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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"OUR BEST IS YET TO COME"

My Brothers All,

November is the month in which we dedicate and take pause to remember all that we are thankful for. THANKFUL.....that is an understatement; where do I begin? Meer words can't express how grateful I am to have a bunch of guys who constantly give of themselves and of their time!

I AM THANKFUL FOR:

- Bill Hengemihle who raised \$400.00 for the needy young mothers at Birthright!
- Bruce Miller and his team of workers for their efforts with installing tile in the school
- Larry O'Toole and his team who help the kids have fun at the Trunk o' Treat event
- All who supported Keith Marchiano and the Charity Fund in raising money for scholarships and the Outreach Program
- Keith Arndt and his team working hard to raise money for the John Archer School and children with intellectual handicaps.
- Fr. Jack and all his support given to our Council
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLYEVERYONE who helped and/or supported these functions JUST IN THE PAST MONTH.

And it doesn't stop there, I'm thankful for those who have already given of their time in putting together the Upcoming Activities.

Brothers, This Thanksgiving share your thankfulness and gratitude with your second family, tell a Brother how grateful he is to you!

My Brothers All, thank you for all you do, your efforts that were noticed and more importantly things you have done and gone unnoticed.

Happy Thanksgiving With All my Love and Gratitude,

Gregory J. Ward
Grand Knight



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ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"SAINTS"

Saintliness is unique to a particular person and is something offered to us by God. We may choose to accept or reject the offer. Those who accept allow God to lead them on a journey of discovery; a journey that leads to saintliness. Our church uses a variety of different titles when referring to saints. These titles give us a glimpse of what led the saints to be canonized. If we see that the saint was a "religious" we know the person was a nun or brother, or a priest in a religious order. Each person is unique in his or her journey and each journey is different. God works with the talent each person possesses to continually form and challenge us.

Our Lutheran brothers and sisters have also included titles when talking about saints. Both St. Francis of Assisi and Martin Luther are known as "renewers of the church." Johann Sebastian Bach is mentioned as a musician. This novel idea makes it crystal clear that anyone, from almost any walk of life, can be a saint! Anyone, that is, who responds positively to God's offer of holiness.

What would you like your saintly title to be? Today is a good day to think about our journey with God. We are saints-in-training! God has offered us many opportunities to respond to his love. Our decision must be to accept the offer God places before us and to answer yes as so many others have done.

How do we become saints in training? We can accept the offer God places before us and answer yes as so many others have done. The important thing is to try to change our lives and accept the offer of saintliness God is giving us. We must live the Gospel life every day of our lives for as long as we live. We must try to be saints starting today and each day from now on!

Peace and All Good
Deacon Jim

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers All,

There is a chill in the air, the leaves on the trees are turning beautiful colors, this must mean , fall is here. Everyone has been very busy. With the car raffle program over and tootsie rolls program coming to an end, I would like to thank all members for their support , making these programs a great success for the council and the State council. I know you brother knights are always working on membership and insurance. It is our duty to asked every Catholic gentleman to share what we as knights have and enjoy.

May you and your families enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving this year and please remember to give thanks.

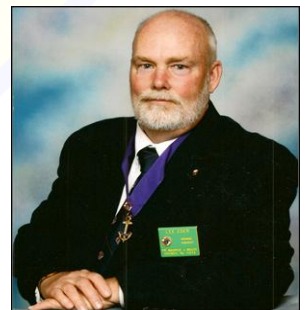
Thank You and God Bless,

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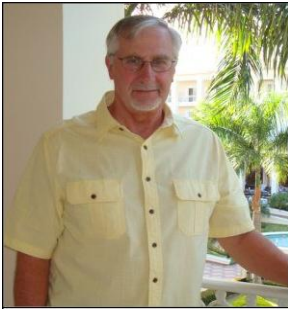
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"



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Only 2 months remaining until we celebrate our Lord's birthday. As such our Knight's calendar is very much focused on our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Can each Knight (now 301 brothers) plan on supporting just one of the many activities that are planned to celebrate Advent and Christmas. I hope to see many of our brothers throughout this glorious season. Thanks again for all that you do.

Culture-of-Life – Bill Hengemihle (410-569-5253 or wjhengemihle@verizon.net)

On October 14th several Knights from the Council presented Carol Maglov, Executive Director of Bel Air Birthright, with \$400 worth of gift cards. The funds needed to purchase the cards were raised by Council members as well as a generous gift from Klein's Shoprite Supermarkets.



The gift cards will be used by needy mothers to assist them with purchases of food and baby needs during the immediate months after pregnancy. Carol mentioned that "many new moms must take an unpaid leave of absence from work during the 1st 6 weeks after birth. As such, funds needed for groceries, formula and diapers are frequently in short supply".

This activity is just another example of the Maurice J. Wolfe Council's continued support provided to the Bel Air Birthright.

The last Sunday in November will be set aside for a presentation on the benefits of sonograms during pregnancy. The State Chapter of the Knights of Columbus has been funding the purchase of ultrasound machines and placing them with organizations that support the rights of the unborn. Our Council has decided to support this program in hopes that it will reduce the number of abortions.

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

The Council is sponsoring our annual Memorial Mass on Saturday November 7 at 9 AM in the Stone Chapel. For those that have not attended, this is a very inspirational ceremony during which each of our fallen Lady and Brother Knights are remembered. Let's plan to fill up the chapel with Knights to thank our deceased Brothers for their dedication to our Lord's message.

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

It's been many years since our council has had a family bowling night. On Friday November 13 from 7 - 9PM we are having a long awaited evening of family fun at the Forest Hill Lanes. The price can't be beat - \$5.00 per person includes bowling, shoes and a snack. We anticipate a sellout so sign up early. Contact Jeff Gutowski at jgutowskiwtsb@gmail.com ASAP.



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

Please plan to attend the Children's Christmas Party. Once again we are planning many arts and crafts activities, food, gifts and of course, Santa. The party will be held on December 5 at noon in Kilduff Hall.

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

We are continuing our efforts in Community Outreach by collecting toys for needy children. Each Knight has been asked to bring a toy valued between \$15 & \$20 to our 2nd meeting in November. These gifts will be wrapped by our Ladies and distributed by Fr. Jack at the annual Needy Children's Christmas Party held at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Towson.

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

Our Holiday Party will be held in January once again. Please stay tuned for the exact date. This is an outstanding party and all Knights are invited.

Larry Shannahan
Chancellor and Program Director

FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

We had 24 Sir Knights at our annual Crab Night on October 15. The crabs were excellent and there were enough so no one went away hungry.

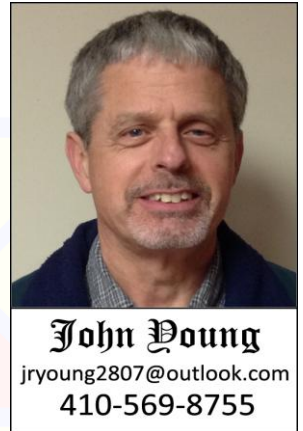
If you are not a 4th Degree Knight and are interested in becoming a 4th Degree Knight, the next Exemplification of the 4th Degree is scheduled for March 5, 2016. Please contact Keith Arndt or John Young for more information.

The Color Corps is the most recognized part of the Knights of Columbus and we are always looking for new Color Corps members. If you are a 4th Degree Knight and have wondered what they do or are interested in becoming a Color Corp member, contact Mike Georgulas or Lee Eder, our Color Corps Commanders.

Our next Assembly meeting will be our Memorial Mass on Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 PM in the St. Ignatius Chapel in Forest Hill. This is when we honor the deceased Sir Knights of our Assembly. There is no business meeting and after the Mass we have snacks and refreshments.

Vivat Jesus,
John Young

Faithful Navigator, John Carroll Assembly #2378



MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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Please recheck your unpaid bills and try to send in your unpaid dues before the new statements are mailed out. We need your support by paying your yearly dues (\$36.00).

We welcome new members Rich Pecone (J. Schmidt) and Joshua Clayton (T. Mozingo) who received the honors of the first degree in October.

With deep regrets we mark the passing of Joe Santavenere a long time active member of this council.

Bill Hengemihle
Membership Director
One Member – Per Council – Per Month

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



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On Saturday, **October 10th**, we held our **Brush & Brunch** event led by the Spirited Sisters Studio. The social painting session was fun and the brunch was tasty! We were pleasantly surprised that no experience was necessary to create our lovely autumn themed works of art. A special thank you to all who made this event delightful!

Friendly reminder - Our **Holiday Luncheon Bingo** is coming up on Saturday, **November 21st** in Kilduff Hall. Advance sales only. Don't miss out ☺! Please contact Connie Piotrowski for tickets.

Our next meeting will be on **November 16th** 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.

[Photo collage courtesy of Connie Piotrowski]



Cynthia Santiago
Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary

INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

"PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY... BUSINESS?"

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

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STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



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In October, we honored our namesake and patron Christopher Columbus. The State Council along with many members of our local councils participated in those events to honor him. The Columbus Day Parade in Baltimore, the Columbus Day Ball, The DC Celebration for Columbus Day all kept us busy during the month. My thanks to the organizers for these events Don Kern, Steve Upton, Sean Smith and Alex Simpson for all of their hard work and time. These brothers all did an outstanding job. In addition, my thanks to Andy Gleeson for his work on the Columbus Day Ball Program Book.

Also, October was the culmination of our Annual Incentive Raffle. From all indications our totals are all over those from last year. My congratulations and thanks goes to Bill Van Horn and Lou Woods for a spectacular job. My thanks to all of our Councils for all of your hard work for this program and those less fortunate.

Our campaign for the Intellectually Disabled (Tootsie Roll program) also got underway. Please make sure that your reports are submitted to Mike Thumm as soon as possible.

Order wide, this first quarter has been the best membership quarter in thirty-five years. Also, Maryland has seen its best first quarter over the last three years. Please keep up the good work. Continue to ask those eligible Catholic men to join our ranks. Please continue to recruit one member per council per month. Please continue to hold one Admissions (First) degree per District per month.

Our Coats For Kids Program is shaping up to really be our best year ever as well. I want to thank Mike Jacobs and the Seton Chapter for all of their hard work in the Western Vicariate with this project. Mike and his wife Robyn work tirelessly to get the donations needed to cover this expense. Under the direction of Dan Ward, we will also be working with Catholic Charities of Baltimore to deliver 1100 coats on Black Friday to those in need. The Supreme Council has given us 600 of these coats and through the generosity of the Baltimore Chapter, many Districts, Councils and individuals we were able to purchase the other 500 coats.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to thank each and every one of our members and families for all they do to help promote the good works of the Order. Without each one chipping in at your council, at your church and in your community it would not be possible to do the things we do.

Always remember, We are the Knights of Columbus, We are a people of Life, For Life, Building a Civilization of Love.

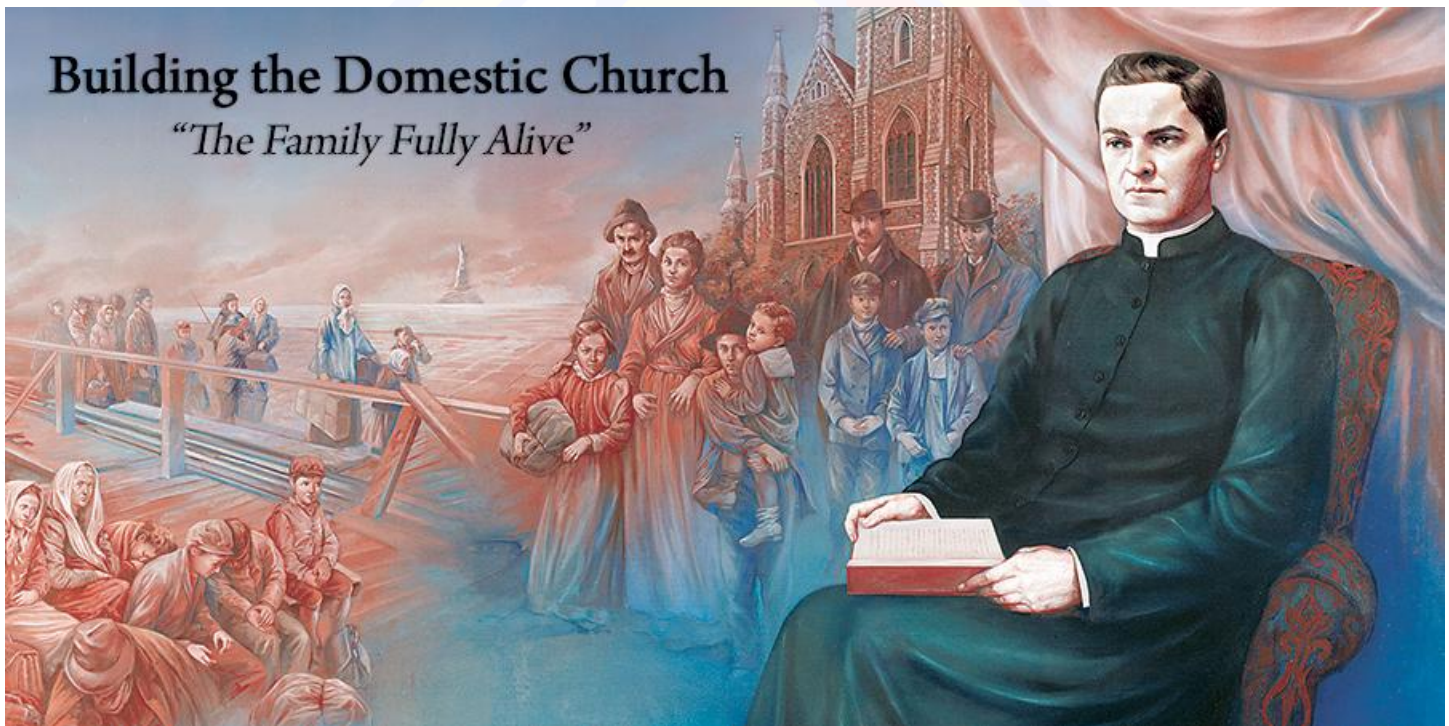
Happy Thanksgiving from all of the State Officers and our Wives.

Vivatn Jesus!

Stephen M. Cohen

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

SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS



In founding the Knights of Columbus Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th century America. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the challenges his widowed mother faced with seven children at home. Later, as a priest he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the families of his parish community due to poverty, violence, alcoholism, immigration, anti-Catholic prejudice and discrimination.

Father McGivney's vision for family life was not simply that each family might find financial and material aid. He understood that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. And, seeing as his two brothers followed him into the priesthood, we can understand how truly important the "sanctuary of the home" was to the McGivney family.

His family was a living example of what the Second Vatican Council later taught, that each man, woman and child is called to holiness through proclaiming the Gospel and communicating the divine gift of love through the activities of their daily lives.

When Christian families respond in this way to the design of the Creator, they become a "domestic Church" that, as Pope Paul VI explained, mirrors "the various aspects of the entire Church." (*Evangeliu Nuntiandi*, 71)

Since the Second Vatican Council, and especially during the pontificate of St. John Paul II, it has become clear that the family is "the way of the Church." (*Instrumentum Laboris*, 49) In one sense this obviously means that the family is the object of the Church's evangelization efforts.

But the Christian family too has its own indispensable mission. As St. John Paul II wrote in *Familiaris Consortio*, "The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love." (*Familiaris Consortio*, 17) This mission is at the heart of the "community of life and love" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1603) that begins with the married couple in the sacrament of matrimony.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter ... It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh leads to forming one heart and soul." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1643)

In other words, sacramental marriage involves not just an agreement between the spouses but a radical transformation of the spouses.

As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Deus Caritas Est*, "marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes the icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love." (*Deus Caritas Est*, 11)

In this way the witness of husband and wife within the daily life of the family can guard, reveal and communicate love as they make their own the gifts of marriage — unity, indissolubility, faithfulness and openness to new life.

... Read the rest at: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/>

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

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

STAR COUNCIL AWARD

It's another proud year as our council was able to bring home another Star Council award this year. For those of you who don't know, we needed a net increase of 19 members and 6 insurance members for the 2014-2015 fraternal year. We couldn't have possibly accomplished this feat without the help of our District Deputy, our Membership director, our retention team, and each and every brother Knight who brought in another brother. For all of those who helped - THANK YOU. It's times like this that make you proud to be a Brother Knight.

Thanks to Tony Salvemini from the State Council who came down to present this award to us at our November 2nd meeting. Pictured from left to right are: Tony Salvemini, Greg Ward and Lee Eder.



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 Son and Grandson Cooper
- Will Glassman
- Jack Kreiner
- Connie Piotrowski's mom (Lady Knight), Helen Bialek
- Ed Colvin
- Bryan O'Connor
- Mike Novak's brother
- Norm Martin
- Ed O'Keefe's daughter Mallory
- Carroll McKenna
- Wendy Ward
- Sara Gutowski

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.

RAVENS REPORT



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Raven's season is in full swing. Despite a lot of turnover at Aramark and some policy changes multiple times along the way, things are progressing along splendidly. I want to thank all of our Brother Knights who have come out to help so far and I hope to see the rest of our team trained Knights before the year is out.

The season for the Ravens isn't looking so hot, but don't let that fool you with regards to beer sales. People are still drowning their sorrows and our average sales remain roughly the same.

We still have five games left; two in November and three in December. If you're a team trained brother I would ask that you contact me and come on out. Those who have worked a game know how much fun we have doing it. Thanks for all you do brothers!

Vivat Jesus,

Rob Hardy, DGK

STATE CONVENTION UPDATE

The state convention will be held this year from May 13-15. The process for reserving a room has changed a bit as the state works to modernize their systems. The state is moving all registrations over to an online form which is available on their new site <http://www.mdkocconvention.org/>. All registration information can be found on this site.

Payments will be handled via means of PayPal. The registration form is a tad lengthy but can be found at https://www.mdkocconvention.org/Convention_Registration.aspx. It's recommended that you reserve 15-20 minutes to filling it out.

THREE MONTH PLANNER

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



NOVEMBER 2015			
Sun.	1	Ravens vs. Chargers	1:00pm
Mon.	2	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	6	Third Degree Ceremony - St. Joan of Arc in Aberdeen	7:30pm
Sat.	7	Memorial Mass	9:00am
Sun.	8	Flag Dedication - Worship Center during Mass	9:00am
Mon.	9	Officers' Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	13	Bingo	6:00pm
Fri.	13	Family Activity - Bowling at Forest Hill Lanes	7:00pm
Sun.	15	Ravens vs. Jaguars	1:00pm
Mon.	16	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Sat.	21	Ladies - Holiday Luncheon Bingo	12:00pm
Sun.	22	Ravens vs. Rams	1:00pm
Mon.	23	Tootsie Rolls	10:00am-4:00pm
Tues.	24	Tootsie Rolls	10:00am-4:00pm
Wed.	25	Tootsie Rolls	10:00am-4:00pm
Thurs.	26	Happy Thanksgiving!	ALL DAY
Sun.	29	Church Activity - 5th Sunday Mass	9:00am
DECEMBER 2015			
Sat.	5	Youth Activity - Kids Christmas Party	12:00pm-2:00pm
Mon.	7	Monthly Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	11	Christmas Bingo!	5:00pm
Sun.	13	Ravens vs. Seahawks Beer Stand	8:30pm
Mon.	14	Monthly Council Meeting and First Degree	7:30pm
Sun.	20	Ravens vs. Chiefs Beer Stand	1:00pm
Mon.	21	No Meeting	N/A
Fri.	25	Merry Christmas	All Day
Sun.	27	Ravens vs. Steelers Beer Stand	8:30pm
JANUARY 2016			
Mon.	4	Monthly Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	8	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon.	11	Monthly Officers Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	18	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Fri.	22	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat.	30	20th Annual Polar Bear Plunge	1:00pm
TBD		Family Ice Skating at Ice World	
TBD		Council Holiday Party	

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Lee Eder, FN, PGK



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