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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"OUR BEST IS YET TO COME"

My Brothers All,

"Work before Play" the old adage goes! As we prepare for the Christmas holiday we know there is no getting around the hustle and bustle of the season, so many things to do, so little time! The fact is, it's true and it's almost impossible to change, right? So as we mentally prepare for the commercialization of the Christmas season why not put a bit more "Spirit" back into the Holiday. We have all heard: "Remember the real meaning of Christmas" and "Charity begins with a kind word....." Then why don't we live that? Let's put our desires into actions. Let's give a little Christmas Spirit to a friend, colleague or even a stranger. True sincerity can go a long way.

Once while on a business trip I had the luxury of staying at a very fine hotel for a few days. And while there, I noticed that whenever I walked passed a hotel employee a very sincere sounding "Good Morning" was said to me. I don't know what it was in their voice, tone or delivery but I truly felt as if they wished me a "Good Morning." I also didn't know their motivation, whether it was in their training or was it instilled in them? But whatever it was the sound and thought behind those words have stayed with me for many years.

I know we "Remember the reason for the season." But why not live its meaning in a very small but powerful manner. This season take an extra second of time and spread the true meaning of Christmas Spirit; give a wonderful gift of true sincerity. Wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" AND put some "heart into it". The feelings you put into those words can be felt. I promise you it will make a difference, you could make someone's season, it could become a life time memory for someone and it will make you a better person in Charity's sweet name. Try it!

My Brother Knights and your families, on behalf of Wendy, Kathryn, Patrick, Andrew and myself;

**Embrace the true meaning of the entire season, May God's Love and Warmth Surround You and  
Have a Very Merry Christmas! Love to All,**

**Gregory J. Ward**  
*Grand Knight*

Finally, Please keep Wendy in your prayers this month.



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## ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

As you are well aware over the past three weeks we have heard all about the second coming of Jesus. I mentioned before that this might have been a little disconcerting to some of us. I believe that was a way that Jesus could get our attention, perhaps a wake-up call to change the way we live so that when the second coming of Jesus occurred, we would be ready for him.

Today our readings take a whole different turn. In our reading from Baruch 5:1 to 9, we hear the prophet telling the people of Israel to "take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory for God forever". Israel's exile in Babylon caused them to become hopeless. All was lost and they felt they would never see their home Jerusalem again. Baruch encourages them with these beautiful words "God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company." The Israelites should no longer be hopeless. God is rescuing them from their exile.

The Gospel story from Luke 3: 1 -6 tells us John the Baptist is announcing the coming of the long-awaited Messiah. Luke actually quotes from Isaiah claiming that all will be well. A new day is dawning. John is proclaiming the coming of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes it's hard for us to keep faith. Sometimes we lose hope. Life hands us so many difficulties that it's impossible for us to have hope. Through the readings today God is giving us a clear message. It's the same message he gave to the Israelites thousands of years ago.

God is saying to us: do not be afraid, I am with you. I love you enough to send my son to show you that there is hope. To show you that no matter what difficulties you encounter, I am here for you.

Peace and All Good  
Deacon Jim



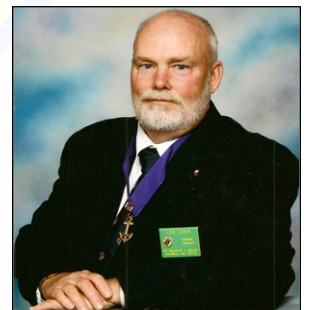
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## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers All,

As we all are getting our houses decorated with garland and lights & out searching for that perfect gift for a loved one, please take time to prepare your heart and soul for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Enjoy this beautiful time of the year with your most precious gifts, your Family and Friends. Open your hearts to the poor and needy. Remember the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson of our Order, CHARITY.

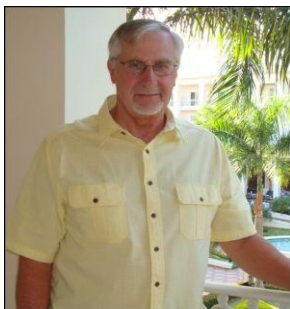


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Thank You and God Bless,  
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# PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"



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As I write this article, we are beginning our time of waiting for our Lord to arrive here on earth, Advent. In less than a month we celebrate the wonderful holiday of Christmas. Let each of us keep in mind that Christmas is more than a day to exchange gifts. Let us thank God for his gift to us of his son, Jesus.

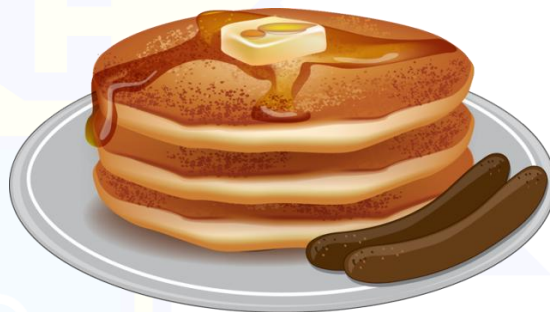
Let me take this opportunity to thank each and every Knight and their families for their support of our council and wish you a Merry Christmas.

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

Our next culture of life activity will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup> Transportation will be provided from SFdS to and from D.C. Cost is \$30 per adult and will include your bus fair. We'll be praying the rosary on the bus. Bring your own lunch. The bus will depart at 9 AM and arrive back around 7 PM.

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

Save the date for our annual winter pancake breakfast on February the 7th from 6:30 AM until 11:15 AM. We'll need help all throughout so if you can help out at any point please let us know. If you can't help but would like to attend, please bring the family and we only ask for a good will donation with a suggested gift of \$5.



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

Hold onto your seats. We are planning a movie night. Disney's "Minions" will be our feature movie. We will also have popcorn, candy and drinks. The date is to be determined but plans are to have it in January.

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

The Kid's Christmas Party was an outstanding success. We had 80 kids signed up and at least as that many kids showed up. Pictures of the families were taken with Santa and free framed photos were provided to the families. The food was great and we hope to have as many kids show up in the future.

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

We will be holding our annual trip down to Sandy Point State Park again this year for the **20th Annual Polar Bear Plunge**. We hope you'll sign up to come down with us (plunge optional) or at the very least we ask that you'll help donate to the cause. Donations can be made via our fundraising page at <http://plunge.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1139685&team=6538532>



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

Our Holiday Party will be held at the Bush River Yacht Club on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. The cost will again be \$30 per person. The dinner will be provided by Boxhill Restaurant.

Larry Shannahan  
*Chancellor and Program Director*



# FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

We are now in the Advent season and preparing ourselves for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is usually a busy time of the year and can be stressful at times. Don't forget to prayer and ask the Lord to help you to be a more faithful and patient person.

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. You must be a 4th Degree Knight to be in the Color Corps. If you are a 4th Degree Knight and want more information about the Color Corps, contact Mike Georgulas or Lee Eder, our Color Corps Commanders.

Our next Assembly meeting will be our Christmas Party on Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 PM at Long Green Valley Council in Hydes, Maryland. Ladies are invited.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and safe Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,  
John Young

*Faithful Navigator, John Carroll Assembly #2378*



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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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Brothers, as of 12/1 we have 300 members with 157 insurance members and 143 associate members.

Year to date we brought in two new members and have a net of zero insurance policies.

We have a degree scheduled for the next meeting on December the 14th and I invite each brother to recruit a candidate to help grow our council.

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

## 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](https://www.mdkocconvention.org/Convention_Registration.aspx). It's recommended that you reserve 15-20 minutes to filling it out.

# LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



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On Saturday, **November 21<sup>st</sup>**, we held our **Holiday Luncheon Bingo** in Kilduff Hall. Thank you to all who supported and made this fundraiser a great success by working the event, helping as needed, or attending. Our Ladies sure are talented and hardworking! To the Knights that helped, we extend a heartfelt thank you.

A great time was had by all. With our proceeds, we are able to continue supporting the Youth Group, St. Francis de Sales Outreach, the Church, our sister parish in Haiti, the Scouts, Birthright, Little Sisters of the Poor, and many other programs.

Our next meeting will be on **December 14<sup>th</sup>** 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. Hope you all had an amazing Thanksgiving!

[Photo collage courtesy of Connie Piotrowski]



Cynthia Santiago  
*Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary*



# INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

"LONG-TERM CARE PLANS OFFER PEACE OF MIND"

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in. Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

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



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## SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

CHILDREN IN SIX CITIES THROUGHOUT STATE RECEIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH

As many headed out to shop on the day after Thanksgiving, hundreds of area children received a free and much-needed gift as the Knights of Columbus distributed new winter coats to children in need at six sites throughout Connecticut on Black Friday, Nov. 27.

The K of C Coats for Kids distributions were held at sites in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, Taftville and Waterbury. The statewide initiative builds on a program that started in Bridgeport during Thanksgiving weekend in 2012.

More than 2,000 coats were distributed statewide by the Knights.

"While society pushes us to buy things on Black Friday, the Knights of Columbus wants to remember those who don't have basic necessities that most of us take for granted," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Our members are making sure that children have something essential, a coat, to help them stay warm during winter — which, as we were reminded last year, can be especially cold in Connecticut."

Also that day, coats were distributed by Knights in several other states from coast to coast.

Since the program was launched in 2009, more than 300,000 new coats have been distributed to children by Knights of Columbus.

Read more at: <http://kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/ct-knights-distribute-coats-black-friday.html>

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



# ST. FRANCIS OUTREACH DONATION

Our council's Charity Corp has offered a generous donation of \$1400 to the St. Francis Outreach program with the proceeds from the bull and oyster roast. Deacon Jim graciously accepted the check on behalf of the Outreach program. This money will go to help many needy people in our community.



## 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  
Will Glassman – needs our prayers – almost recovered  
Ed Colvin – is healing  
Norm Martin  
Ed O'Keefe's daughter – Mallory  
Steve Herpel – Knee Operation is going well  
Sara Gutowski  
Ray Bloom

Wendy Ward  
Jack Kreiner  
Fr. Chuck  
Steve Herpel's:

- mom - Mildred;
- brother - David;
- niece - Stacy

Pray for all of our country's peace keepers and first responders. We pray that they may always be safe while protecting us in service to our country, state and county's citizens.

# THREE MONTH PLANNER

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



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	<b>Monthly Council Meeting and First Degree</b>	7:30pm
Sun.	20	Ravens vs. Chiefs Beer Stand	1:00pm
Mon.	21	Social Gathering - No Business	7:30pm
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
Sat.	9	State Mid-Term Meeting - Officers	8:00am-5:00pm
Mon.	11	Monthly Officers Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	18	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Fri.	22	Culture of Life - March for Life - Washington DC	9:00am-7:00pm
Fri.	22	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat.	23	Council Holiday Party	6:00pm
Sat.	30	Family Activity - Kids Bingo	4:00pm-6:00pm
Sat.	30	20th Annual Polar Bear Plunge	1:00pm
TBD		Family Ice Skating at Ice World	
TBD		Family Activity - Movie Night - Minion Movie	
FEBRUARY 2016			
Mon.	1	Monthly Council Meeting	7:30pm
Sun.	7	Pancake Breakfast	6:30am-11:30am
Mon.	8	Monthly Officers Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat.	13	Valentine's Dance	6:00pm
Mon.	15	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Fri.	26	Bingo!	5:00pm



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