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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"OUR BEST IS YET TO COME"

My Brothers All,

Two in a row!! That is what Bruce Miller and his team have accomplished, they have put together two huge and successful activities for the youth of our Parish. December the Kid's Christmas Party was held and just last week was the Kid's Bingo Night; both activities drew well over 120 people and EVERYONE had a great time. This was Bruce's 4<sup>th</sup> Kid's Bingo Night in as many years; way to go Bingo Bruce. Mr. Bingo Chairman? Thank you!

This past month was a little tough on the Council regarding other activities and the cooperation of Mother Mature. While we were all impacted by the 29+ inches of "snow dump"; I think Bill Hengemihle took the brunt of it. For the past couple of months Bill and Jeff Gutowski planned the annual Christmas party; Bill also planned a bus trip to DC, to participate in the March for Life. With the certain snowfall predicted, all activities were called off. All their time and effort went down with the snow! When you see these gentlemen next time offer them up a word of thanks and appreciation. They deserve it. Thanks Bill, Thanks Jeff! During the officer's meeting that will be held on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, it will be determined if a party can be rescheduled or deposits returned.

Finally Brothers, please remember that Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday - the start of Lent. I encourage you to take a few minutes each day and prepare yourself for the Holiest time in the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar. During the Holy season, recognize your need for repentance, commit to service, pray and fast as you grow closer to God and become more Christ like. Why not make a Council activity part of your Service-to-Others during Lent? Take part in one of the many scheduled activities highlighted on the Council's Calendar in this newsletter.

May this Lenten season be the start of something new in your relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus,

Gregory J. Ward

*Grand Knight*



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# ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

Our Gospel story this past weekend comes from Luke 4:21 - 30. We could not get to church last Sunday because of a snow storm. Maybe the church knew that would happen and gave us just a snippet of what was said at the end of last week's Gospel." Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." The quote Jesus was referring to came from Isaiah 61:1 - 2 a. It's the one where Isaiah tells the people that captives will be set free and those that are ill or handicapped will be made whole.

When Jesus told them he was the fulfillment of this promise, they were not too happy. They asked themselves questions like: "Isn't this the son of a carpenter? How could this be? We know this man. He grew up right down the street."

When Jesus challenges them with hard facts, they become extremely angry.

They rise up against him and drive him to the edge of town and try to push him off a cliff. Scripture then says, "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away."

We all know how the story ends. A short time later Jesus is crucified. Thank God we no longer have to face this kind of martyrdom in our world. However, we might have to face what's called white martyrdom. White martyrdom is when we stand up for something we believe in and those around us turn against us. It hurts that the ones we associate with would not be willing to give us a chance. Sometimes even if people do pay attention, we will feel we are accomplishing nothing.

We cannot let these setbacks discourage us from spreading the message of Jesus. As baptized Christians, we are called to tell everyone of God's great gifts. It will not be easy. We cannot let that get in the way. God does not ask us to be successful, only that we keep trying.

Peace and All Good

Deacon Jim



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# DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

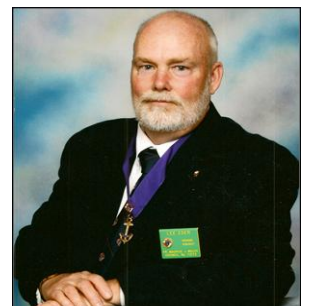
Worthy Brothers All,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is looking for a good end to our fast approaching fraternal year. I can feel the energy at each council; trying to get that new member to a degree and for him to meet with the benefits advisor. If I can help in any way to talk to someone on the fence please give me a call. Remember your loved ones this month (Feb 14<sup>th</sup>) with something special. After digging out of 30 inches of snow a week ago just remember that in about 90+ days we will be at the beach in Ocean City for the convention!!!

God Bless,

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# PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"



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

Due to low turnout, we had to cancel our trip down to the March for Life after the bus company cancelled on us. Fortunately we were able to receive a refund on our down-payment on the bus.

Stay tuned for updates on our next activity.

## **Community – Larry O'Toole (443-619-6976 or [2301patricia@comcast.net](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great way to assist those in need of shelter within our own community. Anyone who will be helping must take the online safety assessment at

[https://www.habitatsusq.org/volunteer\\_registration](https://www.habitatsusq.org/volunteer_registration)

Our annual trip down to Sandy Point State Park for the 20th annual Polar Bear Plunge was a great success. We had a team of 7 people go down to plunge in 38 degree water on a cold and blustery day. Currently we have raised over \$1200 towards our goal of \$1000. Donations can still 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 annual holiday party has been postponed due to the weather last week. We will be announcing the date via email after our next officer's meeting on February 8th. You may keep your current down-payment toward the upcoming event but if you would like your down-payment back please contact Jeff Gutowski, Greg Ward, or Brian O'Connor.

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

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.

We will also be recognizing our altar servers and sacristans at this breakfast. Each person being recognized will receive a free breakfast, prayer card, and rosary in recognition of all of their service and accomplishments.



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

The Kids' Bingo was a great success. We had over 120 people in attendance and raised a lot of money for Juvenile Diabetes. Thanks to all those who helped make this event such a success. Many people were especially happy to come out and play a few rounds after being stuck in the house all week!

**Family – Steve Buddenbohn ([sbuddenbohn@aol.com](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in Kilduff Hall.



Larry Shannahan  
*Chancellor and Program Director*

## FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

February 19 is the deadline to complete the Fourth Degree Membership Form for the Exemplification of the 4th Degree that is scheduled for March 5, 2016. If you are a 3rd Degree Knight and want to be a 4th Degree Knight, contact Keith Arndt immediately.

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. The date is Saturday, April 9. We will be providing toiletries for the veterans and are asking the Council members to bring toiletries to the Council meetings in February and March. Cash donations can also be made and the Assembly will use this to purchase toiletries. No mouthwash because it contains alcohol.

Our next Assembly meeting will be on Thursday, February 18, at 7:30 PM at Mason-Dixon Council in the St Mary's church hall in Pylesville, Maryland.

Vivat Jesus,  
John Young

*Faithful Navigator, John Carroll Assembly #2378*



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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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On February 29<sup>th</sup> the council will hold a Formation Degree for candidates who wish to join the Knights of Columbus. This is a special meeting and our Degree Team will be judged by state Officials. Please make every effort to recruit a new member and plan to attend this meeting.

We are 300 strong and growing.....Be a participating member of this great organization.....bring in a new candidate!!!!!!

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

## KNIGHTWORKS NOTES



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We do some pretty cool stuff each month. Here's some quick highlights of us presenting Father Jack with a check for \$500 for St. Francis Outreach and our District Warden Mike Georgulas at the Polar Bear Plunge.

Vivat Jesus,  
*Rob Hardy, DGK*

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Brothers, 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. Please 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 Hazel
- Ed Colvin – is healing
- Norm Martin
- Ed O'Keefe's daughter – Mallory
- Ray Bloom – at Seniors meeting Monday – starting to feel better
- Wendy Ward
- Charles Duke - Chemo
- Jack Kreiner – can't get up and down stairs
- Steve Herpel's mom - Mildred; brother - David; niece – Stacy
- Mike Brown Sr.

# LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

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



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We are excited to share that we are sponsoring a 200 Club raffle, where 100% of the profits will benefit the St. Francis de Sales Church HVAC System replacement. Tickets are \$10 each and sales begin in early February. First prize is \$500 and the second through fifth prizes are \$100 each. The winning tickets will be drawn at our **Cinco de Mayo Dance** on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Yes, we are having a dance party in Kilduff Hall on April 23<sup>rd</sup>! Save the date ☺

Our next meeting will be on February 15<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.

Cynthia Santiago

*Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary*

# INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

*"PROTECTING WIDOWS — A FOUNDING GOAL"*

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

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



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## STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



Well the cold weather is finally here. February is upon us and the second half of the Fraternal Year. The Maryland jurisdiction continues to be strong. I want to thank everyone for all their efforts in making Columbianism strong in Maryland.

We had an outstanding Mid Term Meeting. I have heard nothing but compliments from all those in attendance. The best was the feeling of rejuvenation amongst the participants. Continue to strive for the goal of STAR Council and continue to endeavor for those great programs for your council, your parish and your community.

January was also the month that we gather with many other Pro Life organizations in what is the largest peaceful demonstration Washington D.C. has ever seen. Yet there is really no news coverage. They don't want the world to see just how strong we are. Even in the snow and freezing temperatures we are there.

Don't forget Lobby Night on February 9, 2016 in Annapolis. Come and tell your legislators what you stand for and what you feel they should be standing for. Please take a look at the State Website and the Maryland Catholic Conference website especially dealing with the Death with Dignity Act. This will be a major item on the legislative agenda this year.

Please submit the forms that are due or even past due. The Special Olympics Participation Form, your Council Audit and the Fraternal Survey. All of these are very important to both the State and Supreme.

Continue to recruit that one member per council per month. Doing so will give us more support and more assistance in our programs and endeavors. Strive to recruit the younger men and bring them and their families into the greatest Catholic, Family, Service Organization in the world. Hold the Admission Degree as soon as possible. Show the video if necessary and then have those new members come to the next Admission Degree to reemphasis to lessons being taught.

Again, I look forward to a great second half of the Fraternal Year and hope and pray for each councils continued Success.

Remember always, we are the Knights of Columbus, we are a people of life, for life, building a civilization of love.

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen M. Cohen

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

## SUPREME NEWS AND EVENTS

"KNIGHTS BRAVE A WINTER STORM TO JOIN THOUSANDS FOR THE 2016 MARCH FOR LIFE"

Tens of thousands of pro-life supporters braved a fierce winter storm, Jan. 22, to protest legalized abortion and to bear witness to the sanctity of every human life during the 43rd annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. While the number of marchers was lower than in previous years, the attendance remained impressive considering that forecasters had predicted a blizzard to bring snow totals of up to 30 inches in the nation's capital.

At this year's march, which had the theme, "Pro-Life and Pro-





Woman Go Hand-in-Hand,” many Knights carried council banners and flags, but these were just one indication of the Order’s presence. Scattered among the crowd were thousands of K of C “Defend Life” signs, which the D.C. State Council has distributed to marchers for several years.

At the rally held on the grounds of the Washington Monument prior to the march, several speakers addressed the crowd, including pro-life businesswoman Carly Fiorina, journalist Sue Ellen Browder, National Football League veteran Matt Birk, Focus on the Family President Jim Daly, and pro-life members of Congress, Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa and Rep. Chris Smith of New Jersey.

Patrick Kelly, Knights of Columbus vice president for public policy and chairman of the board of the March for Life, began the rally by commending the marchers for traveling to the capital despite “a major storm barreling down on Washington, D.C.” He said each one has a key role to play in what he referred to as “the most important human rights movement of the 21st century.”

He also reminded the marchers of the truth that “to be pro-life is to be pro-woman and to be pro-woman is to be pro-life.” Opponents of the pro-life movement, he said, “insist on dividing and bullying those who disagree with them by speaking of a fictional war on women. Our movement, the movement to protect human life, is different. It is built by you, the grass roots.”

He continued, “The March for Life has a simple message about pregnant moms and their babies. We love them both.” Citing Marist polls that indicate a shift in public opinion about abortion in the U.S., he concluded, “Something is changing in America. And it is this: being pro-life and pro-woman is now the new normal.”

March for Life President Jeanne Mancini said the impending blizzard was not enough to stop pro-lifers. “Thank you for being here despite the weather forecast. The world may think that we’re a little bit crazy to be here on a day like today, but those of us standing here know that there is no sacrifice too great to fight the human rights abuse of abortion,” said Mancini.

Rousing the crowd, Mancini continued, “Our theme this year as you know is Pro-Life and Pro-Woman go hand in hand. Why this theme? Why now? First, and most importantly, a woman’s capacity to have a child is an incredible, beautiful and amazing thing. It’s something inherent to women. It’s a miracle, not a liability.”

Following the rally, the pro-lifers protesters marched up Constitution Avenue and past the U.S. Capitol to the Supreme Court. As in past years, a large portion of the marchers were young pro-lifers.

The dedicated participants in this annual pro-life march also reflect the overwhelming percentage of Americans who increasingly support the legal protection of the unborn.

In a new Marist poll commissioned by the Knights of Columbus, 55 percent of Americans say that abortion does more harm than good compared to 30 percent who say that the procedure improves a woman’s life. About the same percentage of women (56 percent) say abortion ultimately does more harm than good, compared to 31% who say otherwise.

Those who identify as pro-life are not the only Americans who overwhelmingly support restrictions on abortion. Americans who call themselves “pro-choice” also support such proposals, with the majority saying they favor several types of restrictions.

More than 6 in 10 Americans (61 percent) support laws that would ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy, except to save the life of the mother. A similar number of Americans (62 percent) of those who describe themselves as pro-choice support the same ban. Six in 10 Americans say abortion is “morally wrong.” One-third of pro-choice Americans agree.

More at: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/people-of-life.html>



# THREE MONTH PLANNER

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



FEBRUARY 2016			
Mon.	1	Monthly Council Meeting	7:30pm
Sun.	7	Pancake Breakfast	6:30am-11:30am
Mon.	8	Monthly Officers Meeting	7:30pm
Wed.	10	Ash Wednesday	All Day
Fri.	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon.	15	Monthly Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Fri.	19	Lenten Chowder Sales	4:00pm-7:00pm
Fri.	26	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat.	27	Community Activity - Habitat for Humanity	7:30am
Sat.	27	Family Activity - Movie Night - Minion Movie	6:00pm
Mon.	29	Judged First Degree Ceremony	7:30pm
MARCH 2016			
Fri.	4	Lenten Chowder Sales	4:00pm-7:00pm
Sat.	5	4th Degree Exemplification - Frederick MD	
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
Fri.	18	Lenten Chowder Sales	4:00pm-7:00pm
Mon.	21	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Thurs.	24	New Member Orientation? (Also Holy Thursday)	7:00pm
Fri.	25	Good Friday - <b>No Bingo!</b>	All Day
Sun.	27	Easter!	All Day
APRIL 2016			
Sat.	2	Community Activity - Roadside Cleanup	8:00am-9:00am
Mon.	4	Monthly Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	8	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon.	11	Monthly Officers Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	28	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Fri.	22	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat.	23	Ladies Cinco de Mayo Dance	6:15pm

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