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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brothers All,

Thanksgiving has past and the Christmas Season is upon us. What can a Grand Knight say that hasn't been said all ready? This is how I feel as I sit here faced with writing the Grand Knight's Message.

My favorite holiday is over and I'm sure I gained a few pounds, so nothing new there.

I will need to go "buying" for my lovely wife Wendy and the three kids: Katie, Patrick and Andrew. I don't shop, I buy. If I see it, and it is right, I know it right away; write the check, swipe the card or put it on credit, the gift is now mine to give. No matter where I buy it; at the mall or on the net, I have to get it done by the 24th. I'm plagued with the questions: what to get, what's their interest, will they like it, will they use it. What the worst thought is; will it sit on the self and never be used. I know I will spend more money than I should and too much time doing it. So nothing new here either.

Then we have to decorate the house, inside and out. Buy a tree, trim the tree, some of us might have to trim it again after the kids are asleep. Then the sending of Christmas cards: is this the Christmas message I want to send, who's going to make the list, who's going to get cut from the list, how much are stamps, oh gosh I forgot stamps. Cookies, oh no.....the cookies! Then there is the thought of, can we get all our schedules to coincide and decide when to make the polish sausage. Can that really happen at this time of year? Someone will get bent out of shape for not being included. But the bottom line is, get it done before the 24<sup>th</sup>! I sure we have all had similar thoughts, nothing new here.

Well about 15 or so years ago I found myself in the mall on the 24<sup>th</sup>; I thought I needed to buy a few more things. Thoughts of: Do "they" have enough? Does one have more than the other one? But what else? I checked my list, looked at my watch and saw it was noon. I realized then that if somehow I was able to put Christmas off just one more week, I still wouldn't be finished! I could probably do more! Haven't we all felt at one time or another we could do more, nothing new here.

FINALLY, I had a revelation! I realized it was the end and it was the beginning. FINALLY I was done all the Christmas prep work and all the shopping! FINALLY it was the beginning, Christmas started right then and there. I rushed home, changed clothes and went to visit some old friends. For some reason I felt as though I needed to say hello and wish a few people whom I haven't seen in years, a Merry Christmas. I visited 4 families that day all un-announced, and even though all the visits were kept short the Spirit of the Christmas Holidays was appreciated by all, including me. This was the start of a new tradition. It is up to us to make the season bright, make it happen!!!! That's new!

Finally, amidst the holiday bustle, I hope that everyone can find a little time for quiet reflection on the true meaning of Christmas, which in itself is becoming an endangered word. It seems the more people turn away from God, the more unrest there is in the world. As Knights, let us give thanks to God for the great gift He has given us, His son, Jesus Christ.

To my Brother Knights and your families – Have a very Merry Christmas and may God bless every one of us!

Gregory J. Ward

*Grand Knight*



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# ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

I'm talking about the New Year of Holy Mother the Church! November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Vigil Mass we begin the season of Advent. It's a wonderful season for all of us. Advent is filled with the expectation of the coming of Jesus Christ as a little baby in a cold manger thousands of miles from here over 2000 years ago. Isn't it amazing that Jesus Christ, the King of the universe, comes to us with nothing but a thin blanket wrapped around him. The animals in the stable keep him warm with their breath. His mother and father know that he is someone special but I'm not sure they fully understand what his mission is to be. All of heaven sings for a while but then the silence of reality must've hit home. Mary and Joseph had to have wondered about this little bundle of joy given to them through the Holy Spirit.



**Deacon Jim  
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The magnitude of what happened on that night 2000 years ago is really something we Christians need to think about. That is why Advent should be a time when we set aside a few moments every day to ponder what happened and how it affects our lives today.

When I was a little boy, Advent was a very serious time. We fasted, gave up sweets, and other things for four weeks before Christmas. It was just like Lent only shorter. It was harder to keep a fast and collect money for the poor during Advent. We were filled with expectation of the gifts Santa would bring on Christmas Eve. The streets and houses were decorated with holiday splendor and Carols were played everywhere. What will we do this Advent season to remind us of the seriousness of what is about to be commemorated?

Perhaps fasting, maybe trying to be kind to someone we don't like or making an effort to help the poor. We should also be filled with joy! Jesus is coming; let us prepare for him by making room in our hearts, our minds, and our very being! Pray that we will someday fully understand the glory of Christmas and begin to live our lives with that in mind!

Oh and by the way, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Peace and All Good  
Deacon Jim

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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On December 15<sup>th</sup> will be host our final first degree of the year – Lets make it a good one.

Our membership numbers for this year have not been very good; there is much work to be done in new membership and insurance. Please make an effort to bring in that new member NOW.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year...

Bill Hengemihle  
*Membership Director*

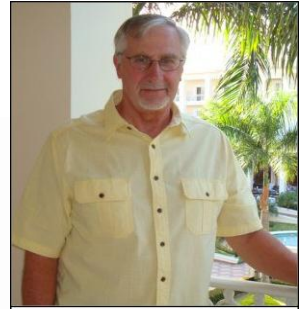
# PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

The candles on our Advent wreath mark the weeks that pass in anticipation of our Lord, Jesus Christ's birth. As each of the four candles are lit the room becomes brighter and brighter. On Christmas day we celebrate the birth of Christ; the true light for the world. As we enjoy our Christmas celebrations, let each Brother Knight remember that our Lord and Savior was born on this day to save us from sin and death. Merry Christmas and Viva Jesus!

**Church – Steve Herpel (443-987-5621 or [olmchssoccer@yahoo.com](mailto:olmchssoccer@yahoo.com))**

The Memorial Mass was celebrated on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We remembered close to 50 of our deceased brothers and sisters during this celebration. The Assembly's Color Corp assisted during the lighting of candles for each of our fallen brethren. We had over 47 people in attendance and honored more than 70 brothers, sisters and personal intentions.



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**Council – Jeff Gutowski (410-925-1762 or [jgutowskiwtsb@gmail.com](mailto:jgutowskiwtsb@gmail.com))**

The Council Holiday party is planned for January 16<sup>th</sup> at Bellissimo's. The start time is 6:30 PM.

**Community – Larry O'Toole ([2301patricia@comcast.net](mailto:2301patricia@comcast.net))**

We just completed our "Shred It" Community Activity on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had quite a few people come out and all together we raised \$354 for John Archer School.



Coming up under Community will be the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Plunge on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. We'll congregate at KofC Hall and leave around 9:30 AM. If you're interested in contributing, you can do so at our membership page at:

<http://plunge2015.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1113288&lis=0&kntae1113288=B4E2651A6FCB4AA68E0A4D3800ADC595&team=6211045>

**Family – Paul Bartha (248-872-2063 or [pzbartha50@gmail.com](mailto:pzbartha50@gmail.com))**

Our Youth (3-10) will be joining their parents to celebrate Christmas on December 6<sup>th</sup> at noon in Kilduff Hall. Bring your children or grandchildren for a great time. Activities will include face painting, ginger bread cookie decorating, lunch, paper art, Santa and of course story telling by Fr. Chuck.

**Culture-of-Life – Cliff Wendell ([cewendell1@gmail.com](mailto:cewendell1@gmail.com))**

The Birthright support that was provided by our Council was very much appreciated by the Center's director. We received a letter from the director expressing her thanks. Plans are currently being developed for a rally in Annapolis during February.

**Youth – Bruce Miller (410-913-7268 or [bmille45@jhu.edu](mailto:bmille45@jhu.edu))**

The Kid's Bingo will be coming up on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. We will need the Knights to come out along with the kids from JIF to help make this activity a success. In past years we've had 175-200 kids and their parents.

Larry Shannahan  
*Chancellor and Program Director*

## STAR COUNCIL AWARD

State Secretary Stephen Cohen personally came out to our last meeting and presented us with our Star Council award from fraternal year 2013-2014. Let's see if we can earn another this year brothers!



# KNIGHTWORKS NEWS



**Rob Hardy**  
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Day in and day out, we have a lot of folks who work behind the scenes and don't get any recognition in the newsletter. We have two major fundraisers that don't see much attention in our monthly newsletters: our Ravens beer stand and our biweekly bingos.

Our Ravens stand only operates for 8 games, but those 8 games bring in about 20% of our yearly income. Likewise, Bingo operates 22 times a year and brings in about 35% of our income. Without quite a bit of dedication from the relatively same group of people, we wouldn't be able to accomplish half of what we do. So without further ado, I'd just like to say "thank you."

Along with that sentiment, we also need people to help out with each of these events. If you'd be willing to come out and help out we'd love to have you. And we have a lot of fun while we work to. Just be warned, if you work the Ravens games during the month of December, you're bound to find some ice in your pocket!



Vivat Jesus!  
Rob Hardy

## INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

*"ANNUITIES: MORE FLEXIBLE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK"*

Annuities are easily misunderstood, in part because of their name. When you "annuitize" the money in your annuity (the money you've paid in, plus the interest it has earned), you've chosen to receive monthly payments for life, or for a fixed period. However, annuitizing this money isn't your only option. You may also treat an annuity like a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC). That is, you can use the annuity as a way to accumulate savings and earn a steady interest rate. You can make withdrawals from the annuity for any reason, although you may then owe income tax on some, or all, of the withdrawal amount. And, if you do choose to annuitize, you also have several payout options.

The point is, these products are flexible enough to serve a variety of needs.

Contact me if you're interested in setting up an annuity as an RRSP, spousal RRSP, RRIF, a non-registered account, or a TFSA account.



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# FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE



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Sir Knights,

Our Assembly's Color Corps was very active in November. Six of our Color Corps members joined over 80 others to participate in the 250th Anniversary of the Archdiocese. Numerous dignitaries were present including our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree. Our Color Corps also participated in Council Memorial Masses and conducted our own Memorial Mass at St Ignatius with a reception following.

The Assembly is in the process of ordering embroidered shirts with over 20 of our Sir Knights having placed orders thus far.

We wish all our Brother Knights and their families a joyous Christmas season and remind everyone to mark your calendars for the Fourth Degree Exemplification to be held again in Frederick the first weekend in March.

Vivat Jesus,

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.

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and found time to spend with family and friends and to give thanks to God for what He gives us every second of our lives.

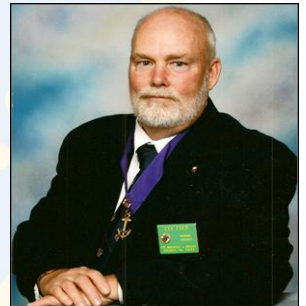
As we move into the Christmas season, please remember that Jesus is the reason for the Season. As Knights, let's go that extra mile and do more for those whom are less fortunate.

To all my Brother Knights, from my family to yours, God Bless and Merry Christmas

Lee Eder, PGK, PFN

*District Deputy #27*

*One Member – Per Council – Per Month*



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# LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



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On Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we held our **Holiday Luncheon Bingo** in Kilduff Hall and it was a great success! In the words of our President Karen Georgulas "Everything was top notch - lovely lunch, beautiful raffle baskets and wreaths, door prizes that brought smiles galore and then holiday greens with festive lighting to bring it all together". A special thank you to all who made this event wonderful! Our Ladies sure are talented and hardworking! To the Knights that helped, we extend a heartfelt thank you. We know first-hand why the Father Wolfe Council is the best!

Congratulations to the infamous past bingo caller, Jack Kreiner, for winning the \$500 jackpot! Jack, make sure to treat Rita to something nice ☺! Thank you to all for supporting our fundraiser!

Our next meeting will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> in Room 205 of the Education Center at 7:30pm. As always, we welcome all ladies of the parish. Join us as we serve the Church, Community, Youth, Council, and Family. Hope you all had an amazing Thanksgiving!

[Photo collage courtesy of Connie Piotrowski]



**K of C Ladies Holiday Luncheon Bingo  
November 22, 2014**

Cynthia Santiago  
*Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary*

## STATE NEWS AND EVENTS

*"LIFE CHAIN PARTICIPANTS IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY"*



On October 5, as part of a national series of similar demonstrations, Life Chains were held in southern Maryland. One, in St. Mary's County, stretched along Route 235 from Immaculate Heart of Mary to the PAX River Naval Air Station. A second in Charles County had folks standing along Route 6 in La Plata from the Courthouse and to the Board of Elections building. To learn more about Life Chains, which are held annually on the first Sunday of October, go to <http://www.nationallifechain.org>, or for more information locally contact Sid Marcus at [ccrtl1973@verizon.net](mailto:ccrtl1973@verizon.net).

More information about the state council can be found at:

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

## SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

*"KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO DISTRIBUTE COATS FOR KIDS ON 'BLACK FRIDAY'"*



As many head out to shop on the day after Thanksgiving, hundreds of area children received a free and much needed gift as the Knights of Columbus distribute new winter coats to children in need at seven sites throughout the country on "Black Friday," Nov. 28.

The K of C Coats for Kids distributions will be held at sites in Connecticut, Minnesota, North Dakota, Arizona, Minnesota, and Washington, D.C. The nationwide initiative builds on a program held in Connecticut over Thanksgiving weekend in 2012 and 2013. Last year 2,000 coats were distributed statewide by the Knights on Black Friday.

Since 2009, in the United States and Canada, the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program has given away some 215,000 coats to children.

Read more at: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/kofc-distribute-coats-kids-black-friday.html>

# THREE MONTH PLANNER



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

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.	18	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Party at Long Green Valley St. John's, Hydes	8:00pm
Thurs.	25	Merry Christmas!	All Day
Fri.	26	No Bingo!	N/A
Sun.	28	Ravens vs. Browns Fundraiser	8:30a – 5:00p
JANUARY 2015			
Thurs.	1	Happy New Years!	All Day
Mon.	5	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	9	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	12	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs.	15	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree - Renewal of Obligations at Fr. Wolfe Council	8:00pm
Fri.	16	Council Activity – Holiday Christmas Party at Bellisimo's	6:30pm
Mon.	19	Council Meeting & Social	7:30pm
Fri.	23	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	24	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Plunge	1:00pm
Sat.	24	Church – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	6:00pm
TBD		Family Activity - Ice Skating at Ice World	TBD
FEBRUARY 2015			
Sun	1	Pancake Breakfast	7:30a - 11:15a
Mon.	2	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Sat.	7	Kid's Bingo	4:00pm
Mon.	9	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	13	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	16	Council Meeting & Judged First Degree	7:30pm
Wed	18	Ash Wednesday	All Day
Thurs.	19	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting at Mason Dixon Council, St. Mary's, Pylesville	8:00pm
Fri.	27	Bingo	6:00pm

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