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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"

My Brothers All,

Hello Brother Knights! I am writing this message from Pat's and my winter retreat in Ruskin, Florida, just outside of Tampa. Although the weather today in Bel Air is sunny and in the low 70's, it is raining in Florida with highs in the mid 60's. Other than today though, my stay in Florida has been outstanding. Oh well, enough about the weather and my wife's and my travels; let me now spend a few minutes to speak to you about Lent.

As we all know, Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. This day provides all Catholics an opportunity to identify themselves as followers of Jesus Christ. We do this by attending Mass and marking our forehead with a cross of ashes.

Following our Ash Wednesday Celebration we begin our season of Lent. Many Catholics look upon this season as one of self-discipline; giving up a desirable "goodie" or quite possibly TV. (Wow that would be tough). Palm Sunday marks the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem. Palm Sunday and the Triduum services during Holy Week allow us the opportunity to relive the final days of Christ as he traveled through Jerusalem and was later crucified to free us of our sins. Let each Knight resolve to attend mass and partake of the sacraments during this amazing time of the year. I'm sure you will find that your faith will be stronger, your lives will be enriched and your relationship with God will be re-centered.

Now, let me take a second to update you about our Council.

Finally, I'd like to thank my officers who have worthily filled in for me during my absence. They are a very capable team of leaders and will provide the outstanding direction for this Council in years to come.

Vivat Jesus

Larry Shannahan
Grand Knight



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Associate Chaplain's Report

Archbishop Lori says Lent is a 'time of grace' and 'season of mercy'

By Catholic Review Staff

While some may describe Lent as "gloomy" or a period of "self-denial," Archbishop William E. Lori prefers to think of the 40-day period of preparation for Easter as a "time of grace" and a "season of mercy."

"Think of Lent as spring training for our spiritual lives," Archbishop Lori said in his Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday homily at the National Shrine of St. Alphonsus Liguori in Baltimore. "Another way to think of it: Lent is like spring cleaning for our souls."

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore crowded into churches throughout the area to begin the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, receiving ashes on their foreheads as a reminder of their mortality and a symbol of penance.

"In our short span of years, focus on what is most important - our journey to eternal life with God," Archbishop Lori said. "The ashes on our foreheads are a reminder that we make this journey together, that we are to help one another along the way."

The archbishop challenged Mass-goers to let this Lent be a time when they allow the mercy of God to overtake them. He encouraged them to attend Mass, participate in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

"Pope Francis urges us during this Year of Mercy to practice the spiritual and corporal works," he added. "When we give of ourselves to those in need, we recognize God's gift of self."

May our blessed Lord help us to our 40 day journey!

Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

There was a lot of action in the Kilduff kitchen in early February. We cooked and sold 96 quarts of Super Bowl Chowder, followed the next day by serving over 200 guests at the Pancake Breakfast --both very successful events. Thanks to those who made it happen. Ash Wednesday is March 1st this year which also means Lenten Chowder. Please see the schedule below and help as you can. Plan on attending Mass on Saturday, March 25th to participate in our recognition of the Day of the Unborn Child. After the 5:00 pm Mass we will process to re-dedicate the monument in front of the Worship Center. On Saturday, April 15th, for the first time, the Council will be selling hot dogs at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. And finally, on April 22nd The Fourth Degree and Councils will be serving lunch to about 50-60 patients at the Perry Point VA Hospital. We are all asked to contribute donations of toiletries for the event.

These represent a lot of opportunities to serve the Council and the church. Please do your part and thank you for all you do for our Church and Council!

- Keith Arndt, Program Director

Activity Chairs

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNCIL?

Church

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The Pancake Breakfast was another great success serving over 200 parishioners and Scouts on Scout Sunday. Brother Larry O'Toole took the lead with Frank Jenkins handling pancakes and PGK Rich Sosna serving again as the sausage man. Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st this year followed by our annual Lenten Chowder (see below). The Malvern retreat is scheduled March 10-12. See PGK Rich Sosna for details.

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

The Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. was held on January 27th with WGK Larry Shannahan and PFN John Young joining the Harford county contingent on a bus coordinated by St. Margaret's parish. The trip included a stop at the Basilica in D.C. for Mass. March 25 is celebrated as Feast of the Assumption and also recognized as the Day of the Unborn Child. After Mass a procession to our monument in front of the Worship Center is planned.

Community

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Brother Jeff Gutowski took the lead on a roadside clean-up on February 25th at 9:00 am. We were joined by Cub Scouts on this endeavor. The Council is encouraged to donate toiletries for patients at the Perry Point VA Hospital. The Fourth Degree Assembly and interested Councils will be providing lunch and toiletries for a group of patients on April 22.

Family

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Brother Steve Buddenbohn led our support of the annual family ice skating at Ice World. It was a big success with over 100 children and parents participating. Donations of food were collected for the

parish outreach. On April 16th, Steve will be coordinating the Knights to cook hotdogs at the St. Francis Easter egg hunt. The event will start at 12 noon- more details to come. Also, planning has begun on our role in this year's Touch-A-Truck event to be held on April 29th.

Youth

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

Brother Jeff led a very successful Kids Bingo on February 11th. We had a great turnout of over 100 and raised over \$500.00 for Juvenile Diabetes. Way to go Jeff and the other volunteers that made this event a success and continued the tradition!

Council

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Our Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Novak, is looking to plan another fun event for the council this coming spring. He did a fantastic job with the council Christmas party so the next event should be fun as well.

Other Activities

- Volunteers are always needed for Bingo held on the second and Fourth Fridays of the month
- Our seafood chowder will be ready for pick up on four Fridays during Lent. We can always use help on the prep day and cooking day. Please contact Keith Arndt for more details.

Keith Arndt

Chancellor and Program Director



Debbie and Rich Sosna (The Big Kielbasa) prep sausage for our pancake breakfast



Members of our council, Ron Gutowski, Jeff Gutowski, and Keith Marchiano, PGK, are also involved in the scouting program at St. Francis' Troop and Pack 810. The Scout Sunday helped make our pancake breakfast a big success allowing us to donate over \$500 to St. Francis de Sales!

Annual Father Wolfe Kids' Bingo to benefit Juvenile Diabetes



March Membership Report



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Bill Hengemihle
Membership Director

On Monday, February 20th, our Council conducted its February Admission Degree. This degree was judged by the State Degree Team. Our worthy Grand Knight received an email from John Przybocki, the Admissions Degree Ceremonial Chairman. John said that “the exemplification was excellent”. Lee Eder and his degree team are to be congratulated for another outstanding exemplification.

Also, Todd Campo, whom many of you know as one of the servers during mass, joined our Council in this degree. When you see Todd, please welcome him as a new Brother.

District Deputy's Report

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

In the month of March, each council will be planning and conducting a membership drive to finish the fraternal year strong.

The State Convention is coming up May 5th-7th. I hope you and your families are planning to attend as it is a lot of fun and you can celebrate the success of your council.



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INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

Healthcare costs and your financial planning



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Most are aware that health care costs, in general, can be a significant threat to carefully-laid financial plans, but I'd like to call your attention to long-term care costs as a more specific concern.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 70% of Americans age 65 and older are expected to need long-term care at some point in their lives.

Many people misunderstand how little Medicare and other health insurance plans cover in terms of long-term care.

Whether it's budgeting for premiums or setting aside assets to cover long-term care costs, I strongly believe that no retirement plan is complete unless this specific need has been considered and accounted for.

Advanced care planning, both medical and financial, can be the greatest gift you give to your loved ones, so please allow me to guide you through the coverage options. You'll rest easier knowing that you've made an informed decision.

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

State news and Events



My Brothers All, WE ARE ADVOCATES OF THE LORD

The Archdiocese of Baltimore held two events. The Ordination of two new Auxiliary Bishops – Bishop Parker and Bishop Brennan. The second event was the Pro-Life Mass. Thank you to members of the Color Corps for participating in both events.

As a State, we continue to grow. Thanks to everyone who has recruited at least one new member this Fraternal Year. It is not too late to get onboard. Remember everyone is a member of the Membership Committee. Look past your parish, each one of us knows a Catholic gentleman that is eighteen or older. Ask them to join us. Help us as we look to encourage young men between the ages of eighteen and thirty to join us. Remember, we are looking for an hour of their time each month.

Now is the time to start planning for our Annual Convention in Ocean City. Chairman John Trainor and his team have been working hard to make this year enjoyable for all. If you have any question do not hesitate to contact John. In everything that we do - We are Advocates of the Lord.

Vivat Jesus!

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



Another successful State Council Basketball 'Free Throw' Competition. Many thanks to our chairmen, members who turned out to help and most importantly to all of the participants and parents!!

Supreme News and Events

By Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight



THE COURAGEOUS WITNESS OF 17TH-CENTURY MARTYRS INSPIRES US TO PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS TODAY

LAST MONTH, I wrote about Martin Scorsese's remarkable film **Silence**, based on the historical novel of the same title by the Japanese Catholic author Shusaku Endo. Through the journey of two young Jesuits, Father Francisco Garpe and Father Sebastião Rodrigues, **Silence** explores the 17th-century persecution of Christians in Japan — and the consequences of the apostasy, after torture, of Father Cristóvão Ferreira, the Jesuit provincial there.

As I wrote last month, Scorsese views his film as a sort of pilgrimage, and I encouraged those who see it to do so in the same light. **Silence** presents in an extraordinary way an important chapter — but only one chapter — in the long history of missionary activity and evangelization. What is **missing** from **Silence** is also worth recalling.

When news of Father Ferreira's action reached Europe, many Jesuits sought to travel to Japan not to ascertain the facts but to join those who were suffering martyrdom. Among them was a group of Jesuits led by an Italian, Father Marcello Mastrilli.

Before leaving for Japan, Father Mastrilli composed a new novena asking the intercession of St. Francis Xavier, one of the first Jesuits, for the success of the missions and especially for those suffering overseas for the Catholic faith, that they would "live and die in the state of grace." Father Mastrilli's novena, traditionally recited in March, has come to be known as the Novena of Grace.

Father Mastrilli and his companions were captured shortly after their arrival in Japan. Horribly tortured, they suffered martyrs' deaths. Indeed, Father Mastrilli's witness, not Father Ferreira's apostasy, better represents the Jesuit mission in Japan.

A Japanese account from the time states that during the 17th century approximately 100 Jesuits died as martyrs while only five renounced their faith, after torture.

There is even evidence that toward the end of his life Father Ferreira recanted his apostasy, after which he, too, was tortured to death.

And regarding the question of whether Christianity could take root in Japan, the fact remains that when Commodore Matthew Perry entered Japan's Edo Bay in 1853 there were thousands of Japanese Christians.

Today, we see throughout parts of the Middle East, Africa and Asia the brutal persecution, torture and killing of Christians. The daily heroism of these brothers and sisters in the faith is an inspiration to their fellow Christians everywhere.

As we know, the situation is particularly acute in the Middle East, where so many Christians have been targeted for genocide and hundreds of thousands have lost virtually everything. During the past, several years, the Knights of Columbus has become one of the international leaders in helping these people — providing thousands with food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

This year, we will continue our leadership role and we will look for ways to provide even more help. The corporal works of mercy continue to be indispensable.

But we can also do more to foster a greater spiritual solidarity with Christians who are suffering. This month, we will launch a new initiative to pray for those Christians suffering persecution. In this way, we will join a new spiritual work of mercy with our ongoing corporal works of mercy.

We are proposing a new prayer, a Novena of Grace and Solidarity (<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/novena.html>), based on the prayer of Father Mastrilli. I urge all brother Knights and their families to join in this Novena of Grace and Solidarity for persecuted Christians throughout the world March 12-20. The novena may also be prayed any time throughout the year.

In many ways, 2017 may be the decisive year in determining whether many Christian communities throughout the Middle East will continue to exist. Many Christians in the region tell me that our efforts give them renewed hope and determination.

Let us pray that, despite all the tribulations they face, they will remain faithful and that we will remain worthy of their trust in us.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



Supreme Knight Anderson discussed with the Holy Father the Knights of Columbus' many initiatives, especially its work on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East. He also presented the earnings from the Knights' Vicarius Christi Fund, in the amount of \$1.6 million.



Special Intentions

March 2017

Keep in your prayers the following Brothers and family members:

Will and Pat Glassman
Cooper Young
Eric Young
The family of 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
Rob Henry and wife Pauline
Steve Wisniewski
Ron Gutowski
Ed and Kay Petrovic
Don Miller

Pray for all 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



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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 th 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
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30	Thu	Chowder Prep	10:00am - 12:00pm
April 2017			
3	Mon	Council Meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
10	Mon	Officer Meeting- KofC Hall	7:30pm
14	Fri	Good Friday	No Bingo
TBD		Youth Baltimore Pilgrimage	
15	Sat	Easter Egg Hunt and hot dog sale	12:00 pm
16	Sun	Easter	
17	Mon	Council Meeting and First Degree	7:30
20	Thu	Assembly @ Mason-Dixon Council	7:30
22	Sat	Ladies Event	TBD
28	Fri	Bingo	6:00 pm
29	Sat	Touch A Truck	10:00 am
30	Sun	Fifth Sunday- Council Mass	9:00 am
May 2017			
1	Mon	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
5-7	Fri-Sun	Maryland State Convention, Ocean City, MD	
6	Sat	John Archer May Day	10am-1pm

8	Mon	Officers' Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
12	Fri	Bingo	6:00pm
12	Fri	Marigold Preparation, Knights Hall	4:00pm
13-14	Sat-Sun	Marigold Hand Out after Masses	
13	Sat	Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:00pm
14	Sun	Happy Mother's Day	
15	Mon	Council Meeting and Elections	7:30pm
26	Fri	Bingo	6:00 pm
29	Mon	Memorial Day	

up-to-date listing of our events!

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