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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brothers All,

Thank goodness February is over, good-bye sub-zero nights and adios to the snowy days.....hello warmer weather. I hope! But no matter how the weather plays out, there is something I will always welcome, new activities and events that are planned in March. As you review the following pages please plan to attend or participate in the upcoming events. On March 2nd, our Council will be conducting a First Degree Ceremony which will also be judged by the State; please make every effort to attend. No matter if it snows and ices-up the night before I believe the day will be beautiful for the evening event. On March 14th please attend the St Patrick's Dance and on the 28th we will be holding a Special Olympics luncheon for the athletes who were competing in the morning. All families are welcome.

As we begin the second week of Lent, The Catholic Church teaches that all people are obliged by God to perform some penance for their sins and fasting is one such penance. I also know that many of us have given-up some sort of vice. In past years I have given-up or tried to give up something as my penance, but this year as I was thinking on what to give-up a thought kept popping into my head..... why not do something proactive during Lent!

I am sure I'm not the first to think such a thought. I did a little bit of research and found that Lent is also the time to start new patterns of prayer. It was on THAT DAY I/we all received in the mail "The Little Black Book" from our parish. A coincidence? Maybe! "The Little Black Book" is a collection of passages on the Passion according to Luke. I have added this activity to my Lenten preparation. Maybe we all could add something spiritually rewarding during this Lenten Season.

By the way, a couple of years ago when I was talking with Fr. Chuck, he said, "I don't believe in coincidences or luck that is God at work". Hmmm! I knew right then what I needed to do!

God Bless you All,

Gregory J. Ward

Grand Knight



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ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"LENT"

Some of you will be reading this article at the beginning of Lent, some of you toward the end. I guess it really doesn't matter whether it's the beginning or the end. What does matter is how our relationship with Jesus has changed during these 40 days.

I'll bet some of you are saying, "Oh no, not again, another article about discerning what's good for us during Lent!" You are right – that's exactly what this article is about. Think about this: if it wasn't important why would there be so many articles and books written about this very subject? We can spend 40 days going through the motions of fasting and abstinence, increasing prayer and giving money to the poor without really gaining anything from our sacrifices. However, if we do our best to gain a closer relationship with God during this holy time of year, wouldn't it be better than just giving things up and giving money away?



**Deacon Jim
Sullivan**

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It's not really that hard. Wherever you are in Lent, please try to make the sacrifices, prayer and almsgiving part of your daily life from this day forward. When you sacrifice, offer it up for someone who sacrifices every day just because of where they live or the color of their skin. Pray for someone who desperately needs your prayer, maybe someone living in a land where there is no food or to practice their faith is against the law. When you give money to the poor, make sure you offer a prayer for them at the same time. These simple but profound things will make a difference for the people around you and most of all it will make a difference in you.

Peace and All Good
Deacon Jim

KNIGHTWORKS NEWS



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I don't know how things are shaping up for each of you, but for the officer corps it's crunch time. Program reports are due to the state, grading of the newsletter and website are coming up, it's organized chaos all around. The next time you see any of the officers make sure to say a special thanks for all the hard work they pour in to making this such a successful council.

That said, for next year we're still looking for 3-4 activity directors, a bingo director, a Ravens director, and I know I could use some help with the web work and newsletter. If you find yourself reading this thinking "I can do that!" or even "I have some time, but I have no idea what that entails," talk to me – this is the perfect time to get involved. As we wrap up many of the events for this year and begin to plan for the next fraternal year, there's no better time to step up than right now. We can get you involved with the current activity director and give you an idea for what the job entails. In some cases, the events are already planned out and just need someone to execute them. In other cases, you have complete latitude to come up

with fresh ideas as long as they fall into the general program area.

One of our goals going forward is to have a deputy activity director in each area to shadow the position so that it's not a foreign thing to step up into. Please help to keep this one of the top ranking councils in the state; the more hands we have to help, the easier the load is on everyone.

Vivat Jesus!
Rob Hardy
Deputy Grand Knight

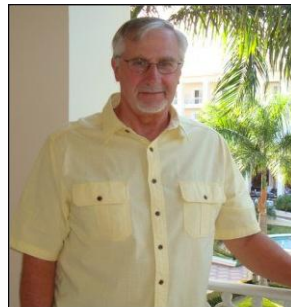
PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

On Wednesday, February 18th, we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Like many parishioners, my wife & I make it a practice to give something up that we find enjoyable, (i.e. wine and beer). However, in one of Fr. Roque's daily masses, he mentioned that it certainly is good to sacrifice but it may be equally as fulfilling to make a positive gesture each and every day. Father provided several examples of what we may wish to consider as our good faith initiative. Hopefully, as faithful Brothers in Knighthood, each one of us can make just a little positive difference within our families or communities. Remember, we can be a shining light for Christ throughout this Lenten season.

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

The Alter Server Recognition turned out to be a wonderful success. We had about 10 servers and their families recognized by the Grand Knight and the Church Activity Director. Each received a certificate of appreciation as well as a Rosary in recognition of their service. Additionally, they were provided their pancake breakfast free of charge, a small token of the Council's appreciation.



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The Council is sponsoring the annual Malvern Retreat. This is a great time of thoughtful prayer and introspection. Silence is encouraged throughout the grounds to facilitate this. We'll be leaving at 4:00 PM on March 13th and returning around 3:00 PM on March 15th. The cost of the retreat is a free-will donation; a suggested amount of \$200 is asked but certainly not required. Contact Rich Sosna (410-569-9374) for details.

The Council will also be landscaping the garden in front of the Stone Chapel. As soon as the weather breaks and we can see the ground we will send out additional details.

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

The Knights are sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day party on March 14th. It is being held in Kilduff Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. Of course corned beef and cabbage will be served along with other tasty snacks. Any where would an Irish party be without green beer? Of course we will be offering some of the green beverage! The tickets are still available for \$27.50/person. Contact Bill Hengemihle at 410-569-5253.

Our annual Leo Burnt and John Myers Horseshoe Tournament will be held on May 30th. Please note your calendar and plan on attending.

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

Our Council will once again host a Parkinson's Dinner. The funds generated from contributions made at this dinner will be donated to the Parkinson's Foundation. John & Sally Myers will organize and manage this effort. We are planning this dinner to happen during an April meeting night.

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

The Faith Formation children, Knights and parishioners raised close to \$500 with the Baby Bottle Boomerang activity. The funds will be donated to the Bel Air Birthright on Gordon St.



On May 9th and May 10th, the Council will be packaging marigolds for distribution to all mothers at masses on Mother's Day, Saturday and Sunday. Please mark your calendar; we need all the help we can get.

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

On March 28th our Council is sponsoring a luncheon for many of the Special Olympics ice skaters living in the tri-state area. Knights of Columbus' state officers will be present. It would be great if many of our Council members turned out in support of the Olympians. The time has not been nailed down but it will certainly be around the lunch hour.

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

The Kid's Bingo once again turned out as another wonderful time. All children and their families had a great time and the Council raised close to \$500. These funds will be donated to the JIF youngsters for use in supporting their journey to their annual retreat. Nicholas Wilson (featured below) was our big winner; he won the grand prize – a 10 inch Android table.



Plans are currently being developed by Bruce for a youth Soccer Shoot Out. Details will follow in next month's newsletter.

Larry Shannahan
Chancellor and Program Director

FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE



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Sir Knights,

As most of you know, there is a critical shortage of Catholic priests serving on active duty as chaplains in the United States Military. More than 300,000 Catholics now serve on active duty in all branches of the U. S. Armed Forces., but right now we have only 227 priests serving as active duty chaplains -- that's one for every 1,300 Catholics. It would take nearly an additional 500 priests to meet the military current demand for Catholic chaplains. The Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program is a means to address this shortfall and is seeing a dramatic increase in the number of young men participating. In this program the Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS) pays 50% of the education costs and the local diocese pays 50%. Upon ordination the new priest serves 3 years at the diocese followed by 3-5 years in the military.

The projected cost of this program over the next 5 years is \$2.7 million, in addition to the AMS annual operating budget of \$5.1 million. The AMS receives no funding from the government and has no parishes to take up weekly donations. The AMS depends entirely on private donations for survival. The Knights of Columbus have pledged a \$2 million donation and the Maryland District has been tasked to raise \$20,000. Our Assembly has budgeted a donation of \$110, but it doesn't seem to be enough, especially when compared to the donations of other Assemblies in Maryland. At our last business meeting a motion was made and seconded to donate a total of \$500 -- the \$110 budgeted, plus \$390 from savings -- both are very affordable. This motion will be voted upon at the next regular business meeting to be held at 8:00 pm on March 19, 2015 at St. Ignatius in Forest Hill. Approval requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 present, a quorum being 15 members present. Please join us to ensure we are able to approve this important endeavor. Of course, additional individual donations are encouraged and welcome.

Vivat Jesus,
Keith Arndt

Faithful Navigator
John Carroll Assembly #2378

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers All,

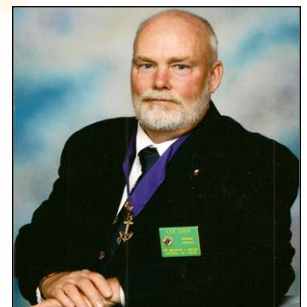
As we enter into this Holy time of year Easter, let's make sure our heart and soul are ready to show Jesus Christ how much we love him.

We all need to strive constantly on building strong Catholic family unity. Maybe take a minute to give a call or stop by to visit a lonely friend or neighbor. Sometimes a simple smile or "Hi, how are you" can brightens someone day. We all need to be more like Jesus, in spreading FRIENDSHIP and LOVE.

May the Peace of God always be with you and your family,

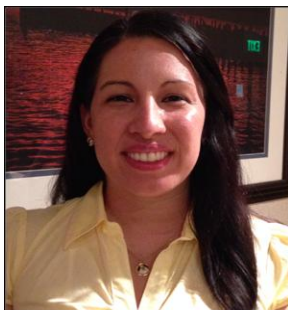
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One Member – Per Council – Per Month



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LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



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Our parish-wide "Baby Shower" has been extended! On **March 21st and 22nd**, there will be a decorated table in the Narthex for donations to benefit the Birthright organization of Harford County. You can donate any baby items and monetary donations will be accepted as well. Specifically, clothes, diapers, wipes, baby wash, shampoo, formula, and baby food are always needed. Feel free to

drop-off a baby item before or after any Mass. ☺

We are very excited about our 4th Annual Wine & Beer Tasting taking place on Saturday, **April 25th**! This event features a Silent Auction which is always a hit! If you would like to donate any items for the Silent Auction, we would love your support. We are looking for items such as sports memorabilia, weekend getaways [if you have a rental ☺], Ravens/Orioles tickets, gift cards, etc. Your generosity towards our efforts will be greatly appreciated by the K of C Ladies as well as those we look to provide assistance to throughout the year. Come be a part of this fantastic event!

Our next meeting will be on **March 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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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Wow sure is hard to find some good news to write about. The weather, cancellations, schedules, and sickness and so on WE just need to keep ours chins up and keep trying. Somewhere out there is a rainbow, sure hope we find it soon.

No new members to report as of this date. Things are just the same as last month.

Bill Hengemihle

Membership Director

The Knight of Columbus Ladies #11372 invite you to the

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Thank you for your continued support!*

INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

"DON'T ASSUME YOU CAN'T AFFORD DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE"

One of the biggest mistakes you can make regarding disability insurance is to assume you can't afford it or you won't qualify. Before you make that assumption, do some basic research and apply for coverage through the Knights of Columbus. The Order's Income Armor product gives you options that can help you fit this critical protection into your risk management budget.

Here are two ways you can reduce your premium:

1. *Choose a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period.*

Depending on your age, the best option is probably a policy that pays benefits until you reach age 67. But a two-year or five-year duration benefit period would cover disabilities you might encounter in your working life.

2. *Choose a longer elimination period.*

An elimination period is the number of days a total disability must exist before benefits begin to accrue. Typical elimination periods are 30, 90, or 180 days. Choosing a longer elimination period lowers the policy's premium. But be sure you have enough set aside in your contingency fund to account for the longer gap.

As your professional insurance agent, risk management is my specialty. Let's talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

Edward O'Keefe, *CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF, LUTCF*



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STATE NEWS AND EVENTS

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



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Do you ever visit the Supreme Knights of Columbus website? Read below:

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together... we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community. It just sums up what we stand for and what we do, in simple terms. Utilize the information at hand and share it with potential members.

Guess what? We have 31 days this month to recruit and schedule so many first degrees that we can set a State Record! Who is up for it? The District Deputy's have accepted every challenge I have suggested with zeal and courage, and knowing that the ultimate SUCCESS of every council is at stake, I'm sure they will assist any council to make their Star Council Goal THIS MONTH! Why wait, get the recruiting out of the way and take the time to concentrate on the paperwork for Star Status! Let's offer every Catholic Male over the age of 18 the chance of a life time, a chance to join men like you in the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus.

As we prepare for the months ahead, I have to say that I am extremely proud to be your State Deputy, and call you all brother knights. The charity and good works I have been witness to across the State is amazing to say the least. I have visited schools that without the Knights, they would not have the ability to carry on the functions their students need. I have visited the Pregnancy centers that have Ultrasound machines from the

Knights, and listened to testimony that these machines truly save lives. The veterans who benefit from our wheelchair program, and stay warm with blankets the councils and assembly's provide. The many thank you letters received by the State Office and Councils that I have seen, give witness to the fact that your deeds do not go unnoticed. I cannot say it loudly enough, I am proud to be your brother knight. Keep up the Great Work! Lastly do you have your rosary and do you pray it often? Please continue to pray for all the State Officers as we continue our task of leading the State. May we always consider the Good of the State and the Good of the Order.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus

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

SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

"K OF C GIVES \$400,000 FOR HUMANITARIAN AID IN UKRAINE"

As the violent conflict in Ukraine continues to create an enormous humanitarian disaster in the freezing winter months, the Knights of Columbus is providing \$400,000 to relief programs sponsored by the Catholic Church in Ukraine.

Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each to the Greek and Latin Rite Catholic communities of Ukraine are being used for humanitarian relief, including projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev.



During their ad limina visit with Pope Francis on Feb. 20, the pope assured the Latin and Greek bishops of Ukraine that "the Holy See is at your side," and urged them "to be attentive and considerate to the poor." The Knights of Columbus gifts have been sent to Ukrainian Greek Catholic Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk and Roman Catholic Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki.

"Too often, the conflict in Ukraine is discussed purely in military or geopolitical terms, while the most vulnerable and marginalized — the young and old, the poor, the sick, and the increasing number of refugee families — are almost invisible to the outside world," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Our support is meant to further enable the bishops of Ukraine as they help their people and further implement the Holy Father's call to aid those most in need."

Working in the midst of uncertainty, many of the Catholic efforts are designed to help provide a social safety net for the needy, especially orphans and children who are separated from their parents.

The programs attempt to carry out in a practical way the spiritual message of Pope Francis. Speaking about the care of migrant and itinerant people, he said: "Let us not forget the flesh of Christ, which is in the flesh of refugees: their flesh is the flesh of Christ."

The Knights of Columbus began working in Ukraine at the invitation of Church leadership in 2005. A formal presence was established in 2013, and the organization has so far established seven councils with 300 members in the country.

Read more at: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/kofc-gives-humanitarian-aid-ukraine.html>

THREE MONTH PLANNER



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

MARCH 2015			
Mon.	2	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	6	Lenten Seafood Chowder Pickups	5:00pm
Sat.	7	4 th Degree Ceremony in Frederick, MD	All Day
Mon.	9	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Tues.	10	Judged 2 nd Degree Ceremony	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.	20	Lenten Seafood Chowder Pickups	5:00pm
Fri.	27	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	28	Community Activity – Special Olympics Luncheon	~12:00pm
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
MAY 2015			
Fri-Sun	1-3	Maryland State Convention in Ocean City	All Day
Sat.	2	May Day at John Archer School	9:00am
Mon.	4	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	8	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	11	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	18	Council Meeting & First Degree	7:30pm
Thurs.	21	4 th Degree Meeting and Elections – Father Wolfe Council	8:00pm
Fri.	22	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	25	Memorial Day	All Day
Sat.	30	Council – Leo Burnt and John Myers Horseshoe Tournament	12:00pm

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