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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brothers All,

I hope everyone had a chance to see the "new" Knights' Hall; a lot of work and effort went into renewing our building. If you haven't seen the hall, please come to our next Council meeting and take a look at your Brothers' handy work.

As we enter the latter part of our fraternal year I ask everyone for their continued support and participation. Larry Shannahan and his team of Directors have a lot in store for us in charity's sweet name. Like so many times in the past, please continue to give of your time and talent.

As we continue to do God's Will, please consider a position of leadership in this role. Some of your Brother Knights are finishing their second year as an Activity Director and there will be a need to fill certain positions. At this time I ask you to consider becoming a Church Activity Director, a Council Activity Director, Youth Activity Director or a Culture of Life Activity Director. All these positions have unique benefits and rewards; you need not have any experience to be successful. Past directors and the officers will help guide you in successfully accomplishing the Council's Activities.

In addition to the anticipated open Activities Directors positions; the Council is also in need of a Bingo Chairman, a Ravens Chairman and a First Degree Chairman.

At this time I'm not asking you to commit to a position just give it some thought! Not all good things come to those who wait; sometimes you need to go out and get it! I will make myself available to answer any questions you may have. In advance, thank you for your consideration.

God Bless you All,

Gregory J. Ward

Grand Knight



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ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"IT'S LENT AGAIN"

Where does the time go? It seems we were just singing "O Come All Ye Faithful" and now we are a few short weeks from Ash Wednesday. It's time to start thinking about what we will do during Lent to bring ourselves closer to the Lord. We all know we are called to fast regularly and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the other Fridays in Lent. I'm sure we are ready to take on these penances to fulfill our obligations during this solemn time of year. I wonder if we could do a little better. Could we do just a little bit more to make this Lent more meaningful?

I had a priest friend who used to do something very special. He would go to a restaurant and deliberately order something he didn't like. Now that's penance! I'm not sure any of us are ready for that kind of sacrifice. There are, however, many things we can do to make this Lent a special time for ourselves and those around us.

Perhaps we could find a positive sacrifice? Instead of offering to do the dishes or take the car for an oil change..... just do it. How about cleaning your spouse's glasses (please make sure you know how to clean them properly first)? Take out the trash before the other person has a chance to. Come to Stations of the Cross as a family.

You get the idea. There are lots of things we can do to make another's life easier. The church also provides many opportunities to share your faith with family and friends. This could be a great start to living the way Jesus asked us to. It's worth a try, don't you think? Who knows, you may start something that will last forever! Wouldn't that be a great Lent?

Peace and All Good
Deacon Jim

KNIGHTWORKS NEWS



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I'm sure some of you have noticed by now, but the our council's website has received a face lift. Check out <http://www.kofc11372.org> if you haven't seen it yet. This is not the final version that we'll be submitting for judging, but it's a fairly close representation of what you can expect. In addition to the facelift it should work better on mobile devices – this is called "responsive design." The pages and menus collapse to accomadate smaller screens while still maintaining the same fundamental content.

There have also been changes to the submission guidelines for the newsletter. As such, you can expect to see content from the Chapter of Grand Knights in coming months. We also only need to submit four newsletters for the actual judging. Going forward, if a newsletter strikes you and you feel it's one of the better ones, please let me know. The officers will be combing through these to choose the ones with the best content, but we'd also like to hear what YOU think stands out.

Finally, I'm looking for a few good men to help out with content on the website. If I continue on in the chairs whenever they open up, I won't be able to maintain the content and calendar in as timely of a manner. It's very simple to do; no more difficult than editing a Microsoft Word document, and it would be a big benefit to the council. If you're interested in helping out with the website or newsletter, please drop me a line!

Vivat Jesus!
Rob Hardy
Deputy Grand Knight



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

We are now in the Church's Ordinary time of the year. Because Ordinary Time refers to the period of [the Catholic Church's liturgical year](#) that fall outside of the major seasons ([Advent](#), [Christmas](#), [Lent](#), and [Easter](#)), and because of the connotations of the term "ordinary" in English, many people think Ordinary Time refers to the parts of the Church year that are unimportant. But nothing could be further from the truth. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" because the weeks are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, Ordinary Time is in fact the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

As always, our Council has had, or is having, many activities planned though out this Ordinary Time. Just to mention a few:



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



The Knights held a Day of Recognition for our church's Altar Servers. The activity was held in conjunction with our Pancake Breakfast on February 1st. Grand Knight Greg Ward made an announcement thanking our unsung heroes and Director Steve Herpel sat down with each of the guests and thanked them personally. The Servers were honored for their support of our liturgical celebrations with a free breakfast and a small token of our thanks. Great work done by our outstanding youth.

Culture-of-Life – Larry Shannahan (443-928-9393 or lshannahan@comcast.net)

Throughout February the Knights are working with the Faith Formation youth and sponsoring Babe Bottle Boomerang to benefit Bel Air Right to Life. Coin collection baby bottles will be distributed to the Faith Formation School Children for gathering loose change throughout the month. In addition a large collection bottle will be placed in Kilduff Hall during February's pancake breakfast as well as donut Sunday. We are hopeful to raise over \$100 for Birthright.

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

Due to the scheduling of the football playoff games, our family ice skating was somewhat lightly attended. Although attendance was light we collected over 30 bags of food for the outreach program. Thanks to all that participated and contributed.

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



The Holiday Party was a major success. Over 50 Brothers and family attended the party that was held in the Ballroom of the new 501 Johnnys (Bellissimo's). The food was plentiful and delicious. The magician was outstanding and we all learned that Jeff loves to dance. And the camaraderie, as always, was the best. Great job Jeff.

Community – Larry O'Toole (443-619-6976 or 2301patricia@comcast.net)



Our Brothers participated in the 2015 Polar Bear Plunge benefiting the Special Olympics of Maryland Athletes. The event was held in frigid weather at Sandy Point State Park on January 24th. As always the Chesapeake Bay was a very foreboding sight for all plungers but all had a great time raising money for this worthy cause. Our plungers raised over \$1175.

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

The Kid's Bingo is being held on February 7th. This is always a well attended activity. As such, we will need the many Knights to help throughout the evening. The funds raised from this activity will go towards the ongoing fight against Juvenile Diabetes.

Larry Shannahan
Chancellor and Program Director

FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE



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Sir Knights,

In the opinion of most of our Fourth Degree Sir Knights, the most important thing we do is pay tribute to Brothers who have passed away after years of service to family, country, Church and our Order. Once again, January found many of our Color Corps members active at viewings and funerals. We also hosted a Color Corps training and certification session with members throughout the state attending. The District (State) Master joined us in mid-January for our annual Renewal of Obligations, wherein the Sir Knights re-dedicate themselves to the oaths previously taken at each of the four degrees of our Order.

The annual Fourth Degree Exemplification is coming up soon -- March 7th, in Frederick, Maryland. There is still time for Third Degree Knights to apply for membership. The deadline for applications and fees to be in to our Faithful Admiral, Lee Eder, is February 9th. For more information please contact either Brother Lee or me.

Why become a Fourth Degree Knight? In addition to being the highest degree that a Knight can attain in our Order, this is the Patriotic Degree which honors our citizenship as Americans and emphasizes supporting our Country and those who have served to defend it. At a time in America when many of the values of our Church and country are being challenged, what better time to stand up and be recognized as a Catholic gentleman and a patriot?

Vivat Jesus,
Keith Arndt

Faithful Navigator
John Carroll Assembly #2378

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers All,
I bring you greetings from our State Deputy – Stephen J. Adamczyk.

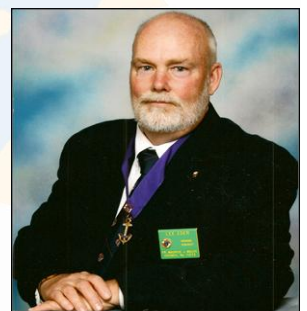
As we move forward into the 2nd half of our fraternal year, let us all make the extra push to bring in some new members. The Order needs new Members, our communities need active volunteers and the Catholic Church needs men who it can count on to keep the Faith alive. The State Council is asking that all councils hold a parish Recruitment Drive in the month of March.

The District will hold a Basketball Free Throw some time in February. The winners of the local councils' Free Throw will compete in the State Free Throw in March. We're still working on a date, place and time.

To all, thanks for all the hard work and time that you give to the Knights of Columbus, so we may carry on Father Michael J. McGivney vision!

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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On Sunday, March 1st, we are hosting a parish-wide “Baby Shower” once again. A box will be placed in the Narthex for donations to benefit the Birthright organization of Harford County. “Birthright is a pregnancy help center where anyone concerned about an unplanned or untimely pregnancy can find assistance as near as the telephone. Birthright offers services to help the woman with her pregnancy, both materially and through community referrals.” You can donate any baby items. Specifically, clothes, diapers, wipes, baby wash, shampoo, formula, and baby food are always needed. Also, the ladies are hosting the Donut Sunday Social that same day! Feel free to drop-off a baby item in Kilduff Hall after any mass and join us for donuts and coffee ☺

Are you interested in helping with our Annual Wine & Beer Tasting taking place on Saturday, April 25th? Whether it’s decorating Kilduff Hall or selling tickets, your time will be appreciated. Committee sign-ups will continue at the February meeting. Come be a part of this fantastic event!

Our next meeting will be on February 16th 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.

Cynthia Santiago
Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary

INSURANCE ADVISOR’S REPORT

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In short, if you have a job and don’t have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

Edward O’Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF, LUTCF



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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Council membership statement as of 01/01/2015 is as follows:

Total members	286 – 10 Inactive, 3 Honorary, 3 Honorary Life & 3 Disability.
Insurance members	151
Associate members	135

Our membership quota for the year	19
Net year to date	6
Percentage attained	31%
Insurance members quota	7
Percentage attained	0%

We still have time to reach out membership goals. Please speak to your prospects NOW. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Bill Hengemihle
Membership Director

STATE NEWS AND EVENTS

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

On behalf of all the State Officers, Happy Valentine's Day to all the lovely ladies of the State. Remember chocolates received are fat free until March. It is important that I bring to your attention the fact that our charity account is getting low. We have already given out this year as much in funding as we have donations. Times are difficult and as we enter the colder months I fear we will be asked for additional help. I ask all Grand Knights, to please take this message to your councils. If you have not distributed the envelopes for the Charity Fund, now is the time to do so. Please ask the brother knights to consider making a donation to those less fortunate. Fr McGivney's intent when starting the order was Charity First. Speaking of colder weather, have you taken the time to check on your older members? If you have not seen the usual men at the meetings, where are they? Do they need a ride, do they need assistance, and are they sick, can you bring over some chicken soup? Again make it personal, wouldn't you appreciate a call if you were home bound? How about a council project to visit the sick or disabled (even just weather disabled) and make sure their needs are being met. Ask your fraternal benefits advisor for assistance in this endeavor!



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The State of Maryland is in great shape because of your leadership and guidance. Membership activity is good but needs to be better. As Carl Anderson has told us, we have a moral obligation to offer membership to every eligible male over the age of 18 to join our Order. As Pope Francis has insisted, go to the outskirts; bring Catholic men back to our faith. Welcome them back, don't judge. As Knights we can help even those lapsed or missing Catholics become better with their faith, better with their families, closer to their Church and its clergy and better with the community in general. Lastly no brother knight stands alone. If the State Officers, directors, chairmen, regional advisors can be of any assistance, give us a call. Each of us is ready willing and able to jump right in when asked.

All it takes is a phone call or a question and help is on the way. Continue to pray for the State Officers and our Team that we may continue to do Fr McGivney's and God's work to the best of our abilities. Remember the pledges you have taken in your degrees especially the first degree. Do you have your rosary with you and do you pray it often.

Vivat Jesus

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

SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

"KNIGHTS AMONG HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS AT MARCH FOR LIFE"



D.C., hundreds of thousands gathered to witness to the sanctity of every human life by participating in the 2015 March for Life. Joining them was Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who addressed the marchers — including thousands of Knights and their families — and thanked them for their support of the culture of life.

“Thank you for your witness and your stand for life!” Supreme Knight Anderson said to the crowd. “We face new threats this year — new efforts to legalize doctor-assisted suicide. But we will stand up for all those at the end of life, as we do for those at the beginning of life. We must build a culture of life for all those who are vulnerable or who suffer — their life is a gift! Today, we celebrate the gift of every life.”

Knights and their families, including many college Knights from throughout the country, gathered for the march, which this year focused on the theme “Every Life is a Gift.” Many carried council banners and flags, but these were just one indication of the Order’s presence. Scattered among the crowd were also thousands of K of C “Defend Life” signs, which the D.C. State Council distributed to marchers.



Along with the supreme knight, several other speakers addressed the crowd, including Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and members of congress from both parties. The march was led by Jeanne Monahan Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund.

During his remarks, Supreme Knight Anderson told participants that the latest Knights of Columbus-Marist polling shows that more Americans are embracing the culture of life. The January 2015 poll results indicated that:

- 84 percent of Americans want significant restrictions on abortion.
- 84 percent say laws can protect both a mother and her unborn child.
- Two-thirds of Americans say our abortion rate is too high.
- And 60 percent of Americans say abortion is morally wrong.

“Why is public opinion turning toward life?” Supreme Knight Anderson asked. “Because you stand up for life! Because no amount of propaganda can cover up the pain of women who regret their abortion. And because when women know the truth they choose life!”

Read more at: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/knights-among-hundreds-of-thousands.html>

THREE MONTH PLANNER



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

FEBRUARY 2015			
Sun	1	Pancake Breakfast	7:30a - 11:15a
Mon.	2	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Sat.	7	2 nd Degree Practice	9:00am
Sat.	7	Kid's Bingo	4:00pm
Mon.	9	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	13	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	14	2 nd Degree Practice	9:00am
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
Sat.	7	4 th Degree Ceremony in Frederick, MD	All Day
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
Thurs.	19	4 th Degree Meeting at St. Ignatius Council, Forest Hill	8:00pm
Fri.	27	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	28	Community Activity – Special Olympics Luncheon	TBD
Sun	29	Palm Sunday	All Day
APRIL 2015			
Sat	5	Happy Easter	All Day
Mon.	6	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	10	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	13	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs.	16	4 th Degree Meeting at Long Green Valley Council, St. Johns, Hydes	8:00pm
Mon.	20	Council Meeting & First Degree	7:30pm
Fri.	24	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	25	4 th Annual International Wine and Beer Tasting	6:00pm

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