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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"OUR BEST IS YET TO COME"

My Brothers All,

I hope everyone had a very Holy and Blessed Christmas Season and I wish you all success and Blessings this year brings.

As we enter the final six months to our fraternal year there is a very clear subject we must address and improve upon, good ole MEMBERSHIP! We have heard many times before and fully understand membership is the lifeblood to our Council and to the Knights of Columbus. And per our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, "We are morally obligated to ask every Catholic man to join our organization." Please do your part as we focus on this drive in the coming 6 months.

One of the most enjoyable activities of the fraternal year are now being fine-tuned, the Annual Holiday Party! It is set for Jan. 23rd; details are found herein. Please reserve the limited tickets now! Also, inform yourself on all the activities planned for our Council in this newsletter.

Finally, Brothers, As Grand Knight I strive to maintain our Council's highest standards in all we do; I also know that change is constant and it needs to be. If you miss an activity or want to participate or create a new one, contact me at gjward63@gmail.com or call me at 443-243-1333. I'm available and open to all comments; the good and the not-so-good. I understand we all have personal reasons for joining the Knights, whatever your reasons were for joining, I ask you make a resolution to "re-join" your Brothers Knights and ask you to attend at least two meetings and participate in an activity of your choice sometime during 2016. Better yet, promise yourself to attend the first meeting of the new year on Jan. 4th! I guarantee you will be welcomed back with open arms, at least by ME! For my currently active Brothers, I want to thank you for all your past support and your continued actions in the coming year.

May God Bless you and your Families and I hope you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Vivat Jesus,

Gregory J. Ward
Grand Knight



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ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

Another year has come and gone and once again we make New Year resolutions, try to live better lives, and, hopefully, accomplish the change we need to become closer to God. Sounds redundant, doesn't it? Maybe that's because we need to hear it over and over to really believe it. It's not easy to change. We don't like it. We like to keep doing the same old, the same old way. It's comfortable. We don't have to think or do anything. Just keep on going as we always have.

The stage is set for us to respond to new commitments. Perhaps we need a commitment to place our trust in Jesus, to live as he lived, to give as he gave, and to love as he loved. This might be the most difficult commitment we ever agree to. Jesus challenges us to love those we love to hate; to forgive those we cannot forgive; to be kind, gentle, generous and true followers of him. Do we really believe or do we just entertain empty words and thoughts. Are we ready to change? Can we accept the challenge Jesus offers us, or are we going to be satisfied doing the same old thing the same old way day after day?

I think we all know that being a committed follower of Jesus is not easy. It takes everything we have. The good news is we are not alone. Jesus is ready to walk with us and help us fulfill what we commit to. The time has come for us to move out of our comfort level and embrace the message he gives us. It won't be easy, but then, nothing worthwhile ever is.

Peace and All Good
Deacon Jim



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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers All,

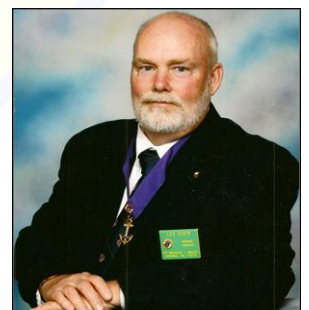
As we all are getting our houses decorated with garland and lights & out searching for that perfect gift for a loved one, please take time to prepare your heart and soul for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 1st lesson of our Order, CHARITY.

Merry Christmas & Happy Healthy New Year

Lee Eder, PGK, PFN

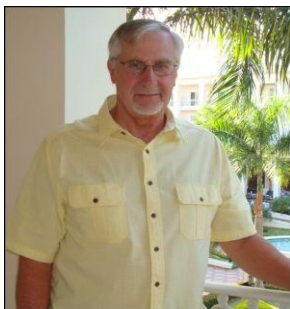
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"



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I would like to thank the many brothers for the hours that you gave to our council this year to make our programs a great success. Lee Eder, our District Deputy and Council member recently wrote, "You Brothers make me proud to be a member of the Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council". I too share Lee's feelings and wish you a Blest New Year.

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

Our next culture of life activity will be on January 22nd 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)

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 – Steve Buddenbohn (sbuddenbohn@aol.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. This activity is planned for February 27th at 6 PM in Kilduff Hall.

Youth – Bruce Miller (410-913-7268 or bmille45@jhu.edu) or Joe Ocampo (jocampo426@gmail.com)

The Kids Bingo is planned for January 30th in Kilduff Hall. We will need plenty of support for this activity so plan to help. The entire family is encouraged to play. Although the games are tailored to our children, I'm sure all will have fun!

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

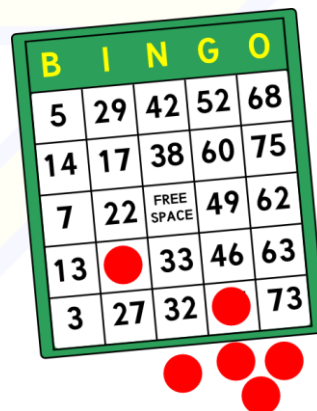
Our council has accepted an invitation from Habitat for Humanity to assist in building one of their new houses. We will be doing this throughout the day of February 27th. This will be a great way to assist those in need of shelter within our own community.

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)

Our Holiday Party will be held at the Bush River Yacht Club on January 23rd at 6:00 pm. The cost will again be \$20 per person. The dinner will be provided by Boxhill Restaurant.



Larry Shannahan
Chancellor and Program Director

FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE

Sir Knights,
Happy New Year.

The next Patriotic activity for our Assembly will be the Meet and Greet Lunch with the veterans in the addiction rehabilitation ward at the Perry Point VA Medical Center. A specific date has not been set but we are planning for a Saturday in March.

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.

Our next Assembly meeting will be our Renewal of Obligations on Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 PM in Kilduff Hall. The dress code is tuxedos for officers and business suits or tuxedos for others.



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Vivat Jesus,
John Young

Faithful Navigator, John Carroll Assembly #2378

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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Brothers, it's always a good month when two new members join the council. Please wish a hearty welcome to Connor Perkins and Brennan Traube.

Our next degree will be on February 15th. Keep working on potential candidates and bring them out. Help keep our council one of the best in the state!

Happy New Year!

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

KNIGHTWORKS NOTES

Ravens is done for the year! The final burst of warm weather helped drive sales there at the end which is traditionally slow (it's hot chocolate weather). Thank you to all of the brothers who came out this year in support! I'll have some final tallies ready for next month's newsletter.

Finally, I'll throw in a plug for the Polar Bear Plunge. If you haven't been, it's like the Maryland State Fair in the middle of winter. Help support our team as we work to hit our fundraising goal of \$1000. Donations can be made on our [team page](#).

Vivat Jesus,
Rob Hardy, DGK



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LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

"IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR..."



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At our December meeting, we began brainstorming for the next year's activities. We also had a Christmas social with a fun gift exchange and delicious dips and sweets. It's always nice to be able to enjoy one another's company after taking care of business. We have great ideas for 2016 and hope you can continue supporting us to help serve our parish and many other groups ☺

Our next meeting will be on January 18th 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. And, warm wishes to all for a bright and prosperous New Year!

Cynthia Santiago
Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary

INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

"RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT LIFE INSURANCE"

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.



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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 and his parents Eric and Cooper
- Ed Colvin – is healing
- Norm Martin
- Ed O'Keefe's daughter – Mallory
- Ray Bloom
- Wendy Ward
- Charles Duke - Chemo
- Jack Kreiner
- Fr. Chuck
- Steve Herpel's mom - Mildred; brother - David; niece – Stacy
- Mike Brown Sr.
- Don Telasha

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.

STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season. We are now entering into the second half of the Fraternal Year. Everyone's eyes should be on the prize and the prize is STAR. Star Council that is. Continue recruiting and scheduling and exemplifying your first degrees.

Recently, the Knights of Columbus conducted a public opinion survey. What they found was those who were interviewed said that the Knights was an "old mans" organization. We have been saying for years that seventy-five percent of the Fourth Degree was seventy- five years of age or older. The average age of the Third Degree Orderwide is sixty. So, I guess the solution is to recruit younger men. Yes, but that is only part of it. Statistics show that we also suspend more of our younger members.

Why do we think, that is so? Many will say that they don't pay their dues. TRUE. The question, we should be looking at is why? Possibly because they have found nothing to be active in. Possibly because the older guys didn't let them in. Possibly because new ideas were met with resistance. We have all heard, we have never done that before; it won't work.

How about starting an under 40 club or even an under 30 club. Let them take the point and run with some programs. Include the younger families. Draw the whole family in with movie nights, etc. The sky is the limit. We really have to change our mindsets as we move forward. None of us are getting any younger.

This is also a good time, to step back and evaluate are we doing enough for our parishes. Are we participating in every area of the parish we can. Grand Knights should meet with their pastors formally twice per year. Once in June or July and the other is now, to plan out the rest of the year. Let's make a solid effort to ensure that our programs are hitting all areas of the parish.

Please don't forget the Polar Bear Plunge. John Durbin and Steve Adamczyk are in need of volunteers please give them a call. Our work, thus far, has been outstanding. Let us continue to promote the good works of the Order and stay on target for STAR.

Vivatn Jesus!

Stephen M. Cohen

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

SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

"POPE FRANCIS MEETS WITH K OF C LEADERS"

Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore in a private audience at the Vatican on Dec. 17. It was the fourth such audience granted by Pope Francis to the supreme knight.

During the course of the meeting, the supreme knight and Archbishop Lori spoke with the Holy Father about the many activities of the Knights of Columbus in 2015, particularly the Order's efforts to aid persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

Through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, the Order has distributed more than \$5 million to support Christians in the Middle East. In addition to this financial support, the Knights of Columbus has organized a major public awareness campaign about the situation faced by Christians in the Middle East.

During the visit, the supreme knight also presented the Holy Father with a contribution of \$1.6 million from the Vicarious Christi Fund, offered on behalf of the 1.9 million members of the Knights of Columbus. The Vicarious Christi Fund has generated \$56,015,000 for the pope's personal charities and causes since its establishment in 1981.

More at: <http://kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/pope-francis-meets-kofc-leaders.html>



THREE MONTH PLANNER

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



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
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	Judged First Degree , Abbreviated Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Fri.	26	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat.	27	Family Activity - Movie Night - Minion Movie	6:00pm
MARCH 2016			
Mon.	7	Monthly Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	11	Bingo!	5:00pm
Fri.-Sun.	11-13	Church Activity - Malvern Retreat	4:00pm-12:00pm
Mon.	14	Monthly Officers Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	21	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Fri.	25	Bingo!	5:00pm

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Lee Eder, FN, PGK



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