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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"

My Brothers All,

Although it's getting dark early and the sun does not rise until after 7 am, this month is a time in which each Christian can light up the lives of many in our community.

We mark this season of the birth of our Lord and Savior with song, food and festivity. But while we celebrate within our family unit we should not forget that there are many, that have far less than we do. Let's start our Christmas celebration by donating a couple extra cans of food to our outreach ministry or a toy for the children, or perhaps we could put a few extra dollars in the collection plate targeted for our parish's ministries.

This is a wonderful time of the year and we, as Knights, should make every effort to bring Christ's message of peace and goodwill to all. We can do this, in part, by participating in our Church's and Knight's services and activities scheduled throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. It is a wonderful time for the entire family to attend mass, sing the beautiful songs and celebrate our Lord's birth. Also, watch your children and grandchildren have loads of fun at the Children's Christmas Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. And save January 7<sup>th</sup> for our Council Christmas celebration.

Please mark your calendar for the annual Right to Life March in our nation's capital. It is January 27, 2017. There will be several cars of Fr. Wolfe Knights driving to the New Carrollton Subway stop for a quick ride into DC. From there we will join the march on the square in Washington.

For all the officers of the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, I thank you for your service. We also wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus  
Larry Shannahan  
Grand Knight



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# Associate Chaplain's Report

## A New Day

At this time of year we hear about the second coming of Jesus. This might be a little disconcerting to some of us. I believe this was a way for Jesus to get our attention, perhaps a wake-up call to change the way we live so that when the second coming of Jesus occurs we will be ready for him.

The prophet, Baruch, tells 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.

John the Baptist announces the coming of the long-awaited Messiah. John is proclaiming the coming of Jesus Christ. As it is written in Isaiah, he claims that all will be well. A new day is dawning. 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. God gives 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. No matter what difficulties you encounter I am here for you.

Peace and All Good!  
Deacon Jim



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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

### **ARE YOU SERVING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH?**

As we enter Advent with great expectations, perhaps it's a good time to look in the mirror and see if we're doing what we can to serve the Church. By supporting the Council fundraisers, you are serving those in need and the Church.

As winter comes many of the outdoor activities slow down and our schedules lighten up a bit. It's a good time to attend a Council meeting and participate in one of the activities. The Kid's Christmas Party on December 3rd is a great event and a good opportunity to share time with your family.

Have a joyous Christmas season and remember to keep Christ in Christmas.

- Keith Arndt, Program Director

### **Activity Chairs**

**Church:** Steve Herpel 410-569-8278 olmchssoccer@yahoo.com

It's been a busy and successful couple of months in the Church Activity area: The Vocations Panel was held on October 1st and the Silver Rose service was held on October 25th. The Memorial Mass was held on November 5th, Chairman Steve Herpel also did a lot of the coordination for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Thank you Steve!

Special thanks to Rich Sosna for organizing and coordinating the Clergy appreciation dinner held last month!!!!

**Culture of Life** Allen Siegel 631-220-3425 allen.w.siegel@gmail.com

The Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for January 27th. Watch for future details. We hope to have a significant representation from our Council.

**Community** Bill Hengemihle 410-539-5253 whhengemihle@verizon.net

Coordination with SARC is in progress to assist a homeless woman that has virtually only the clothes on her back. We will provide at least \$300.00 and we're working on increasing that amount. If you are looking for a meaningful Christmas donation, this is it.

**Family** Steve Buddenbohn 443-895-0374 sbuddenbohn@aol.com

Brother Steve led the Council's involvement in Trunk or Treat on October 29th. Several of the Brothers assisted in traffic control as well as presenting gift cards to the winners of the best costume contests. December will bring a chance for families to gather at the annual Christmas Bingo on December 9th. A new event, the Family Nutrition and Fitness Seminar will be held on Saturday, January 14th at 1:00 pm in Kilduff Hall. Watch for further details. The next Fifth Sunday Mass will be held on January 29th.

**Youth** Jeff Gutowski 410-925-1762 jgutowskiwtsb@gmail.com

This Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Kids' Christmas party in Kilduff Hall from 11am until 2pm. We need some volunteers to come out to help these kids have a great time. Santa is flying down from the North Pole, so bring out the kids and grandkids. The cost for the event is only a few non-perishable items!

We will also be supporting the youth Epiphany Mass activity in January.

**Council**

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Our Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Novak, has assumed responsibilities for Council activities. He is

making arrangements for the annual holiday party to be held in January.

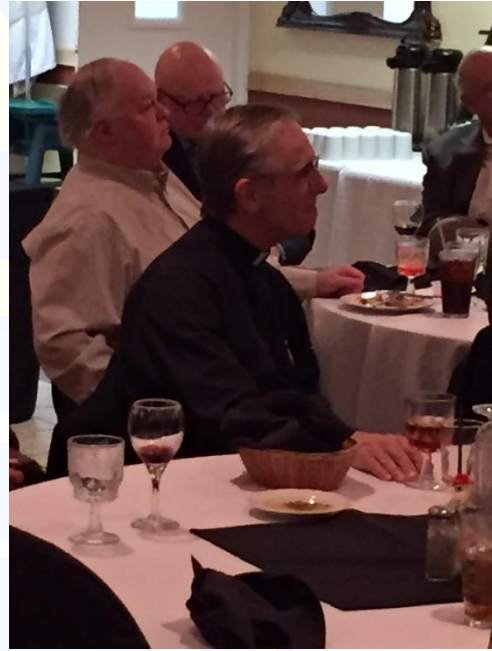
### **Other Activities**

- Volunteers are always needed for Bingo held on the second and Fourth Fridays of the month
- A small crew of stalwarts are keeping alive the Ravens fundraising effort.
- The Polar Bear Plunge will be held on Saturday, January 28th.

**Keith Arndt**

*Chancellor and Program Director*

### *Clergy Appreciation Dinner*







We're also gearing up for the Polar Bear plunge which is about 120 days away. You can sign up for or donate to our team the **Polar Knights** at [plungemd.org](http://plungemd.org) or see Rob Hardy to process any donations in person. We have so far recruited 40% of our team and we have collected 10% of the funds towards our goal. Please consider joining us for a great time this year, donating to Special Olympics and the great work they do, or inquiring with Rob for more information.

## Father Wolfe Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon Bingo



# 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Message

The Assembly Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 15 at Fr. Wolfe Council at 7:30 pm. There will be no business meeting. Wives are welcome. The Assembly will provide an entre and we request that you bring a salad or dessert.

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on Saturday March 4, 2017 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City. All Third Degree Knights are eligible and encouraged to move up to the Fourth and highest level of Knighthood. Applications are due to the Faithful Comptroller of the Archbishop John Carroll Assembly no later than February 15. We will need to vote you in at our meeting on January 19 or February 16. The Initiation Fee is \$70 and dress for the Exemplification is Tuxedo.

Why become a Fourth Degree Knight? First of all, in the spirit of "Be all that you can be" this is the highest degree that you can attain. Secondly, this is the Patriotic Degree which honors our citizenship as Americans and emphasizes supporting our Country and those who have served to defend it. Thirdly, it is the source of the Color Corps which is the most visible and dignified arm of the Knights of Columbus. Only Fourth Degree Knights are eligible. Lastly, you will become a member of an Assembly consisting of neighboring Councils and will expand your association with likeminded Knights from throughout the area.

If you need more information or a membership application contact John at [jryoung2807@outlook.com](mailto:jryoung2807@outlook.com) or me at [baltobob@comcast.net](mailto:baltobob@comcast.net). We will be glad to get them to you.

Bob Renshaw PGK  
Faithful Navigator

## November Membership Report



**Bill Hengemihle**  
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Our next opportunity to bring in new members to our council is coming up this month on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any prospective members, please let me know. We have had a great start to our fraternal year, let's finish the calendar year strong by bringing a Catholic Man into our council to help us do God's work....

As a member, Catholic, and Christian, can you ask one man to join our organization? Just one, that is all! We would change our community if you did!

Bill Hengemihle  
*Membership Director*

## District Deputy's Report

Worthy brothers I bring you greetings from our State Deputy Steven M Cohen

Karen and I wish you all a Merry Christmas!

The councils in the district remain busy with their Memorial Masses. Lee Eder and I have a suggestion for the Memorial Masses for next year. Will discuss it at a future meeting.

Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights Mid Term meeting is coming in January. Get in touch with me to let me know who from the council will be attending.

Vivat Jesus,

We are advocates of the Lord

Mike Georgulas, PGK, PFN  
*District Deputy #27*



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# INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

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For more details, please get in touch with me!

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

## Ladies Auxiliary Report



The Ladies are very proud to report that we have not only had one of the most successful fundraisers to date; not only because of the money that was raised, but because almost, if not all of our Ladies participated. Under the leadership of **Connie Piotrowski the chairperson of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Luncheon Bingo** our profit was just over \$ 5,600, up \$ 1,725.00 from last year's Bingo.

Darlene Romesburg won the \$903 50/50 that was pulled at the Bingo. (The Ladies voted to round up the matching funds to a flat \$1000 that will be earmarked for the replacement of the aging HVAC in the worship center.) Everything ran like a well-oiled machine. Many thank you's are necessary for the success of this fundraiser. Besides all the hard work Connie did organizing and pulling in all the loose ends, a debt of gratitude is owed to **Barbie Krizan and her team who put together the beautiful baskets & great door prizes, to Debbie Sosna for organizing & making the delicious food. Additionally, a big thank to the worker bee's who helped on the day of the bingo in the kitchen or at the front tables and with the baskets and door prizes. And finally, a huge thank you to Mel Piotrowski, Mike Georgulas, Greg Ward and Richard Wolf for lending their Bingo expertise to the Ladies. The profit from this fundraiser will put the K of C Ladies in a position to cover this year's budgeted expenses plus help with other needs in our community.**

The Ladies have started planning for our spring fund raiser, stay tuned for further details!

Our next meeting will be on December 19th in the Knights Hall. As always, we welcome all ladies of the Parish. Join us as we serve the Church, Community, Youth, Council and Family. Hope to see you there!

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## State news and Events



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My Brothers All, WE ARE ADVOCATES OF THE LORD

On Sunday November 27, 2016, the State Council had a Memorial Mass at St. John Neumann Church in Annapolis. Immediately prior to Mass, the State Officers read the necrology – list of Brother Knights and Ladies who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year.



Coats for Kids is here. Please participate in the fund raisers, so that we have another banner year with this program. A lot of work has already been done by a lot of people for this effort.

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen M. Cohen

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

## Supreme News and Events

### ***SUPREME KNIGHT TELLS STATE LEADERS MEMBERSHIP KEY TO GROWTH AND STABILITY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.***



“Our responsibility as the leaders of the Knights of Columbus is to assure the continued growth and sustainability of our Order. This is our first and primary responsibility,” Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told the gathered state deputies at the Mid-Year Meeting held in Orlando. The focus of this meeting was membership recruitment and retention.

“While we have other goals and activities that are necessary, no other task is sufficient to advance the Good of the Order if we do not advance membership growth. Everything we do depends upon membership,” he added.

Today there is a challenge that has to be met, he continued. Supreme Knight Anderson pointed out that the Knights of Columbus must recruit younger men and fathers of young families. Our councils need to emphasize programs more relevant to families with young children and we need to use recruitment tools that rely upon enhanced Internet and web-based connectivity.

It is necessary, he said, to recruit younger members in ways that respect the more limited time they have to dedicate to volunteer activities and to schedule council activities in ways that respond to the more limited time young fathers have to participate in activities outside the home.

“Let’s remember this: Father McGivney was not yet 30 when he founded the Knights of Columbus with what was described at the time as the ‘young go-ahead men’ of New Haven,” the supreme knight continued. “And I am totally confident that had there been a World Youth Day in 1882, Father McGivney would have been there with his brother Knights. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus for the young working men of his day, to protect their families.”

Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson





# Special Intentions

## December 2016

Keep in your prayers the following Brothers and family members:

Will and Pat Glassman  
Cooper Young  
Eric Young  
Ed Colvin  
Norm Martin  
Mallory O'Keefe  
Charles Duke  
Patricia O'Connor (Brian's mother)  
Bill Elliott's wife, Chrissy  
Kathy Farrell - Secretary at Prince of Peace  
Mike Brown's Mother

Pray for all of our country's peace keepers and first responders, especially the police officers. 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



December 2016			
3	Sat.	Kids' Christmas Party- Kilduff Hall	11:00am
4	Sun.	Ravens versus Dolphins Ravens Stand	1:00pm
5	Mon.	Council Meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
9	Fri.	Bingo- Kilduff Hall	6:30pm
12	Mon.	Officers meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
18	Sun.	Ravens versus Eagles Ravens Stand	1:00pm
19	Mon.	Council meeting and Formation Degree- Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
23	Fri.	NO BINGO!	6:30pm
24	Sat.	Christmas Eve Parking Assistance- St. Francis de Sales	4:00pm
25	Sun.	Merry Christmas- Christ is Born!	
January 2017			
1	Sun	New Year's Day Holy Day of Obligation	
2	Mon	Council meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
8	Sun	Epiphany Mass Youth Activity	11:00am
9	Mon	Officers Meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
13	Fri	Bingo - Kilduff Hall	6:30pm
14	Sat	Family Nutrition and Fitness- Kilduff Hall	1:00pm
16	Mon	Martin Luther King Day Council Meeting - Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
20	Fri	Presidential Inauguration Day	
22	Sun	Washington DC March for Life	
27	Fri	Bingo - Kilduff Hall	6:30pm
28	Sat.	Polar Bear Plunge	
29	Sun.	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Council Mass- St. Francis	9:00am
February 2017			
3	Fri	Slice and Dice Chowder	10:00 am
4	Sat	Cook and Sell Chowder	10:00 am
5	Sun	Super Bowl	8:00pm
5	Sun	Pancake Breakfast- Kilduff Hall	7:00 am
6	Mon	Council Meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
10	Fri	Bingo-Kilduff Hall	6:00 pm
13	Mon	Officers Meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
14	Tue	Valentines' Day DON'T FORGET!	All Day



16	Thu	Assembly at Mason-Dixon	7:30 pm
20	Mon	Council Meeting- Kilduff Hall	7:30p,
24	Fri	Bingo - Kilduff Hall	6:00 pm

up-to-date listing of our events!

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