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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"OUR BEST IS YET TO COME"

My Brothers All,

I hope you have all survived and made the most of the "Great Snow Dump of 2016"? It reminded me of the days when I had to walk to school, up-hill both ways, in 48 inches of snow. Remember? Well now that the back breaking job of shoveling the white stuff and trying to get around on the ice is past, consider some of the following things that are so much easier and fun to do.

If you haven't signed up to attend the State Convention in May, it is very simple to do, go to <https://mdkocconvention.org/> and make your reservation. In the past our council has been recognized either through awards we have earned or by the compliments we heard from State Officers coming by to congratulate us on all of our accomplishments. Join the fun, this is also a great event for the entire family. We have had another great year and the anticipation is high, it's time to relax and have some in the in Ocean City.

As we head towards the end of our fraternal year, I want to remind everyone to keep asking others to join our wonderful Council. It only takes a second and a quick question, "Have you ever considered joining the Knights of Columbus?" Someone once asked you to join, how did that make you feel? Share that joy with someone else!!

I'd also like to encourage everyone to consider and run for an Officer's position next year, there are openings! Shortly, the Council will begin to put together the slate of Officers for the coming year. No experience is necessary just a willingness and a drive to do a good job. If an officer position is not something you want to do then please consider an activity director position. Training will be provided with plenty of Brothers Knights to help you along the way. With Brother Rob Hardy becoming Grand Knight, we are bound to continue the great things we've done for so many years!

Finally, Remember that Easter is right around the corner, please continue your preparation for the coming of the risen Lord.

May God bless you and your family,

Gregory J. Ward  
*Grand Knight*



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# ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"A LENTEN IDEA"

There are many things we can look at as we ponder Lent. Here are two that strike me as very basic to our journey as Christians. The first has to do with our own reconciliation and the other with how we accept and welcome others. Others whom we think may be less than they should be. I'm reminded of a story of a man who dies and is sitting at a table in front of the gates of Heaven. The man has his head buried in his arms which are folded on the table top. Jesus walks by and says to the man, "Come into Heaven. We are waiting for you!" The man answers "I can't." Jesus retorts, "Why not?" The man answers, "First of all I'm a sinner. Everyone knows you can't be a sinner and get into Heaven." Jesus says, "Don't worry I took care of that for you, your sins are forgiven." The man says, "I know. I just can't believe it, and what's more, in there you really have to love and I haven't learned how to do that either."



**Deacon Jim  
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We can start to accept the forgiveness God offers to us right now! There is no sin so big that God will not forgive if we come to Jesus with open arms and a willing spirit. Perhaps our lives have been touched in some way by sinfulness or greed. Maybe we have a streak of selfishness or we feel we are better or holier than the next person. Maybe we are so full of ourselves we cannot bear to admit we might be wrong. If we really are trying to change our lives and do our best to reconcile with God and our community, we are forgiven. If we come to Jesus asking for help he will give us the courage to face our imperfections and faults. We will receive again and again the "life giving water" the light we need to see through the darkness of our sins.

We must then move from our comfort zone. We are prodded to go out from our midst and welcome home those who are estranged. We, as reconciling Christians, must offer the good news to those who have not heard. We must share what we know. We must be understanding of human frailty and welcome those, who like us, are struggling with the urge to sin and selfishness. We must answer the call. That is the command of our Baptismal promise and that is the challenge of the Gospel we live. Let this Lent be the one that changes us once and for all. Let this Lent be the one that really allows us to see the light of the world and drink of the water he offers.

Peace and All Good

Deacon Jim

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

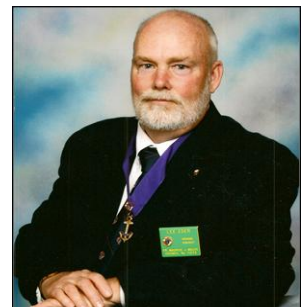
Worthy Brothers All,

As we start this Lenten season, when for the next 6 weeks we give up some of our pleasures, candy, alcohol, and television, let's make this a very special year. Set aside time to reflect on what Jesus Christ has given us. Try to envision the pain and suffering Jesus endured on that cross. Pick up that Bible and spend time reading with the family. Take part in the stations of the cross. Be more positive, make a bigger effort to be kinder to everyone, and be more generous to the poor and homeless. Try to put a smile on the faces of everyone you come in contact with.

Lent can also be a season of Love. God Bless and Happy Easter,

Lee Eder, PGK, PFN

*District Deputy #27*



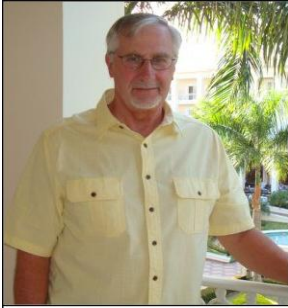
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# PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"



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As we all know, Easter (March 27) is approaching very quickly and I trust that all Knights are looking forward to this wonderful celebration.

At the Father Wolfe Council we just completed another 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremony; these ceremonies are a means of expressing our faith in Christ and our commitment to support his teachings and ideals. During this degree, one Catholic gentleman from our Parish committed himself to follow the principles that Christ taught each of us throughout his life, death and rising again on Easter.

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

Although our rally in D.C. was cancelled, we still conducted a Culture of Life activity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The 1<sup>st</sup> chowder sale was conducted to raise funds for Birthright. We donated \$300 to Bel Air Birthright in February.

Stay tuned for updates on our next activity.

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

We will be conducting a roadside cleanup in April. The date will be announced at our next meeting and in the April newsletter.

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

The Holiday Party has been rescheduled to March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It is now titled the **Spring Fling**. It will be held at 510 Johnny's. The tickets are \$20/person, that's a deal. Please plan to attend and pray it is not snowing.

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

Thanks to Larry O'Toole and Steve Herpel for leading the team of people that worked at the pancake breakfast and alter server recognition activity. It was a great morning

We will be doing a Stone Church garden clean up prior to Easter. We will ask for volunteers in a news blast.

**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))**

We had a very successful family movie night. The movie de jour was "Minions" and 62 people showed up for the event. Popcorn, cupcakes, snacks and drinks were served. Thanks to all those who organized, set up, and worked the AV equipment to pull this off!

There will be a **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM in the Knight's Hall. All members that joined our council in 2015 and 2016 are encouraged to attend. Please contact Larry Shannahan [lshannahan@comcast.net](mailto:lshannahan@comcast.net) with your reservation. All existing Knights are also invited to help lead our new Brothers through Knighthood.

Larry Shannahan  
*Chancellor and Program Director*

# FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

The Exemplification of the 4th Degree will be held on March 5, 2016, unfortunately we don't have any 3rd Degree Knights making their 4th Degree.

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, March 17, at 7:30 PM at Father Wolfe Council in Kilduff Hall. I hope that all 4th Degree Knights from Father Wolfe Council will attend.



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Vivat Jesus,  
John Young

*Faithful Navigator, John Carroll Assembly #2378*

## KNIGHTWORKS NOTES



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A new feature that we've recently added to the website is the ability to connect your phone or email client directly to our calendar. That way you can be sure to have the most up to date information without having to constantly check the website for time changes or cancellations!

On your iPhone go to:

- Settings
- Mail, Contacts, Calendars
- Add Account
- Other
- Add Subscribed Calendar
- [www.kofc11372.org/calendar/export.ics](http://www.kofc11372.org/calendar/export.ics)
- Hit Next and then Continue two times. Finally Save the calendar.

In Microsoft Outlook go to:

- Tools
- Account Settings
- Internet Calendars
- New
- <http://www.kofc11372.org/calendar/export.ics>
- Hit OK twice and Close

I hope some of you will try this out and give me your feedback. Personally, my wife appreciates it because she can see at a glance what I have going on without me having to remember to tell her.

Vivat Jesus,  
Rob Hardy, DGK



# MEMBERSHIP REPORT



**Bill Hengemihle**  
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Last month brother Glenn Grasso was placed in his eternal rest. Glenn was a long time member of our council and you are asked to remember him and his family in your prayers.

Please welcome new member Michael Roddy into our council. Mike, who received his first degree this month, is the son of Bob and Carol Roddy. Bob traveled from far away South Carolina to witness his son's degree. All enjoyed seeing Bob once again.

Last month Anthony Grato transferred to Bel Air Council. All members enjoyed Tony's short stay with our council.

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

## INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

"PLAN FOR THIS TAX DAY AND INTO THE FUTURE "

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.



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

# LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

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



**Cynthia Santiago**

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Our 200 Club Raffle ticket sales continue! Get yours before we sell out! Tickets are \$10 each and 100% of the profits will benefit the St. Francis de Sales Church HVAC System replacement. First prize is \$500 and the second through fifth prizes are \$100 each. The winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, April 23, 2016. We are no longer having a dance party but more details will follow for our activity that day! Save the date ☺

Our next meeting will be on March 21<sup>st</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.



## **200 CLUB RAFFLE**

Benefits St. Francis de Sales Church  
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**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE: \$500.00**

**2<sup>ND</sup> to 5<sup>TH</sup> PRIZES: \$100.00 each**

**Donation: \$10.00 each**

**For 200 Club raffle tickets, please contact:**

Barbara Arnold - (410) 569-3509

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Cynthia Santiago  
*Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary*

## STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



Well, hopefully spring is not far away. However, I did hear a number of people say that they were pushing for the groundhog to be arrested for lying on the stand. Pray for warmer weather.

With warmer weather we should have better recruiting and with better weather will allow us to hold good Admission degrees. Remember One new Member per Council per Month and One Admission Degree per District per Month. In terms of membership keep up the good work, you have already started. It will pay off.

The Death with Dignity or Physician Assisted Suicide Bill is in committee. Please contact your legislators and let them know you are against this horrendous bill. Please go to the Maryland Catholic Conference web site and educate yourself on this bill.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Powers, our State Warden for heading up our Lenten Pilgrimage. What a great day. My thanks also to our Supreme Chaplain,

Archbishop Lori for spending the day with us and for celebrating our Mass. Thanks also to all who attended. Hopefully next year we will double the size of our group.

There are many important dates in March. Please mark your calendars.

- Church Drives – March 5&6 or 12& 13
- Admission Degree Week – March 14-20
- Charitable Outreach Week – March 28 – April 3

So, Grand Knights have you met with your Pastors? What are we doing for the Parish Community that we haven't done before? What are we doing to attract younger members and their families? These are all part of the New Initiative. Take time to read the Supreme Knight's message in each Columbia Magazine. Incorporate the new programs Supreme is sending to you.

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

"TOUCH DOWN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES"

A mini football "combine" was held over the weekend in Indianapolis for Special Olympics athletes to experience a series of drills and activities similar to those performed by athletes simultaneously participating in the NFL Scouting Combine.

Occurring in the same city, the NFL Scouting Combine featured more than 300 of the nation's top college football players, who were timed, tested and interviewed in what is an intense, four-day job interview in advance of the NFL college draft.



Indianapolis Colts offensive lineman Joe Reitz hosted the clinic at the Colts' indoor training facility. They worked with some 40 Special Olympics athletes and a similar number of volunteers, which included Knights of Columbus, members of Catholic Athletes for Christ (CAC), and athletes, coaches and officials from Marian University. Also joining them was Supreme Secretary Charles Maurer Jr.

CAC was a sponsor of the event, along with the Indiana Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics Indiana. Reitz, a member of Catholic Athletes for Christ (CAC), told the athletes about having correct priorities in their lives.

The participants completed elements of the mini "combine" that resembled events from the NFL Combine, such as the 40-yard dash and agility drills. They also played a flag football game led by Reitz.

"The mini combine event is a reminder of the dignity of the human person, which is what the Knights of Columbus-Special Olympics partnership is about," said Indiana State Deputy Scott Cunningham, who has led an effort to make Special Olympics a statewide priority for the Indiana Knights.

A "Founding Champion of the World Games," the K of C allocated \$1.5 million to last summer's Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles to help cover the costs of athletes' transportation, housing and meals.

More at: <http://kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/touch-down-special-olympics-athletes.html>

## CHARITY CORPS



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Hello my brothers. The charity corporation continues to stay active. As a member of Father Wolfe #11372 council, you have a voice in the charity corporation. We are in the beginning stages of our annual letter writing appeal. We can use 3-5 new members to help volunteer for the charity corporation. If you are interested in learning more and lending a hand, please email me at [kmarch52@verizon.net](mailto:kmarch52@verizon.net). We are also planning for the 2016 bull and oyster roast. Please save the date for October 15, 2016.

Our next meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to be held in Meeting Room 1 in the Parish office.

*Keith Marchiano, PGK*

## 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
- 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.



# THREE MONTH PLANNER

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

Subscribe to our calendar on your phone or email client at <http://www.kofc11372.org/calendar/export.ics>



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
Fri.	25	Good Friday - <b>No Bingo!</b>	All Day
Sun.	27	Easter!	All Day
Thurs.	31	New Member Orientation? (Also Holy Thursday)	7:00pm
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.	18	Council Meeting and First Degree	7:30pm
Fri.	22	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat.	23	Ladies Cinco de Mayo Dance	6:15pm
MAY 2016			
Mon.	2	Monthly Council Meeting	7:30pm
Sat.	7	Community Activity - May Day at John Archer	8:00am-12:00pm
Sun.	8	Culture of Life - Marigolds for Mothers	8:15am-12:15pm
Mon.	9	Monthly Officers Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	13	Bingo!	5:00pm
Fri.-Sun.	13-15	Maryland State Convention in Ocean City	6:00pm-12:00pm
Mon.	16	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Sat.	21	Parkinson's Awareness Dinner	6:15pm
Fri.	27	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat.	28	Spaghetti Dinner	4:00pm

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