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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"OUR BEST IS YET TO COME"

My Brothers All,

As we start the new fraternal year, I would like to thank the Brothers who have served as an officer of the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council during 2014-2015! I'd also like to thank those who continue to serve as an officer for the upcoming 2015-2016 fraternal year! Your commitment and dedication don't go unnoticed.

In addition to all the achievements we accomplished during 2014-2015, and for those who haven't heard – the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council has achieved Star Council status! Congratulations to everyone in the Council who made this possible. Not only have we surpassed the new member goal set by State, we took it to the next level; the Council has exceeded 300 members. We should all feel proud of this milestone!

Please remember, the Installation of Officers will be held July 18<sup>th</sup>, starting with mass at 5:00 PM! Please come out and support your brothers and have a good time at the dinner following the Installation. Please let me know if you anticipate coming to the dinner but as always, last minute decisions are always welcome.

Again, I am honored to serve as the Grand Knight in the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council; the finest Council in all of Maryland. I look forward to making this an even better year than last, "Our Best is Yet to Come"

Take care my Brothers all. May God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

Gregory J. Ward  
*Grand Knight*



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			John Myers	Public Affairs	Bob Roddy
			Larry O'Toole		
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# ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"SUMMER DAYS"

Summer is upon us once again. It might be a time that many of us start to get a little careless about our relationship with God and faith life. There are lots of barbeques, picnics, outdoor activities and other distractions that may tempt us to put our faith life on a back burner. Not indefinitely, of course, just until summer is over. I think we can all agree it takes a little bit of effort to find a Catholic church while we are on vacation. Many of our good intentions to read that religious book get lost in the most current novel.

Summertime is Ordinary Time in our liturgical life. As I have mentioned before, Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. The scripture readings at Mass are well worth the effort to get to church even on a hot summer Sunday. You might be surprised at what you can learn during Ordinary Time.

There are many other temptations around during the summer months. If we keep up with our regular Mass attendance and continue to pray always as Paul admonishes, it will be easier to overcome the temptations that summer places before us. The little extra effort it takes to continue our relationship with God during this season will benefit us throughout the rest of the year. Have a great vacation and the best summer ever. Let's always try to remember who gave it to us!

Peace and All Good  
Deacon Jim



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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"



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Happy summer Brothers all!! July is the beginning of a new fraternal year. We will be reaching out to our 22 new members to obtain their feedback for fresh activity ideas. However, as always, we are open to different thoughts and recommendations from our 300 existing members. Please see me or an activity director and share your thoughts.

As mentioned, July marks the month during which your new officers are installed. Mark your calendar for July 18<sup>th</sup> after the 5 pm mass for the installation ceremony and dinner. We hope to see you there.

**Culture-of-Life – Bill Hengemihle (410-569-5253 or [wjhengemihle@verizon.net](mailto:wjhengemihle@verizon.net))**

We will be donating \$10.00 gift cards from ShopRite to Birthright of Bel Air as our first activity this year. If you would like to participate in this worthy project donate \$10.00 for a card. I will see that your name goes on the list. Our goal is 50 cards.

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

On August 9<sup>th</sup> our Council will hold an ice cream social for the residents of the Singer Rd Catholic Charity Senior Living Apartments. This was a roaring success last year.

I'm sure it will be as much fun for both the residents as well as the Knights this year. Please plan to help from 1 pm – 3 pm.



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

Once again Steve Herpel came through in flying colors. The Spaghetti Dinner went off without a hitch. The event generated over \$2,000 that will be donated to the church to off-set snow plowing expenses. Great job Steve and the Spaghetti Dinner team!!!



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

The Leo Burnt & John Myers Horseshoe Tournament was held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Although the crowd was small those attending had a great time. Once again Lee Eder was triumphant. Someone must step up and dethrone this “ringer”.

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

The Jerry Meany Children fishing tournament was held on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The following children had the best fish stories:

- Most Fish                      Dallas Bauer – 31 fish (wow)
- Biggest Fish                  Brandon Ocampo – 15”
- First Fish                        Jordan Miller

**Community – Larry O’Toole (443-619-6976 or [2301patricia@comcast.net](mailto:2301patricia@comcast.net))**

Parkinson’s dinner and lecture was a resounding success. Bailey Vernon from JHU’s Parkinson’s Center presented a very understandable (and brief) message on the impact of Parkinson’s on both the patient and the family. Dinner was great and the Council raised over \$3,000 for the Center. A big round of thanks is due to John Myers and family for making this event so wonderful.



Larry Shannahan  
*Chancellor and Program Director*



## FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE



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Sir Knights,

As your new Faithful Navigator, I would like to give my thanks to the outgoing officers and especially to our Past Faithful Navigator Keith Arndt. We are the Patriotic degree and Keith really sharpen our focus on ways to help our active military and veterans. We were able to continue providing lunch for the veterans in the addiction recovery ward at Perry Point Medical Center twice this year and providing them with toiletries once a year. We provided 10 wreaths to be placed at veterans' gravesites in Maryland National Cemetery. We continue to hold the annual "What Patriotism Means to Me" essay contest. And last, but not least, we were able to fulfill our commitment of donating \$500 to Archdiocese of Military Service (AMS) in support of the need for more Military Chaplains.

Our annual Assembly elections were held at our May 21 meeting. Congratulations to all who were elected for the fraternal year 2015-2016. Refer to the first page of the newsletter for a list of those elected.

Mike Sallese, our Faithful Scribe, has decided to step down but will continue in this role until we find a replacement. Please consider volunteering for this position. Mike is willing to answer any questions you may have.

Our June meeting was hosted by Mason Dixon and was our annual Shrimp Feast. We had 30 members in attendance with plenty of shrimp for all.

The Annual Fourth of July Cookout at Loch Raven VA Medical Center will be held on July 3. Volunteers should be there at 11:00 AM. Keith Arndt stepped up to lead the effort to make sure this event would be held this year after the death of its prior organizer, retired Army Sergeant, Tom Turner. Thanks Keith for your efforts.

The Assembly Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, August 29 at St Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Abingdon, MD. Mass will be at 5:00 PM with the installation following mass. Dinner will be served after the installation.

Vivat Jesus,  
John Young

*Faithful Navigator, John Carroll Assembly #2378*

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

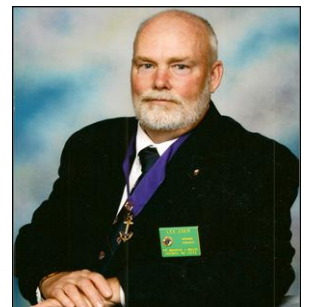
Worthy Brothers All,

Congratulations to the Grand Knight, Membership Director, Officers and members of the Father Wolfe Council for achieving the Star Council Award. As always the Fr. Wolfe council pulls together and can tackle anything they want to do.

As we start our new fraternal year, please count on me to be there for you in any way I can help. Thanks to Fr. Wolfe and the others councils, we also made Star District!

Looking for another great year,  
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 June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies had their Installation of Officers and dinner at the Steelfish Restaurant in Bel Air. We had a very successful turnout of 30 ladies! The officers for the 2014-2015 year are: President – Cindy Rock, Vice President – Diane Traube, Secretary – Cynthia Santiago, and Treasurer – Barbara Arnold. We would like to give a special thank you to Debbie Sosna for planning the dinner, to the men for their constant support of this event, and to our outgoing officers, Karen Georgulas, Annie Arndt, and Martine Uveges for their hard work and commitment. We are excited about the upcoming year and look forward to continuing our annual events, as well as creating new activities.

Our next meeting will be on July 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Hope you have a blessed and safe summer!

[Photo collage courtesy of Connie Piotrowski]



2015-2016 K of C Ladies Installation dinner was held at Steelfish in Bel Air, MD on Monday, June 15, 2015. New officers are: President - Cindy Rock, Vice-President - Diane Traube, Secretary - Cynthia Santiago-Pagan & Treasurer - Barbara Arnold

Cynthia Santiago  
*Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary*



# MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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Bill Hengemihle  
*Membership Director*

With many thanks to all, especially our District Deputy Lee Eder who had a great recruitment year, we made Star Council for the 19<sup>th</sup> time. Not easy but we did it.

2015-2016 is going to be another fun year. Whatever is thrown at us we will meet the challenge. Welcome to our new Pastor Father Jack and to our new Associate Pastor Father Garcia, let's show them some real support.

## INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

*"OUR GUARANTEES SET US APART"*

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Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++, Superior" for 38 consecutive years. It's a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.



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## STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



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Well it's a new fraternal year. I am looking forward to working with the new Grand Knights and the seasoned ones who have stayed on for a 2nd year. Our Goal remains the same, "This will be your council's Best Year Ever"! The State Officers, Membership, Retention, and Programs TEAMS are here to assure that every council will achieve SUCCESS! How can we guarantee your SUCCESS you may ask? Put us to the TEST! Ask for help and guidance and see where you are at the end of the year. I think our statistics speak very well that Maryland can be SUCCESSFUL when put to the challenge!

I congratulate all the councils that reached STAR Status last year and will benefit from the per capita credit. Let's put that money toward new and exciting programs, get new members interested, and promote the Order and Fr McGivney's vision. Building our Order and making the Knights of Columbus an integral part of the lay ministry of our church, is one of the greatest ways we can exemplify our Solidarity with our Priests and Bishops.

Installations will be taking up most of the State Officers and State TEAM weekends for the next three months but do not hesitate to call if you need help. Between the program seminars, and personal council visits, all of us are available to consult on your SUCCESS.

Columbus Day Ball promises to be another sell out this year so get your requests in for tables/tickets. First to register and pay will be guaranteed tables close to the dance floor. The venue and band will be the same so an enjoyable night is assured. Join us for the rest of the festivities planned around the Columbus Day celebration as well.

God Bless you all as you embark on the new fraternal year journey. I ask that you pray for the State Officers and TEAM that we may always lead with Fr McGivney's vision and principles in our focus.

Vivat Jesus!

**Stephen J. Adamczyk**

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

## SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

*"REGARDING THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION"*

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court decision, June 26, interpreting the U.S. Constitution to require all states to license and recognize same-sex "marriage" "is a tragic error that harms the common good and most vulnerable among us," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). An excerpt statement follows:



Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable. Just as *Roe v. Wade* did not settle the question of abortion over forty years ago, *Obergefell v. Hodges* does not settle the question of marriage today. Neither decision is rooted in the truth, and as a result both will eventually fail. Today the Court is wrong again. It is profoundly immoral and unjust for the government to declare that two people of the same sex can constitute a marriage.

The unique meaning of marriage as the union of one man and one woman is inscribed in our bodies as male and female. The protection of this meaning is a critical dimension of the "integral ecology" that Pope Francis has called us to promote. Mandating marriage redefinition across the country is a tragic error that harms the common good and most vulnerable among us, especially children. The law has a duty to support every child's basic right to be raised, where possible, by his or her married mother and father in a stable home.

Read more at: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2015/15-103.cfm>

KofC Supreme Website at: <http://www.kofc.org>

# THREE MONTH PLANNER



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

JULY 2015			
Fri.	3	Community – 4 <sup>th</sup> of July With Our Veterans	11:30am-2:00pm
Mon.	6	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs.	9	Aramark/M&T Bank Stadium Team Training Session	6:00pm-9:00pm
Fri.	10	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	13	Officers' Meeting	7:30pm
Tues.	14	Aramark/M&T Bank Stadium Team Training Session	6:00pm-9:00pm
Thurs.	16	Installation Practice – Narthex and Worship Center	7:00pm
Sat.	18	Council – Installation of Officers	6:15pm
Mon.	20	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Thurs.	23	Activity Director Seminar – Cardinal Gibbons	7:00-9:00pm
Fri.	24	Christmas in July Bingo	6:00pm
Wed.	29	Aramark/M&T Bank Stadium Team Training Session	6:00pm-9:00pm
AUGUST 2015			
Mon.	3	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Wed.	5	Aramark/M&T Bank Stadium Team Training Session	6:00pm-9:00pm
Mon.	10	Officers' Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs.	13	Ravens vs. Saints Preseason Game	7:30pm
Fri.	14	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	17	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs.	20	Aramark/M&T Bank Stadium Team Training Session	6:00pm-9:00pm
Sun.	23	Church Activity - Parish Picnic	12:15pm
Fri.	28	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	29	Ravens vs. Redskins Preseason Gmae	7:30pm
SEPTEMBER 2015			
Mon.	7	Labor Day – No Meeting!	N/A
Fri.	11	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	14	Officers' Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	21	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Fri.	25	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun.	27	Ravens vs. Bengals	1:00pm



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