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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"HAPPY NEW YEAR BROTHERS; LET'S MAKE IT A GOOD ONE!"

Where I Have Been; Doesn't Mean That's Where I'm Going

Thank You Lord!

Let Go and Let God

It Is Just Our Turn

These are a few of my favorite phrases that play a part in my everyday life! Some are used when life gives me lemons; other phrases are used when life gives me or when I have made "lemonade".

The headline motivational statement is self explanatory. Sometimes good things fall upon us but most of the time we have to make it happen. The second, I started thinking of this phase many times on the golf course when I had 2 to 3 holes in a row at triple bogey or worse. This helps me refocus and get back on track, now I use it everywhere. If things really get out of my control I ask for help and then I always give thanks for my Blessings. In certain circumstances that I have to persevere I tend to belittle a situation for I know we have all had to deal with problems in life and it is just my turn. So at this time of year take the time to thank the Lord for All our Blessing in 2014 and look forward to what is ahead.

Our Council has many great things in store for 2015! We have all joined the Knights for a reason.

Whatever your reason for joining the Knights take a look at our events calendar in this newsletter and pick one thing you'd like to do. If you don't see something come to a Council meeting and make your desire known, make it happen. Not only will you feel good about making your desire known but you will also see the NEW COUNCIL HALL! I'll give you a hint, there is a reason the heading above is "painted green."

All work and no play, not this month! Attend the Council Holiday Party on Jan. 16th. Don't forget free ice skating this Friday at Ice World. Polar Bear Plunge is on Jan. 24th, who wouldn't like to jump in the bay in January....."Do it for the children."

A Few Thank Yous:

I like to thank all the people who helped transform the Knight's Hall, just wait until you see it! Thank you Lee Eder for bringing in 5 new members last month and for another who is waiting to take his First Degree.

To My Brothers All, Let's Make 2015 a Happy, Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

Gregory J. Ward

Grand Knight



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ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"ANOTHER NEW YEAR!"

Have you thought about what resolutions to make this year? Are we doing our best to embrace the basic challenges our relationship with God places before us? Are we embracing Faith, Hope and Charity in our daily lives?

Let's explore these three beautiful tenants just a little bit.

Faith: I know we all believe in Jesus. I know we all pray on a regular basis. We come to Mass. every Sunday. Sometimes it's hard for us to get the church on Sunday, sometimes it's hard for us to pray but without church and prayer, our lives will soon have less meaning. Sunday is the day when we gather together as God's family to honor and praise our Lord and share our lives with our brothers and sisters. Sunday Mass will set the stage for our prayer life for the rest of the week. It is when we share our faith with each other. Pretty good resolution don't you think?

Hope: Hope is believing that what we hear at Sunday Mass and in our prayer life is the true message of Jesus Christ. It is taking what we learn in Scripture and other catechesis and putting it into action in our lives. Hope is not just for us. Hope is what we give to other people when we share our story of our walk with the Lord. Hope is one of those treasures that can never be totally spent because the more we have hope in our Lord, the more hope will be given to us. Maybe this is a good resolution for us to consider.

Charity: Charity means that we love another person as much as we love God and ourselves. Charity is the resolution beyond all resolutions. It's easy for us to treat those we like with charity and love. It's not so easy to love those who stretch us. I'm sure each one of us as has a person in our lives that we would rather not be involved with. You know the one you see coming down the street and you have the urge to cross to the other side. Your inner being sends out an alarm to avoid this person at all costs! I don't think that's very charitable, do you?

My dear friends, Faith, Hope and Charity might be all we need to form our New Year's Resolutions. Why not give them a chance; they might be just what were looking for.

Peace and All Good
Deacon Jim



**Deacon Jim
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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Wow what a finish to 2014!!!! The outstanding dedication of DD Lee Eder provided the council with four new members who received honors of the first degree on December 15, 2014. The new members are Glen Nathan, John Kheilen, Robert Berlin and Jonathan Crosson. Please welcome them and offer your support.

Our unofficial membership now reaches an all time high of 289 members. Eleven more new members and we reach our quota and 300 members. This is a great goal... Let's go for the whole brass ring.....

Bill Hengemihle
Membership Director

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

Now that the shopping is finished, the Christmas packages opened and the dinner eaten we can sit back and enjoy the liturgical Christmas season. We celebrated the birth of Christ and now we look forward to our celebration of the Holy Family and Epiphany to finish out our Christmas season. Let us all pray to keep Christ in our minds, hearts and deeds during the Christmas season and the balance of 2015.

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

The Knights helped to park cars for the Christmas Eve masses. Thanks to all brothers who came to organize the chaos.

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

The Council Holiday party is planned for January 16th at Bellissimo. The start time is 6:30 PM. The fee will be \$20/person and include hors d'oeuvres, wonderful buffet dinner, dessert and cocktails throughout the evening.

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

Several of our Knights have agreed to do the 19th Annual Polar Bear Plunge on January 26th at 1 PM to raise funds for the Special Olympics. We'll congregate at KofC Hall and leave around 9:30 AM and carpool down to Sandy Point State Park. Hopefully each Knight that is not plunging will support their Brothers by going on line at our web site and pledge their contribution. 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)

Youth Ice Skating will again be on the ticket for this year. The activity will be on January 3rd at Ice World in Abingdon. Kids, don't forget to bring your parents and a canned good for admission.

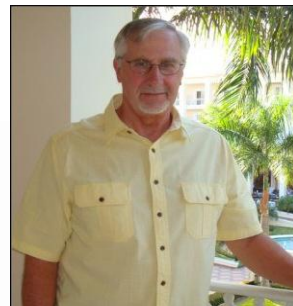
Culture-of-Life – Cliff Wendell (cwendel1@gmail.com)

No activities are planned for January. Stay tuned for our next event!

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

The Kid's Bingo will be coming up on February 7th 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.

Please mark your calendar for the pancake breakfast. The date is February 1st from 7 am – 11 am. We need about 10 Knights to make this event work. Please let me know if you are available. Email me at lshannahan@comcast.net.



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Chancellor and Program Director

FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE



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Sir Knights,

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on Saturday March 7, 2015 at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Frederick. All Third Degree Knights are eligible and encouraged to move up to the Fourth and highest level of Knighthood. Applications are due to the Faithful Comptroller of the Archbishop John Carroll Assembly no later than February 9. The Initiation Fee is \$70 and dress for the Exemplification is Tuxedo. The Initiation Fee includes a ticket to the banquet. Saturday evening. The Assembly always hosts a hospitality suite for gathering and refreshments on Friday and Saturday. Room reservations must be made via the Assembly with a deadline of January 23rd. Cost is @104 per night, plus taxes. Contact point for all reservations (including extra banquet tickets) and submitting membership applications is our Assembly Faithful Captain, Lee Eder, PGK, FFN, DD. You can call him at 410-591-1948, email him at salebylee@comcast.net, or mail reservations to him at 1427 Valley Forge Way, Abingdon, MD 21009.

Why become a Fourth Degree Knight? First of all, in the spirit of "Be all that you can be" this is the highest degree that you can attain. Secondly, this is the Patriotic Degree which honors our citizenship as Americans and emphasizes supporting our Country and those who have served to defend it. Thirdly, it is the source of the Color Corps which is the most visible and dignified arm of the Knights of Columbus. Only Fourth Degree Knights are eligible. Lastly, you will become a member of an Assembly consisting of neighboring Councils and will expand your association with likeminded Knights from throughout the area.

If you need an application or further information, see the Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus,

Keith Arndt

Faithful Navigator

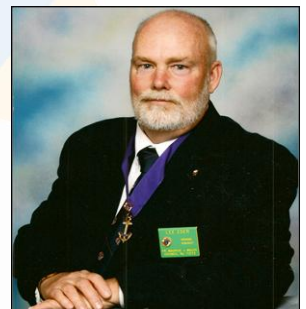
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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Happy New Year Brother Knights!

Brothers, as we start a New Year, let us all start at home with our families, praying together, having meals together and letting each other know how much we love them. Strong families help build better neighborhoods and parishes. With strong neighborhoods and parishes, we can do more to help the less fortunate and keep Father Michael McGivney's Principles alive. I believe in my heart that Families that Pray together Stay together.

I hope the District Warden, Mike Georgulas and I have been of service to our brothers for the 1st six months. Please, it is our pleasure to help you and your councils any way we can.



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May We All Grow in God's Love,

Lee Eder, PGK, PFN

District Deputy #27

One Member – Per Council – Per Month

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

"Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius." – Pietro Aretino



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As winter is upon us, planning has begun for our biggest event of the New Year! Kindly "save the date" for our Annual Wine & Beer Tasting taking place on Saturday, April 25th in Kilduff Hall. Committee sign-ups will take place at the January meeting. We hope you can support our fundraiser that will help us serve our parish and many other groups ☺

Our next meeting will be on January 19th in the Knights 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. And, warm wishes to all for a bright and prosperous New Year!

Cynthia Santiago
Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary

INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

"ASK ELIGIBLE MEN TO JOIN"

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.



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STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

More information about the state council can be found at: <http://kofc-md.org/>



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Welcome to the New Year. Best wishes for a Holy Happy Healthy Year for all of us. Got any resolutions! How about we consider some for the Knights: 1) At our Supreme Knights request, we consider it a moral obligation to offer membership to every Catholic male over the age of eighteen, and 2) again at Carl Anderson's request, we hold degrees for candidates and not hold candidates for degrees. I think if we follow his simple suggestions, we can double our Order in the state of Maryland.

Hopefully every Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight will attend the mid-term meeting in January. For the GK's it will have a revitalizing message to complete the year with resounding SUCCESS. For the DGK's it will be a preparation for your advancement to GK, and a "how to" course for a SUCCESSFUL year. Our Goal as a State TEAM is to make this your council's most SUCCESSFUL year ever. I would also like to ask for your help in making our jurisdiction better. We cannot improve those areas we do not know are broken or in need of repair. I know full well there are some items that fall between the cracks. PLEASE

help us identify those areas (mistakes, oopses) and make them better. Bring them to your State Officers attention, so we can repair damages together and keep the ship afloat. Lastly, as part of my New Years' resolutions, I will be praying more for all of my brother knights and your families. Your health, your wellbeing, and your children mean a lot to me and to our church.

We are the future of our Catholic faith. I can only ask that you continue prayers for me and the leadership of the Knights in Maryland as well. That we may continue to lead in a moral and just manner. Remember your first degree...do you have your rosary and do you pray it often.

God Bless,

Stephen J. Adamczyk
Maryland State Deputy

SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

"SILVER ROSE PRESENTED TO THE POPE"



At the conclusion of a special Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica to mark the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Eduardo Chávez, a Canon of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and brother Knight, presented the Holy Father with a silver rose.

The silver rose was hand-carried from Canada, through the United States to Mexico City by Knights of Columbus as a symbol of unity in the continent of America. For more than 50 years, the Order has sponsored the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program to reaffirm the Order's commitment to the sanctity of life and honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, with whom Pope Francis met earlier in the day in a private audience, was also at the Mass.

Read more at: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/silver-rose-presented-pope.html>

THREE MONTH PLANNER



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

JANUARY 2015			
Thurs.	1	Happy New Years!	All Day
Sat	3	Family Activity - Ice Skating at Ice World	5:15pm
Mon.	5	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	9	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	12	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs.	15	4 th Degree - Renewal of Obligations at Fr. Wolfe Council	8:00pm
Fri.	16	Council Activity – Holiday Christmas Party at Bellisimo's	6:00pm
Mon.	19	Council Meeting & Social	7:30pm
Fri.	23	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	24	19 th Annual Polar Bear Plunge	1:00pm
Sat.	24	Church – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	6:00pm
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 th Degree Meeting at Mason Dixon Council, St. Mary's, Pylesville	8:00pm
Fri.	27	Bingo	6:00pm
MARCH 2015			
Mon.	2	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	9	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	13	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	14	St. Patrick's Dance	6:15pm
Fri.-Sun.	13-15	Retreat to St. Joseph in the Hills Retreat House in Malvern, PA	4:00pm-3:00pm
Mon.	16	Council Meeting & Social	7:30pm
Fri.	27	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	28	Community Activity – Special Olympics Luncheon	TBD
Sun	29	Palm Sunday	All Day

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