thank to **Tom Zaegel** and **Chuck Bogdanowicz** for their help with food procurement and set-up as well as the Lady Knights for their help with serving and clean-up.

### **Annual Christmas Eve Parking**

LGVC will again manage the parking for Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00PM on Saturday 12/24. We will also convene in the council home both before and after Mass for the Ravens game and refreshments. **Bob Dee** has agreed to take the lead on this project again and we will need plenty of volunteers for this important event which draws the largest attendance of any mass throughout the year. If you can help out, please let us know as soon as possible and plan to be there by 2:15PM if possible to set up and get positions. People start to arrive as early as 3:00PM to get good parking and seats. Bring flash lights and dress for the weather.....hopefully we won't need heavy jackets or rain/snow gear.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Ray Dietz, Director, 410 592 5377, [craytrek@comcast.net](mailto:craytrek@comcast.net)

Thanks to the support of several Knights helping with the solicitations at Church, as well as at Giant Food and Safeway Food Stores, the annual Tootsie Roll Project has had another successful year. We will be making substantial contributions to Camp Glow and Gallagher Services Programs of the Archdiocese. These two programs provide tremendous support and service to those in our community with special needs.

We conducted our **Fall Blood Drive** for the Red Cross on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and it was a huge success. There were over 80 advance reservations made. This resulted in 68 units of blood collected. The Red Cross Team was the best ever as things ran very smoothly. We had a dozen or so cancellations the morning of the Drive. With a little more luck our June 2012 Drive should finally break our record. Many thoughts of gratitude to all our Brother Knights who participated that day in the Drive's success - Bob Cyphers, Jim Schmidt, Sr., Pete Stankowski, and Jim Smith. Also my very, very personal thank-you to Michael Bathon who was my co-chairman and devoted many hours to the Drive's success. Any ideas on making this even better next year please email Ray Dietz - [craytrek@comcast.net](mailto:craytrek@comcast.net)

Gratefully Ray DietzT

### **John Mayni, Director**

The **Thanksgiving Food Project** this year was a huge success. The amount of money collected this year exceeded last year's amount by \$1,328 and is a record high for the 21 years of this project's existence. The funds left over from the project will be used to provide food to the needy at Christmas. Many thanks to all who participated in the project in any way. A final detailed report for the Thanksgiving Food Project will appear in January's Newsletter.

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

Paul Weber, PGK, 410-879-0558, [apaulweber@msn.com](mailto:apaulweber@msn.com)

The council's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17 at 6:30pm at Bellissimo Seafood and Grill, 510 Market Place Drive in Bel Air (next to Target) at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$27.50 per person which includes non-alcoholic drinks, salad, dessert, bread and butter, tax, gratuity and choice of entrée.

Choice of entrees:

1. Chicken Parmigiana w/pasta
2. Shrimp Scampi w/pasta
3. Homemade baked Lasagna

Please make checks payable to Long Green Valley Council and mail to Paul Weber, 2223 Larchmont Drive, Fallston, MD. 21047 **no later than December 8.** In the memo section of your check indicate entrée number (#1, #2. or #3). We ask everyone to bring a wrapped funny gift from the 'dollar store'. Mark the outside of gift - for a man, women or generic.

Our First Degree Team is looking for additional members for both speaking and non-speaking roles. We typically perform three or four degrees annually and also conduct several rehearsal sessions. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact PGK Paul Weber.



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



### Family of the Month: Dick & Pat Siejack

Long Green Valley Council is proud to be the Home Council for Immediate Past State Deputy Richard V. Siejack. After serving in all the State Officer Chair Positions, Dick has returned to participation in Long Green Valley business. Not one to rest upon his laurels, he volunteered to be Membership Director, a role he held years ago in the Council, with great success.

Immediately there was a surge in Membership energy as Dick formed a membership committee and defined initiatives for the fraternal year. Extremely proficient at closing the sale, Dick has been provided with candidate names and has been very successful making them candidates for the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

Still involved with State Activities as immediate Past State Deputy, Dick has official functions to attend across Maryland. His legacy program for the State as he left office was the promotion of sonogram machines (at about \$25K apiece) in pregnancy clinics in various locations across the State. These machines show pregnant women the baby that they might have considered aborting. Often the live image changes the prospective mother's mind. This is an important program for our pro-life activities. Dick has encouraged Councils across the State to contribute to this program with funds that have been matched by Supreme. After retiring from State Officer duties, Dick also directed contribution of part of his campaign and State Deputy discretionary funds to this worthy cause.

Wife Pat is a member of the Knights Ladies and has been a strong supporter and integral part of Dick's work with the Council and State for many years. They have two sons and a daughter who have also supported Dick at Maryland State Conventions during his election as State Warden.

We are happy to recognize the Siejacks as LGVC's Family of the Month for November 2011.

## PRO-LIFE

### Culture of Life Activities

Reprint from MD Right to Life News Letter

Rejection of Abortion Allowed

Steve Jobs' Success

Many have spoken about the incredible impact Steve Jobs had on the world through his company, Apple. But his impact would never have been felt if it weren't for a decision in favor of life.

Certainly rejecting abortion allows anyone to live, but in Jobs' case, the situation was one where some segments of society would advocate for abortion.

Job's biological father was a Syrian Muslim and his biological mother was an German-American. Jobs was conceived out of wedlock, in college, and put up for adoption in 1955. Fortunately for the world, this was well before the advent of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, which drastically shifted US culture to one which may have viewed Jobs as a problem to be corrected, rather than a life to be nurtured. Jobs' biological mother's father did not approve of his daughter marrying a Syrian, and thus advocated for adoption.



This baby, adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs, innovated the world, creating a line of products which have altered the way business, home computing, the music industry, telecommunications, smartphones, and tablets are done. All of this accomplished despite the challenging environment surrounding his conception and birth.

Sadly, Planned Parenthood aborts about 340 children for every 1 referral for adoption. Every child given the chance for life defies the abortion industry, and has the opportunity to change the world.

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From MD State Council Email, Lawrence P Grayson, State director, Pro-Life Activities:

This is a story worth reading. While it describes events in Michigan, it underscores the importance of two of our pro-life programs here in Maryland -- the Ultrasound program (which places ultrasound machines in pregnancy care centers) and Linkages (which attempts to strengthen pregnancy care centers through relationships with KofC councils).

The third component in the story is the people praying before the abortion clinic, the frontline sidewalk folks who convinced the women to have ultrasounds. We all are called upon to bear public witness to the sanctity of life. Can your council take a turn praying outside of an abortion center?

The events occurred the other day during the 40 Days for Life vigil, and was reported on October 11.

#### GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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A visibly upset young woman and her mother had just walked out of the abortion center where the 40 Days for Life vigil is going on -- and walked right up to one of the prayer volunteers.

She had been advised to have an abortion because she had difficulties in her life. After a short discussion, the two women seemed interested in the offer of a free ultrasound at a local pregnancy care center. But there were two challenges. First of all, it was 8:30 in the morning -- and the pregnancy center wouldn't open til 9:00. The volunteers decided to take the young woman and her mom to breakfast; that would help them settle down a bit, and it would let them wait until the doors were open at the pregnancy center. The second challenge seemed a bit more formidable. While an ultrasound MACHINE was available, there might not be an ultrasound TECHNICIAN available. So they all went to the pregnancy center to wait -- and pray. Within the hour, another couple arrived at the abortion center. They had been told to abort their baby because of possible disabilities.

They had doubts about going through with it -- so they, too, were offered a free ultrasound. "Can you get us that ultrasound right now?" the couple asked. About the same time, yet another couple arrived for an appointment. They had significant financial challenges -- and they, too, had been encouraged to abort. "And yes," said the volunteer, "couple number three also wanted a free ultrasound."

Meanwhile, back at the pregnancy center, a car had entered the parking lot. None of the volunteers recognized the car. A woman got out. They didn't recognize her, either. She walked over and introduced herself. "I'm an ultrasound tech and I have nothing to do today," she said. "Do you know of anyone that could use my skills?" "Seriously!" said the volunteer. "Just like that!"

Three young women saw ultrasound images of their babies that day. And despite all the reasons each had been encouraged to abort -- they each chose life for their children.

Each of these mothers has a long road ahead and many challenges to overcome. But they've taken a wonderful first step. Please keep them in your prayers, and ask Christ to guide them on their way.

"Before I knew the difficulties of this day, God had planned for our needs to be met," said the 40 Days for Life vigil participant. "Three couples who had planned on ending their babies' lives today are still pregnant tonight. Praise God!"

She added that the overwhelming feeling "is one of both personal humility and awe for our God who did so much today. What a blessing! We praise and honor the Creator tonight. He has done marvelous things!"

## Youth Activities

Joe Owens PGK, Phone: 410 557 6860, e-mail: [kcjto@comcast.net](mailto:kcjto@comcast.net)

We had a very successful **Soccer shoot out competition** this year. After coordinating with Mrs .Delcher and staff at SJE School, and rescheduling three times, we ended up with a great day and much fun activity. All the children in grades 5 through 8 participated on the parish campus in the 3 activities: Long distance kicking, throw in, and penalty kicking. The following were the winners:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>First Place</u>	<u>Second Place</u>
9-10Boys	Jacob Szech	Owen Laue
9-10 Girls	Gabrielle Brady	Rachel Parr
11-12Boys	Alec Jara	Bradley Hock
11-12Girls	Jessica Bauer	Chesca Basilio
13-14 Boys	Samuel Schnitzer	Jeffrey Brady
13-14 Girls	Parker Day	Savannah King

Since there were no other completions in the District, they automatically qualified for the State Competition. And we are extremely proud that Gabrielle Brady won the State competition in her age group. The soccer awards will be presented at the Parish mass on Thursday, December 8th. If you attend this mass please come sit with our LGVC delegation on the side opposite the choir and wear your name tag.

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** was launched in November and judging will take place on Dec.1<sup>st</sup> at the council home. We will submit the 3 winning posters for State competition on Dec3. This year we not only invited the Children of SJE School, but also all children throughout the parish to participate. The prizes for our local winners will be presented at the School Christmas concert on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Other arrangements will be made for any winners not attending SJE School. State winners will be announced at the State Christmas party on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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rsmcgraw@verizon.net



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  
Msgr. John Collopy  
George Thuman  
Bill Loeffler  
James Brayton  
Joe Owens

### Relations:

Tory Robinson, Wife of Brother John Robinson  
Nancy Pfister, Mother of Brother Ed Pfister and Grandmother of Brother Jimmy Greene  
Angela Sallese, Sister of Brother Mike Sallese  
Kevin Landefield, Son of Brother George Landefield  
Louis Landefield, Brother of George Landefield  
Rose Schmidt Granddaughter of Brother Jim Schmidt Sr.  
Joseph Kruse Sr., Father of Brother David Kruse  
Amanda Polk, Daughter-in-Law of Brother Larry Polk

### Deceased:

Brian Crimy, Son of Brother Wayne Crimy

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.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dick Siejack, IPSD, 410-557-9298, [rvsiejack@aol.com](mailto:rvsiejack@aol.com)

Brothers,

Our sincere **congratulations** to the new Brother Knights who recently took their First Degree and became members of our Council. Special kudos to those Brothers who continued their journey in Knighthood by receiving their Third Degree in October.

Respectfully.....

First Degree at LGVC by our Excellent Degree Team 11/22/11  
John Bushman  
John Sochurek  
Robert Sapp

Third Degree at St. Joan of Arc Church Hall 10/29/11

Michael Bathon  
Patrick Donohue  
James Greene  
John Richard  
John Walega

Best wishes to you and your families as Long Green Valley Council trust that you will become active in our many Council Programs.

As we approach the most joyous season of the year and share this special Christmas time with our families and friends, why not ask a Catholic man to join our Order? Why not give a "**Gift of Membership**" by recruiting him as "**A Knight before "Christmas?"**" This would be a great sharing in the true meaning of Christmas and celebrating our Faith, Family and Fraternity!

**Very important information.....** Supreme Council has distributed a New Form #100, Membership Application to all Financial Secretaries that are to be used immediately in place of the present form. The older version of the Form is **not** to be used. All existing Form #100's as well as any existing supplies are to be **destroyed**. Please note **NEW FORMS** have the revision date of 10/11 following the Form number 100-MD in the upper left hand corner. We currently have a limited number of the NEW applications and will make them available.

In closing, may you and your family receive the Blessings and Joy of Christmas and "May the good Lord continue to touch your heart with love and mercy."

Vivat Jesus

## **INSURANCE**

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### **Different life stages, changing needs**

Paying for college for your children may be one of your family's current needs. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

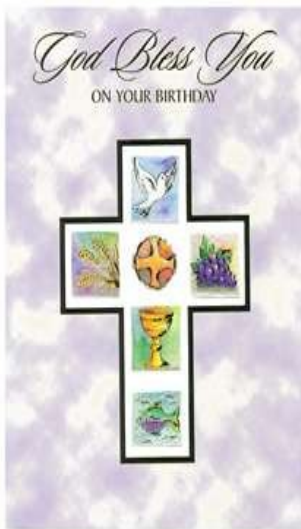
One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at

night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help.

I can be reached at 410-3408561 or [mark.bateman@kofc.org](mailto:mark.bateman@kofc.org). Let's talk.



### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

04	Sam & Donna Gibson	40 years
29	Frank Budzynski & Gloria Gosnell	29 years



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
01	Thurs	7 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
02	Fri.	8:00 PM	3rd Degree Exemplification	Queen of Peace
03	Sat	8 AM to 12 N	Breakfast with Santa	
03	Sat	8:30 AM	MD Right-to-Life Convention	Fr. Rosensteel Council
04	Sun	1:00 PM	Tailgate Party – Cleveland	Council Home
06	Tues.	7:00 PM	Knights Ladies Meeting	Council Home
08	Thurs		Immaculate Conception	
08	Thurs	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	
11	Sun.	12:30 PM	Ravens Tailgate at	Council Home
13	Tues.	8:00 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
15	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Assembly Meeting	
15	Thurs.		SJE School Christmas Program Poster Contest Winners Presentation	
17	Sat.	6:30 PM	Council Christmas Party	Bellissimo Restaurant
24	Sat.	4 PM Mass	Parking for Christmas Assemble at 2:30pm	
24	Sat.		Ravens Tailgate for Parking Volunteers (12:30 Still TBD)	
25	Sun.		CHRISTMAS Day	
27	Tues.	8:00 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
31	Sat.		New Years Eve Holiday	

**JANUARY**

01	Tues.	1:00 PM	Tailgate Ravens Vs Bengals*	Council Home
02	Fri	8:00 PM	3rd Degree Exemplification	Queen of Peace
01	Tues.	7:00 PM	<b><u>NO</u></b> Jan Knights Ladies Meeting	
05	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting	Council Home
07	Sat	8:00 AM	State Mid Term Meeting	St Joseph's
10	Tues.	7:30 PM	Business Meeting	Council Home
19	Thurs.	8:00 PM	BCGK Meeting	
19	Thurs.	8:00 PM	ABJC Assembly Meeting	
21	Sat	6:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner (Pro Life)	Parish Hall
23	Mon.		March for Life	Washington, DC
24	Tues.	7:30 PM	Social Meeting	Council Home
26	Thurs	9:00 AM	Basketball Free Throw Contest	SJE School
29	Sun	10:00 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass	Council Home

- Note: Tailgates will continue for Ravens **Post Season** as Appropriate in January.  
 Dates for NFL Playoff Games are:  
 Jan 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> weekend, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> weekend and Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> (Conference).  
 Ravens Playoff Tailgate Schedule to be announced when determined.

\*\* **Super Bowl Tailgate** will be held regardless of Participants on Sun Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 6PM

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## Knights Ladies of Long Green Valley

**Cassie Wenderoth, President, [cassiewenderoth@gmail.com](mailto:cassiewenderoth@gmail.com)**

Ladies,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are now ready to party. The Christmas party is Dec 6th at 6:30PM. By this time, I assume most have sent their check to Jane Zaegel (3206 Wellington Way Baldwin, Md 21013) for \$20 to cover their dinner. I'm reserving the church hall at this time to be sure we have a place to meet. They do not believe the KofC hall will be finished in time. It was decided to exchange gifts valued at \$15-20 and make a free will donation to be used to buy gifts for a needy family. The gift for exchange is optional and need not be Christmas related. We will be decorating the hall Monday at 10AM. Please let me know if you can help. ([Cassie03@hughes.net](mailto:Cassie03@hughes.net)) Many hands make for easier work and it is fun. This is the last meeting of 2011 and we will not get together again until March.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas,

Cassie