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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"OUR BEST IS YET TO COME"

My Brothers All,

First, I'd like to thank everyone who helped with the set-up for the Officer's Installation and dinner. To the many people who played a part in making that evening's event possible, I extend a sincere "Thank you". To all the Brothers, wives, friends and families members who came to that evening's events, thank you for your support. I confidently say, all who attended had a great time!

August, like many months on the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe's calendar; we certainly aren't slowing down...no grass grows under our feet. Many things are scheduled this month and the more help we have the more fun we tend to have! Take your pick Brothers, help with: an ice cream social, a Ravens Game, the Tootsie Roll fund raiser or one of our two monthly bingos. By participating in any of these events, one may find a "reward" they never intended to receive. Take a look at the August Calendar found later in these pages. To paraphrase Fr. Jack, he stated in one of his homilies about our Council, "...these guys live their faith! Join them."

FYI: The second meeting in this month, I anticipate having a shorter business meeting and focus on a bigger social event! What is it? Show up and find out!

Take care my Brother Knights and God Bless you all,

Vivat Jesus,

Gregory J. Ward
Grand Knight



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ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"BREAD AND FISHES"

The miracle story of the bread and fishes in the 14th chapter of Matthew's gospel poses more questions than it answers. Is it an actual account? Did Jesus really feed, with just five loaves of bread and two fish, what could be over 10,000 people? Did someone embellish the story to make a point? Did Jesus' concern for all people cause others to share what food they had? The account seems to be quite clear. This is a major miracle, but we, just like biblical scholars, should wonder, ask questions and think about what we read and study in the scriptures. This helps open our minds and hearts to endless possibilities and opportunities for prayerful reflection.

I'd like to focus on a different idea about this story. What stands out so clearly in this miracle is Jesus' compassion for hungry people. Jesus had pity for the crowd. This is not so much a condescending or superior attitude, it is more as if his heart goes out to them. He cares about people and he is concerned that there is no food for them. He wants what is best for his flock. His love comes shining through.

The love he shows for the people in the story is a beacon of hope for all of us. Jesus does not abandon us in time of need. He does not abandon us when we are ill or have experienced the loss of a loved one. He stays with us when we are down in the dumps, out of kilter, and nothing seems to be right. He is present when no one will listen to us, even though we have the wisdom of experience. That is when this gospel really hits home. We are cared for! Jesus is concerned about us!

Think about those hard times! Remember how it seemed as if life was impossible? Remember how just a tad of despair could creep into our thinking? Then remember that somehow, we made it through. How did we do that? Those are the times Jesus fed us. Those are the times that Jesus consoled us. Those are the times we rested on the grass and accepted the gift of God's consoling love. Those are the times of great miracles in our lives.

Peace and All Good
Deacon Jim



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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We started our new fiscal year with 299 members. Please remember in your prayers brother Michael Crogan Sr. who passed on last month. He was a very kind and generous knight.

Let this be the year you bring in that new member you have been thinking about. I know you have prospects.....Let's get them in our fraternal order.

Bill Hengemihle
Membership Director

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"



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Wow, this summer is just flying by. Our council's new officers were installed. We had a wonderful dinner celebration and our Grand Knight was appropriately recognized with a gift he will cherish forever!

In addition to the installation, our council has remained active throughout the summer. Thanks to all the Knights that have supported the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe's many summer activities.

Culture-of-Life – Bill Hengemihle (410-569-5253 or 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. See Bill Hengemihle to purchase your cards for donation.

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

On August 9th 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 (1 pm – 3 pm)

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

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 23rd after the 11 AM Mass. We hope you'll come on our and help us cook or socialize with the parishioners. Our Memorial Mass is scheduled for November 7th. The mass will be followed by a small reception. This is an activity that we should not miss. It is very meaningful and only takes an hour of your time.



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

Our most recent council event was our annual installation of officers and corresponding dinner. After all of the pomp and circumstance with the installation, we had a fantastic dinner emceed by Rich Sosna. This year our Grand Knight was awarded his "Big Kahuna" regalia.

The council brought back an old activity that proved to be of success for many Brothers joining our council in years past. We had our 1st semiannual New Member Orientation. Seven of our new Brothers came to this activity. We trust it was informative and helpful as they begin their journey through Knighthood.



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

Throughout the summer our elementary children painter beautiful 4X4 ceramic tiles that will be installed in

the Education Building and serve as a chair rail on the second floor hall. The tiles will be installed by our Brother Knights. We are planning this activity for a Saturday in August. Stay tuned for the news flash within a week or so.

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

Believe it or not, our pancake breakfast is just around the corner. The date is set for Sep 13th. This is an all hands on board event so PLEASE mark your calendar.

Larry Shannahan
Chancellor and Program Director

FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE



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Sir Knights,

The Annual Fourth of July Cookout at Loch Raven VA Medical Center was held on July 3. Approximately 125 veteran patients and staff were served a traditional Fourth of July meal, with all the trimmings. The meals were prepared and served by 28 Assembly volunteers, their wives and family members at the Medical Center's beautiful patio area. In addition to Sir Knights, Brothers and families from Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, Long Green Valley Council, Our Lady of Grace Council and Fr. O'Neill Council participated. With support of this magnitude the fraternal recognition of the service of these important veterans will continue for years to come. Keith Arndt did an outstanding job in keeping this 20 year tradition going after the passing of its original founder, retired U.S. Army Sergeant, Tom Turner.

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.

There is no Assembly meeting in August.

Vivat Jesus,
John Young

Faithful Navigator, John Carroll Assembly #2378

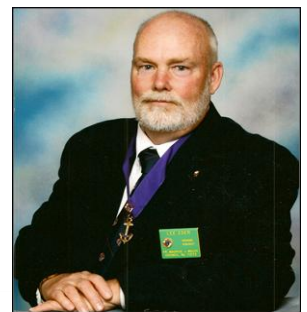
DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers All,

August is here with those hot humid and sunny days already. Before you know it our children will be going back to school. Please take some time to enjoy this time of year with your family and friends. In one of the past Sunday gospels, Jesus told his disciples, "Sometimes you need to step back and take a break from work." I'm always pushing membership and programs, that's my job as District Deputy, but playing with your children, enjoying your family and friends may not always be there. Life is short – take time to enjoy it.

Thank You and God Bless,
Lee Eder, PGK, PFN
District Deputy #27

One Member – Per Council – Per Month



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LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



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This July, the ladies met twice to transition the new Officers and for our monthly meeting. Both meetings were very productive and very well attended. We welcomed 6 new ladies and are very excited about our growth and participation. Two chairpersons have been designated for our upcoming events this fall. Beth Marchiano will be the chair of our Sip & Paint on October 10th and Connie Piotrowski will be the chair of our Holiday Luncheon Bingo on November 21st. More details to follow. Save the dates ☺

Our next meeting will be on August 17th 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 are enjoying the summer!

Cynthia Santiago
Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary

INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

"LIFE INSURANCE AS A GIFT?"

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.



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STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



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The Columbus Day Ball is the Maryland State's most prestigious event and is almost sold out! I am looking forward to a great event with some new modifications that the chairman wants to surprise us all with. If you haven't booked your reservation do it soon!

Membership is off to a slow start as is usually the case in Maryland, but remember Carl Anderson's request, "do not hold candidates for degrees, hold degrees for candidates!" If you need a degree let the membership director know, we will make it happen! Please reach out to every eligible Catholic Male over the age of 18 and offer him "the experience of a lifetime" in the Knights of Columbus!

I wish to announce that there will be a special Black Tie affair for all the Star Council and Star District winners. Each Grand Knight, District Deputy, Benefits Advisor, and their wives will be guests of the State on September 20th 2015 at Columbus Gardens in Baltimore. We hope to make this an annual celebration of our SUCCESSES in Maryland. Congratulations to all who achieved Star Status!

Please make plans to support Special Olympics during Maryland Knights of Columbus Special Olympics week September 13th through the 19th. Please host an event to benefit our SO Athletes in Maryland. If you would like an Olympian to address your council or attend a function, please make the chairmen aware and we will accommodate your request. God has made them Special, and we need to show our support.

Continue to pray that the State Officers and the State Team continues to advance the cause and principles of Fr McGivney and our Order. May we always be true to our degree vows.

Do you have your rosary? Do you pray it often?

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen J. Adamczyk

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

SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

"K OF C CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND PROVIDES DESPERATELY NEEDED AID"

Having already donated more than \$3 million in humanitarian aid to persecuted Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East, the Knights of Columbus will expand its efforts even further with a national campaign to raise funds and foster awareness of the terrible suffering of Christians and others in the Middle East.

As part of the K of C effort, a new commercial on the issue will be airing nationally beginning this weekend. It can be [viewed at](#).

The Knights will also announce additional details of its program to aid Christian refugees at its international convention being held August 4-6 in Philadelphia. In attendance will be archbishops from Iraq and Syria, where the violence against Christians has been particularly severe.



An exposé on the deafening silence of the international community on this issue was published in the July 26 edition of *The New York Times Magazine*: "Is This the End of Christianity in the Middle East?" It reported that extremist groups "are enslaving, killing and uprooting Christians, with no aid in sight."

In the article, which was featured on the magazine's cover, author Eliza Griswold reported that, "according to a Pew study, more Christians are now faced with religious persecution than at any time since their early history."

The Knights began its Christian Refugee Relief Fund in August 2014 with \$1 million in matching funds that was quickly met and exceeded by its members and the public. The humanitarian assistance provided has included new housing for those who have had to flee their homes, as well as support for medical facilities in areas flooded with Christian and other refugees.

"Christians in the Middle East are facing a dire situation – and even extinction – while the response from the international community has woefully inadequate," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. "Pope Francis has urged the international community to take action to help Christians in the Middle East, and, as an organization that has long supported victims of religious persecution, the Knights of Columbus is responding by asking our own members, and the public at large, to help us save the lives of people who are being persecuted simply because of their Christian faith."

Those wishing to assist with the relief efforts can donate by visiting www.christiansatrisk.org or by sending checks or money orders payable to Knights of Columbus Charities at P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966. The memo portion should indicate that the check is for Christian Refugee Relief.

One hundred percent of all donations directly supports humanitarian assistance and raising awareness for persecuted Christians and other religious minorities, especially in the Middle East. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., is recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The K of C has a long history of providing humanitarian relief and has done so following the 9/11 terrorist attacks; the 2013 typhoons in the Philippines; hurricanes Katrina and Sandy; nationwide tornadoes; flooding in Mexico; and tsunamis in Indonesia and Japan.

In the area of support for victims of religious persecution, the Knights provided humanitarian assistance and created international awareness of the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico throughout the 1920s.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 1.9 million members worldwide. One of the most active charitable organizations in the United States, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$173.5 million and 71.5 million hours of service in 2014.

More at: <http://kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/kofc-expand-humanitarian-assistance-middle-east-christians.html>

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Brothers, keep in your thoughts our Brothers and Family members of our Council who are in need our prayers, especially:

- John Young's Grandson Cooper – His seizures are progressing and could use your prayers. Cooper requires 24/7 support and this is very draining on the parents.
- Jim Elliott – Is currently bedridden but is a fighter and is in good spirits.
- Francis Jersey
- Cliff Wendell – Tour of duty in Afghanistan
- Charles Duke – Charlie came to our August 3rd meeting and reported that prayers are working and his multiple myeloma – after 3 years of chemo therapy – is in remission and has reversed course.
- Jack Kreiner
- John Schmidt – John Schmidt's heart surgery was successful and he should be coming home in the next couple days.

Pray for our Chaplin and Pastor as they continue to guide our religious, administrative and outreach efforts hear at St. Francis.

Pray for those protecting our country and localities from harm's way.

THREE MONTH PLANNER

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



| AUGUST 2015 | | | |
|----------------|----|---|----------------|
| Mon. | 3 | Council Meeting | 7:30pm |
| Wed. | 5 | Aramark/M&T Bank Stadium Team Training Session | 6:00pm-9:00pm |
| Sun. | 9 | Ice Cream Social at Catholic Charities Senior Housing | 1:00pm |
| Mon. | 10 | Officers' Meeting | 7:30pm |
| Thurs. | 13 | Ravens vs. Saints Preseason Game | 7:30pm |
| Fri. | 14 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Fri. | 14 | Bingo | 6:00pm |
| Sat. | 15 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Sun. | 16 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| 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 | Fourth Degree Installation – St. Frances de Sales | 6:15pm |
| Sat. | 29 | Ravens vs. Redskins Preseason Game | 7:30pm |
| SEPTEMBER 2015 | | | |
| Mon. | 7 | Labor Day – No Meeting! | N/A |
| Fri. | 11 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Fri. | 11 | Bingo | 6:00pm |
| Sat. | 12 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Sun. | 13 | Pancake Breakfast | 6:30am-11:15am |
| Mon. | 14 | Officers' Meeting | 7:30pm |
| Fri. | 18 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Sat. | 19 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Mon. | 21 | Council Meeting and Social | 7:30pm |
| Fri. | 25 | Bingo | 6:00pm |
| Sun. | 27 | Ravens vs. Bengals | 1:00pm |
| OCTOBER 2015 | | | |
| Sat. | 3 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Sat. | 3 | Ravens vs. Browns | 1:00pm |
| Sun. | 4 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Mon. | 5 | Council Meeting | 7:30pm |
| Fri. | 9 | Bingo | 6:00pm |
| Mon. | 12 | Officers' Meeting | 7:30pm |
| Sat. | 17 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Sat. | 17 | Bull and Oyster Roast | 6:30pm |
| Mon. | 19 | Council Meeting and Social | 7:30pm |
| Fri. | 23 | Bingo | 6:00pm |
| Sat. | 24 | M&T Bank Stadium – Penn State vs. Maryland | TBD |
| Sat. | 24 | Tootsie Rolls | 10:00am-4:00pm |

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CULTURE OF LIFE
COLUMBIAN AWARD PROGRAM – 1ST QUARTER

SUPPORT BIRTHRIGHT OF BEL AIR

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THIS YEAR OUR COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE THE YEARLY TRADITION OF SUPPORTING BIRTHRIGHT BY DONATING TEN DOLLAR (\$10.00) GIFT CARDS TO THE FACILITY. MS CAROL MAGLOU, DIRECTOR OF THE FACILITY HAS WELCOMED THIS IDEA AS A REAL POSITIVE AS SHE STRIVES TO DO ALL POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE THEIR PREGNACY “FULL TERM”.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. A TEN DOLLAR (\$10.00) DONATION WILL PURCHASE A **SHOPRITE** GIFT CARD TO BE USED BY AN EXPECTANT MOTHER. OUR GOAL IS 50 CARDS (\$500.00).

THE CARDS AND A LETTER WITH NAMES OF ALL DONORS WILL BE PRESENTED TO BIRTHRIGHT AFTER WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO K OF C #11372 AND SEND TO BILL HENGEMIHLE AT 311 C LAUREL WOODS DRIVE, ABINGDON MARYLAND 21009.

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CULTURE OF LIFE CHAIRMAN

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