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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"

My Brothers All,

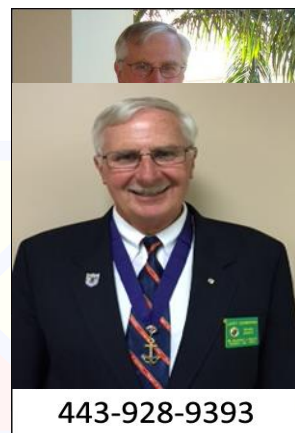
I trust that each member of our Council enjoyed their celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas day. During this season, we also recognize our Blessed Mother and Queen of our Knights on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Throughout the first 8 days of January our eyes continue to look east. The Christmas Season finishes with the celebration of the Solemnity of Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The Catholic liturgical calendar carries on in January with "Ordinary Time". Ordinary Time after the Baptism is not just ordinary; it focuses on the early life and childhood of Christ, and then on his public ministry. Let each of us learn from Christ's ministries and mark this January with love and forgiveness for our friends and neighbors throughout the world.

Now I'd like to turn to a decision that was made by your Council's officers during our December meeting. Due to many changes implemented by the Ravens and their stadium manager, our officers voted to discontinue our support of the Ravens beer tankard. This decision was not made without much discussion and input from your officers and those involved with the stand for the past 16 years. Over the years, this activity was great fun for those participating but more recently, due to policy changes, became a significant burden for the council's tankard team. We were sorry to say good bye to our long-term Raven friends and our fans at M&T Stadium. The Ravens' stand represented about \$8,000 of income per year and due to this your officers will be evaluating budget reductions, as well as, other sources of income. Please contact me or Phil Pfarr with your thoughts and how you would like to help.

As always, thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon at one of our meetings or activities.

Vivat Jesus  
Larry Shannahan  
Grand Knight



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# Associate Chaplain's Report

## A New Year, A New Start

Some people at the time of Jesus thought if they prayed really loud, God would be able to hear them and answer their prayers. Jesus teaches us that God already knows what we need. We really don't have to tell God anything! So why pray? We need to pray because we need to have God in our lives. When we pray, we are admitting we are powerless and need God's help.

Jesus always had a special place in his heart for the poor. The poor can be any person or group of people who are down and out. Why is it so important for us to care for those who need help? When we reach out to others, we develop a relationship with them. As we are all the body of Christ and are not only reaching out to a person, we are reaching out to God himself!

We are developing a relationship with God and each other and asking to be made a part of those lives!

We are continually asked to forgive. This may be the hardest thing we do in life. It's not always easy to forgive someone who hurts us. The key here is to make a decision to forgive. We will still feel the pain of another's selfishness, but we decide to forgive them anyway. Why is this so important? When we learn to forgive as God does, to make a decision to forgive, we learn what forgiveness really is. When we learn that, we also learn to accept the forgiveness God offers us.

I think we all understand there is more to being a good person than stated above. You may want to put this newsletter aside and bring it out in a couple of weeks. Re-read the above and see how you're doing. You may find it's a great place to start!

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 a new year with great expectations, a lot of people make resolutions on how to improve their life. Maybe you have a resolution on becoming closer to God and serving Him. By supporting the Council fundraisers, you are serving those in need and the Church.

Happy New Year my brothers and sisters!

- Keith Arndt, Program Director

### **Activity Chairs**

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNCIL?**

##### **Church**

Steve Herpel 410-569-8278 olmchssoccer@yahoo.com .

Chairman Steve Herpel also did a lot of the coordination for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner held on November 14th. In addition to Deacon Jim and Frs. Jack and Jaime, Msgr. Schleupner also attended. MC Rich Sosna kept things moving and our expert woodworker, PGK Greg Ward, created and presented pens to the clergy which he handcrafted from olive wood from the Holy Land.

**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. Several of us are planning to attend so come along for the ride.

##### **Community**

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PGK Bill Hengemihle initiated coordination with ARC of the Northern Chesapeake Region. It was decided that the Council would assist a homeless woman that has virtually only the clothes on her back. Brother Bill and Bernadette, on behalf of the Council, purchased items of clothing for her and delivered them to the ARC. The following week two gift cards of \$100.00 each were purchased and delivered to ARC for the lady. Total value of the donations was \$400.00.

##### **Family**

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

December brought the opportunity for families to gather at the annual Christmas Bingo on December 9th. As well as a lot of fun it was a financial success as well. A new event, the Family Nutrition and Fitness Seminar will be held on Saturday, January 14th at 1:00 pm in Kilduff Hall. The next Fifth Sunday Mass will be held on January 29th.

##### **Youth**

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

Brother Jeff led a very successful Kids Christmas Party on December 3rd. PGK Bill Elliot did another great job in his role as Santa! We will also be supporting the youth Epiphany Mass activity in January. The youth ice skating party will be held at Ice World on January 28th.

##### **Council**

Mike Novak, 410-515-6867 j.michael.novak@verizon.net

Our Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Novak, has assumed responsibilities for Council activities. He is making arrangements for the annual holiday party to be held on January 28th at 510 Johnny's. Tickets are \$30 each. Rumor has it that some good old' do-wop music will be present. So, limber up those dancing shoes! Please contact me to reserve your spot!

## Other Activities

-Volunteers are always needed for Bingo held on the second and Fourth Fridays of the month

-The Polar Bear Plunge will be held on Saturday, January 28th.

Keith Arndt

*Chancellor and Program Director*

## *Kids' Christmas Party*



*PGK, Santa brings joy to the kids!*



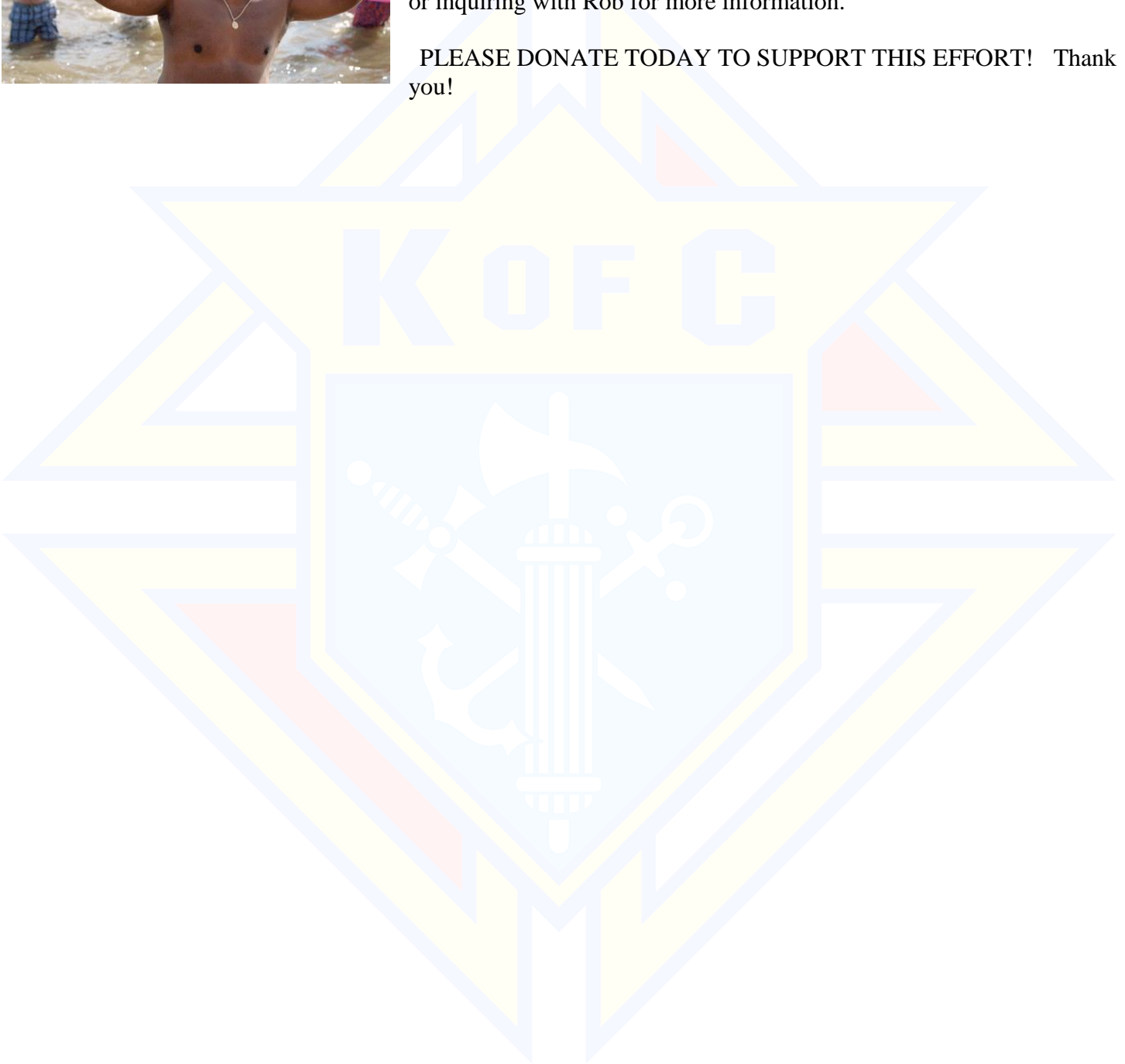
*Our Team of hard-working volunteers*





We're also gearing up for the Polar Bear plunge which is about **THIS MONTH!!!** 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.

PLEASE DONATE TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT! Thank you!



# Family Health & Fitness Fun Day

**When:** Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm

**Where:** St. Francis de Sales Kilduff Hall

**Cost:** Free with non-perishable can food donation for Outreach program



**You will:**



Learn tips for making healthy meals that are easy to make for the busiest of parents and that the kids will eat!

- \* Learn portion control eating
- \* Learn tips to lose weight

And will do a LIVE 30-minute dance workout that is for kids and adults, for beginners or experts, and wear clothes you can workout in!

- \* Get FREE giveaways and recipes!

Discussion to be provided by Keith Marchiano, owner of Marchiano Health and Fitness. Keith is a health and fitness coach and will share tips to help busy moms and dads provide a healthier lifestyle for their families.



For more details, please contact Keith Marchiano, [kmarch52@verizon.net](mailto:kmarch52@verizon.net)

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

I hope that everyone had a joyous, peaceful Christmas. The Assembly had a wonderful Christmas party on December 15 at Father Wolfe Council. Over 30 Sir Knights and Ladies attended and enjoyed the food, salad and drink. The desserts prepared by the Ladies were to die for.

Our next meeting will be on January 19 at Long Green Valley Council. This will be the annual renewal of obligations so the District Master will be in attendance. Business suits or tuxedos are required. The February meeting will be on February 16 at Mason/Dixon Council in Pylesville. Both meetings begin at 7:30. Please be aware that our inclement weather policy is that if schools are closed in Harford or Baltimore Counties, we do not meet. In any event, use caution and good judgement. Roads may be more treacherous in your neighborhood and we do not want anyone to risk their safety.

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.

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

# January Membership Report



**Bill Hengemihle**  
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Total membership is 294 members as we start 2017.

The council lost a great supporter with the passing of Teresa Hemelt. Teresa, like George loved the Knights of Columbus. She proved it by her actions over the years. She will be missed and things will not be the same. George..., the entire membership feels your loss and pain. Our prayers go out to you and your family. Please God rest her soul. I will be missing for a few month's brothers as I am going to take an extended vacation in Cape Coral, Florida. Hopefully, I will see you in the spring.

**Bill Hengemihle**  
*Membership Director*

## District Deputy's Report

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

Karen and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

As we begin a new year may we continue to maintain our membership goals. Each one of you should ask a Catholic man to join the Knights.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, registration is open for the MD State Convention being held in Ocean City from May 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun time for your council and a great way to celebrate your achievements.

Vivat Jesus,

We are advocates of the Lord

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



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# INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

*Long-term care options provide options for at home care*



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Whole life insurance offers financial security for your loved ones and builds cash value. Now that it is common for people to live well into their nineties, there may be more years of recreation and relaxation to look forward to, but there is also reason to plan for when you or your spouse may require additional acute care for an extended period of time.



Long-term care was once synonymous with a nursing home, but as the baby-boomers age the options for care and assistance at home continue to develop and thrive.

There is comfort and security in staying in familiar surroundings, where greater family interaction is possible and you can maintain a daily routine that suits you.

For more details, please get in touch with me!

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

## Ladies Auxiliary Report



The Ladies would like to wish everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!


The Ladies will be starting a new fundraiser with Ocean City Brewing Company, Abingdon MD, in the Boulevard at Boxhill.

Help the K of C Ladies #11372 raise some extra funds. This will be on-going as long as OCBC is offering this promotion.

No special day to dine out. You can use the coupon below, dine out at your convenience and the Ladies will receive a 10% donation of your total pre-taxed amount. (See coupon below).

Follow directions on the coupon below. If you forget to take the coupon with you when dining at OCBC, ask the server for one and they will supply you a coupon to fill out. Remember the organization name is: **K of C Ladies #11372.** We will have more coupons available at our next meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Piotrowski

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Our next meeting will be on January 16th 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!

Ann Mangones [amangonesmd@aol.com](mailto:amangonesmd@aol.com)

## *In Memory of* **Theresa Hemelt**

**May 30, 1933 - December 23, 2016**

### **Obituary**

On December 23, 2016 Theresa Hemelt (nee Adornato), the beloved wife of George Hemelt; devoted mother of Rose-Marie Kratz, her husband Charles, and Cindi Gallagher, her husband Tom; dear sister of Maria Clark, Lucy Parzynski, and Ernest Adornato Jr; loving grandmother of Katie Dondero, her husband Adam, Moira Gallagher, and the late Matthew Gallagher; loving step grandmother of Shannon Strazzire, her husband Mike and Andrew Kratz; great grandmother of Claire Rose Dondero; and step great grandmother of Caitlin Kratz and Brandon Strazzire.

# State news and Events



My Brothers All, WE ARE ADVOCATES OF THE LORD  
Happy New Year!

Congratulations and welcome to Father Bruce and our newest council in the Maryland Jurisdiction - San Juan Neumann de Baltimore - Instituted December 18, 2016 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church located on 600 S. Conkling Street in Baltimore.

I hope that everyone had a blessed and Merry Christmas. Now we enter the new year, let us keep Charity in the forefront. We have been involved in some major charitable programs just in the last couple months. Coats for Kids across the State has put warm coats on about 2,000 kids this year. Donations to the Apostleship of the Sea for the stranded ship and crew have been outstanding. Clothes for the Homeless at the Assisi House have also come in fast and furious. Keep up the GREAT work. In everything that we do – We Are Advocates of the Lord.

On December 16, 2016, State Deputy Steve Cohen, PSD and State Ultrasound Program Chairman Richard Seijack and State Culture of Life Director Michael Furst presented Mary's Center in Glen Burnie with a donation of \$34,900 to purchase an ultrasound machine. This was the 19th Ultrasound Machine that the Maryland State Council has helped to fund. The funds for the donation were provided by the Supreme Council and the Maryland State Council. Present to accept the donation were Fr. Michael DeAscanis a Mary's Center Board Member and St. Philip Neri Council Chaplin, from the Mary's Center the Director Judy Croninshield, the Ultrasound Technician Lisa Eader, and RN Sallie Dicus Juknelis, from St. Philip Neri Council #14612 Grand Knight Bill Szyperski and PGK and Council Ultrasound Initiative Coordinator Jim Juknelis, and Seminarians Kenneth Lukong, Maurice Sunde and Mike Furst.



From Vicki and myself we wish everyone a very blessed and joyous New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

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

# Supreme News and Events

## *THE SUPREME COURT'S INFAMOUS 1973 ABORTION DECISION REMAINS AN UNSETTLING — AND UNSETTLED — ISSUE*



Carl A. Anderson

AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT to President Ronald Reagan in 1986, I was privileged to work on the nomination of Antonin Scalia to be a member of the U.S. Supreme Court. At the time, I could not imagine that 30 years later we would be considering a new nominee to fill the vacancy resulting from his untimely death.

President Reagan had pledged to appoint judges who respect “the sanctity of innocent human life.” Americans knew his language was to be understood in light of his repeated criticism of the Supreme Court’s 1973 abortion decision in **Roe v. Wade**. With the nomination of Justice Scalia, he kept his promise, and Scalia was unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

Whenever there is a Supreme Court vacancy, we are told by supporters of **Roe v. Wade** that the decision is “settled law.” But such supporters face this difficulty: **Roe v. Wade** will never be settled law, because **Roe v. Wade** is founded on the lie that we do not know that the victim of every abortion — an unborn child — is a human being.

There is another difficulty as well: Since **Roe v. Wade**, millions of women have concluded that instead of being helpful, abortion is deeply hurtful.

In America, judicial decisions that are contrary to the dignity of the human person simply cannot be sustained over time. This is the lesson we learned long ago from those tragic court decisions which held that African-Americans were not entitled to the equal protection of our laws.

**Roe v. Wade** will never be settled constitutional law as long as Americans say, “It is not settled.”

This was precisely the approach President Abraham Lincoln took regarding the Supreme Court’s 1857 decision in the **Dred Scott** case and laws on slavery. It was the right approach then, and it remains the right approach today.

Virtually unrestricted abortion continues to be morally unsettling for a majority of Americans. More than four decades after the Supreme Court handed down its decision, abortion remains one of our most controversial issues.

At the time, Justice Byron White called the court’s decision in **Roe v. Wade** an exercise of “raw judicial power.” His dissenting opinion remains one of the strongest critiques of the case. Appointed by President John F. Kennedy, Justice White continued to be a strong critic of **Roe v. Wade** during the 20 years he remained on the Supreme Court.

He later wrote, “The Judiciary, including this Court, is the most vulnerable and comes nearest to illegitimacy when it deals with judge-made constitutional law having little or no cognizable roots in the language or even the design of the Constitution.”

“Raw judicial power” has not convinced Americans that **Roe v. Wade** is right.



In recent years, our Knights of Columbus-Marist polling has consistently shown that more than 8 in 10 Americans would limit abortion — at most — to the first three months of pregnancy. Almost 6 in 10 would limit it — at most — to cases of rape or incest or to save the life of the mother, and that includes the majority of Americans who describe themselves as “pro-choice.”

Almost two-thirds of Americans say that our abortion rate is too high. And 6 in 10 Americans continue to believe that abortion is morally wrong.

During my address to last year’s Supreme Convention, I stated that we will never build a culture of life if we continue to elect public officials who defend a legal regime of unrestricted abortion. The same must be said of those who are appointed as our judges.

As we look ahead to how the new president will keep his promise to be pro-life, we remember the words of the current occupant of that office who at the beginning of his administration famously said, “Elections have consequences.”

When it comes to defending the lives of millions of unborn children, we sincerely hope so.

**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  
Rob and Pam Hardy and Pam’s mother  
George Hemelt

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



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
29	Sun	Knights 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass- St. Francis de Sales	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
March 2017			
1	Wed	Ash Wednesday	
2	Thu	Chowder Prep	10:00am - 12:00pm
3	Fri	Chowder Cook & Sales	10:00am-7:00pm
6	Mon	Council Meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
10	Fri	Bingo	6:00pm
10 - 12	Fri-Sun	Malvern Retreat	
13	Mon	Officers Meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
16	Thu	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly @ St. Ignatius	7:30 pm

16	Thu	Chowder Prep	10:00 am - 12:00pm
17	Fri	Chowder Cook & Sales	10:00am - 7:00pm
20	Mon	Council Meeting- Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
24	Fri	Bingo	6:00pm
25	Sat	Feast of the Assumption Mass & Procession	5:00 pm
30	Thu	Chowder Prep	10:00am - 12:00pm

up-to-date listing of our events!

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