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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brothers and Ladies All,

In all my years of catholic school formation, my years since graduation, and in my years as a Knight of Columbus; I have realized that our religion is not a sit down and receive religion it is a get up and do it. It is not just a faith belief we possess but a practice of our faith. Therefore during the month of November, a month of remembrance of our dearly departed and a day set aside just to focus on and give thanks; take time to pray for all that have gone before us and to rejoice in all we have to be thankful!

All Saints Day is November 1st – a day to remember our loved ones, a day to honor the fallen, and a day to take the time and think about all those who look after us from above. I remember as a little boy going over to my grandparents' house for a few days at time during the summer. My grandfather, Pop-pop Ward would take me all over Baltimore City; we'd go to the foot of Broadway, the wharfs of Baltimore (before Harbor Place) smell the spices from McCormick's processing plant, he taught me how to pump gas at Georgie Eckhart's Texaco before it was the norm, he introduced me to art of building with wood and he also taught some great lessons that I carry with me to this day. Once we were walking around Patterson Park and a man down on his luck asked my grandfather for some money; my grandfather asked him a few questions and where he would spend the money and in a few minutes he gave him a DOLLAR. He later said to me, "....God put him here for a reason, don't feel sorry for him but rather "help him up" and help him live for those reasons....." Well my grandfather has been gone since 1981 but the lessons he taught me live on. This Nov 1st take time to remember all of our "Pop-pops."

Thanksgiving, my absolute favorite holiday! Besides the Calvert Hall v. Loyola Football game at Ravens' Stadium.....GO HALL; it is not only a day to spend time reflecting on all we have but more importantly time to cherish our family and friends and all that the Lord has given us. After dinner, take turns going around the table and tell everyone what you are thankful for. I have always wanted to tell my family what I'm thankful for but even more heart-warming (I wish I had the gift of rhetoric 'cause heart-warming is not the right word I'm looking for, maybe "impactful" or "inspirational") was hearing what everyone else had to say. I leave the table in amazement, after all these years, I still learn a lot about my family and each other. What will you learn from your family this coming holiday?

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, Take Care and God Bless You All

Gregory J. Ward

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ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"LOVE, LOVE, LOVE"

Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." (Mt 40: 37-40)

I know you're all familiar with this story. The Jewish leadership is continually trying to trip Jesus up so they can tag him a blasphemer. Jesus never falls into the trap; instead he tries to teach them what it means to be in love with God and neighbor. If you think about it, these two commandments are so intertwined that it is impossible to fulfill one without fulfilling the other. If we truly love God with all with all our minds, souls and hearts, there's no way we could not love our neighbor. If we truly love our neighbor, it would be impossible for us not to love God. We all know there's much more to the story than that.

If we really want to love God, we must develop a stronger relationship with him. That means we must pray more often. We must come to Mass every Saturday or Sunday. We must try to partake in some of the other prayer opportunities offered at our church; such as Lenten practices like Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic adoration on first Fridays, attending Mass on holy days of obligation and so on. We can offer grace before we eat lunch, pray a decade of the Rosary while driving to work, or say a Hail Mary when we hear an emergency vehicle on its way to help some poor soul. I think we can all come up with different ways to pray during the day.

If we really want to love our neighbors as ourselves, then we must work toward that goal. We must be more tolerant of each other, kind and gentle with others, forgive when someone hurts us, really listen when someone is speaking to us, smile at a stranger, and be a Christian all day every day! Love God and love our neighbor – what a great idea – what a great way to make our world a better place. God has given us an opportunity to enter the kingdom of heaven right here on earth. It is done with loving God and loving our neighbor. Wouldn't you like to enter the kingdom of God today? Why not give it a try!

Peace and All Good
Deacon Jim



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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Patrick Ward, son of Grand Knight Greg Ward, is the newest member of our council bringing out total membership to 285 brothers. Congratulations Patrick, Yes you really do need to SALUTE your Dad..... (sometimes)?????

We have one more first degree this year (December 15th). Let's all work hard and bring in a few more candidates.

Bill Hengemihle
Membership Director

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"What's Going-on in Our Council"

During the next two months we will have the opportunity to serve our Council and the Lord in many ways. Please take advantage of these opportunities by supporting at least one of the planned Council activities during November and December. See you soon. Vivat Jesus!

Church – Steve Herpel (443-987-5621 or olmchssoccer@yahoo.com)

On November 8th, 9:00am – 11:00 am, our Council will be holding our annual Memorial Mass at the stone chapel. We plan to honor the lives of the brother and lady knights that have gone before us and we ask that all members come out. A reception will follow in Kilduff Hall.

Council – Jeff Gutowski (410-925-1762 or jgutowskiwtsb@gmail.com)

Our next Council event will be our annual Holiday party which will occur sometime during the month of January. Details will be provided as we make arrangements.

Community – Larry O'Toole (2301patricia@comcast.net)

Our next activity will be another "Shred-It" event for the morning of November 22nd. Our Knights will work with Chesapeake Shredding to shred the paper goods and Metro Data to shred the electronic goods. This activity provides a valuable service for our church community.

Family – Paul Bartha (248-872-2063 or pzbartha50@gmail.com)

We just finished our trip to Brad's Produce to go pumpkin picking. The weather was perfect and everyone who attended had fun picking pumpkins, going through the corn maze, and drinking apple cider with freshly made doughnuts.



Culture-of-Life – Cliff Wendell (cewendel1@gmail.com)

We just completed painting the porch at Birthright of Bel Air. After 4 years of wear and tear it was time for a refresh. Thanks to all the brothers who came out to help!

Youth – Bruce Miller (410-913-7268 or bmille45@jhu.edu)

Once again the Knights will support the Trunk or Treat event on November 1st. This is always a major event and we will need many Council members to assist in managing the parking lot during the early evening.



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FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE



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Sir Knights,

October got off to a fast start with our Color Corps Commanders (SK Lee Eder and SK Mike Georgulas) participating in the Baltimore Columbus Day Parade --- the longest running parade in America. Our Annual Crab Feed was held at St. Francis de Sales on October 16th with an excellent turnout of about 30 Sir Knights. Closely following the Crab Feed, on Saturday, October 25th, we held our second annual lunch for veteran patients at Perry Point VA Medical Center. We served deli sandwiches with all the "fixins" along with salads and beverages to about 25 patients. This is always a good event and one we walk away from feeling like we've done something good in support of our veterans.

November will see the Color Corps members actively supporting events surrounding the celebration of the Archdiocese's 225th anniversary – the oldest and original diocese in the U.S. The Assembly is also in the process of taking orders for our first embroidered Assembly shirts.

Keith Arndt

Faithful Navigator

John Carroll Assembly #2378

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers All,

I bring you greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Stephen J. Adamczyk.

District Warden Mike Georgulas and I spent this past weekend at the Maryland State Council 2014 Fall Meeting in Cumberland, Md.

Many topics were covered, membership, Service reports, Ocean City Convention information. We also had a chance to meet our new Master of the 4th Degree Thomas Gruel.

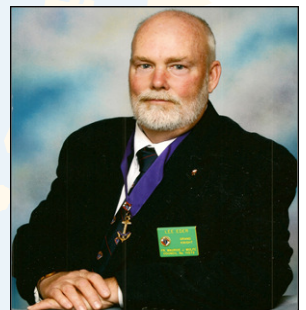
Mike and I will be around to share this with all of you this month.

Thank you & God Bless,

Lee Eder, PGK, PFN

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One Member – Per Council – Per Month



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LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



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This past month the Ladies welcomed a new member, Beth Marchiano. Our growing group had another great and productive meeting. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we wore pink with a purpose - to show our moral support for those with and affected by breast cancer.

Our Annual Beer and Wine Tasting event has been postponed until the spring. Do not fret! On Saturday, November 22nd, we are sponsoring a **Holiday Luncheon Bingo** in Kilduff Hall. Doors open at 11:30am, lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1pm, and the fun begins at 1pm. We will have fantastic door prizes and baskets to raffle. Please contact Karen Georgulas (410.688.7508) or Cynthia Santiago (267.252.5020) for tickets. Get your tickets before we sell out! We hope you can support our fundraiser that will help us serve our parish and many other groups!

Our next meeting will be on November 17th in the Knight's Hall at 7:30pm. As always, we welcome all ladies of the parish. Join us as we serve the Church, Community, Youth, Council, and Family.

[Photo collage courtesy of Connie Piotrowski]

October is
Breast Cancer
Awareness Month,
which is an annual
campaign to increase
awareness of this
disease.



The K of C Ladies
spent a few minutes
at their October
meeting discussing and
reviewing the steps to have
a plan to detect the disease
in its early stages and
encourage others to do the
same.

Cynthia Santiago
Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary

STATE NEWS AND EVENTS

"CAR RAFFLE WINNERS"



If I've heard it asked once, I've heard it 50 times, "Who won the car this year?"

I submit to the readership the winners of the 2015 Ford Mustang, an Apple iPad Air, and a \$200 gas gift card respectively.

**Congratulations to the
2014 Incentive Raffle Winners!**

1st Place: K. Hartman

2nd Place: R. Ballew

3rd Place: D. Jarvis

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More information about the state council can be found at:

<http://kofc-md.org/>

SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

"FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AT SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE IN WASHINGTON"



Gathering at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., for the first celebration of St. John Paul II's feast day as a saint, hundreds of guests had the opportunity to attend celebrations and tour the new permanent exhibit. With 200 Catholic schoolchildren attending the Mass for Young People, the Shrine also opened its doors to members of the media for touring and interviews.

Special guests to the shrine included Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki, archbishop of Lviv, Ukraine, who served as personal secretary to John Paul from 1996 to the pope's death in 2005.

Also attending the day's event was Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who worked closely with St. John Paul II on a number of projects, including the founding of the U.S. session of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. Shrine Executive Director Patrick Kelly was also on hand to answer questions about the exhibit.

The shrine itself is an initiative of the Knights of Columbus, and houses one of the major blood relics of St. John Paul II. The new "A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II" exhibit is a unique 16,000-square-foot permanent tour de force that invites visitors to journey through nine galleries that trace the life, papacy and teachings of Pope John Paul II.

Read more at: http://www.jp2shrine.org/en/news/feast_day_celebration.html

THREE MONTH PLANNER



Check out <http://www.kofc11372.org/calendar> for a full up-to-date listing of our events!

NOVEMBER 2014			
Sat.	1	Trunk or Treat	7:00pm
Mon.	3	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Sat.	8	Church Activity – Memorial Mass	9:00am
Sun.	9	Ravens vs. Titans Fundraiser	8:30a – 5:00p
Mon.	10	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	14	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	17	Council Meeting & Social	7:30pm
Sat.	22	Community Activity – Shred It Event	8:00am
Sat.	22	Ladies Holiday Luncheon Bingo	12:00pm
Thurs.	27	Happy Thanksgiving!	All Day
Fri.	28	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun.	30	Ravens vs. Chargers Fundraiser	8:30a – 5:00p
DECEMBER 2014			
Mon.	1	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Sat.	6	Kid's Christmas Party	12:00pm
Mon.	8	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	12	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun.	14	Ravens vs. Jaguars Fundraiser	8:30a – 5:00p
Mon.	15	Council Meeting & First Degree	7:30pm
Thurs.	25	Merry Christmas!	All Day
Fri.	26	No Bingo!	N/A
Sun.	28	Ravens vs. Browns Fundraiser	8:30a – 5:00p
JANUARY 2015			
Mon.	5	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	9	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	12	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	19	Council Meeting & Social	7:30pm
Fri.	23	Bingo	6:00pm
TBD		Family Activity - Ice Skating at Ice World	TBD

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