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“The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer.” – Mahatma Gandhi

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT

Father David McGuigan

Brother Knights, as I tap away at this message it is April Fools Day, and I am aware of St. Paul’s words to the ancient church at Corinth: “We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are held in honor, but we are in disrepute. To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clad and roughly treated, we wander about homeless and we toil, working with our own hands. When ridiculed we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we respond gently...” 1 Cor 4: 10-13a. St. Paul proceeds in even stronger terms, but you can look that up. The apostle to the gentiles spoke of sacrifices willingly offered and accepted for love of Christ, and of the Christian dignity of those who accepted the Gospel. It reminds me of words we use at the end of our meetings; words that invoke the responsibility we accept to offer the good example associated with the faithful imitation of our Savior, an example we strive to offer in humility and gratitude.

By the time this Communiqué reaches you, we will be using the “A” word, once again, in celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection for the life of the world. (Don’t feel bad if you need to ask someone what the “A” word is). For Jesus, the path to Easter morning led through betrayal, denial, agony, prayer for relief, arrest, humiliation, interrogation, torture, ridicule and

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crucifixion. Think of the men that Jesus encountered through all of this: Judas, who betrayed him; Peter, who denied him; the disciples, who fled his side; Pilate, utterly baffled by him: “Pilate said to Jesus, ‘Where are you from?’ Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, ‘Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?’” Earlier Jesus had spoken to Pontius Pilate: “‘Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ Pilate said to him, ‘What is truth?’” For the governor of Judea, the emperor’s man in Palestine, power trumped truth every time. Jesus was a fool.

As we celebrate with the Church universal 50 days of Easter joy, we rejoice in the one who stood before the world as a fool, yet was—in his

very being—the truth through which all things have being, existence, life. A challenge that we can readily acknowledge is that (pardon this generalization) men don't often embrace foolishness, easily. In many practical ways this makes sense: we don't want to be taken advantage of, victimized; we are responsible for the lives of family members. There are many good reasons to avoid foolishness. Entering into the deepest mystery of our faith, the paschal mystery, the passage of Jesus through suffering and dying to risen life, however, can call for foolishness, of a certain category, the foolishness of the believer. It can seem foolishness to us to let go, of ego, power, control, opinions that seems to sustain us, but are not the truth of Christ and the life of his Spirit within us and moving in the world. The foolishness of letting go and letting God is challenging, but we can recognize, with St. Paul, that Christ-foolishness, expressed in fraternity, sacrifice and service, means life and hope for others. Happy Easter, brother Knights! Alleluia!!!

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

David Love

Happy Spring to All. I do hope the winter has ended and we can open up the windows and let wind blow and the Sun Shine in.

April is the time of the year we start looking to elect new leaders for the Council. Elections will happen at the June business Meeting. May's Business Meeting will be the final first Degree for our council this year and the next day is our 2nd Degree at our Council. IF you know a Catholic Man that would benefit from being a Knight ask him if he wants to be a Knight? If you are a 1st Degree and want to take the next step in your advancement let David Johnston or myself know

We will have a special Guest at the May's Meeting so come on out.

May 1, 2 & 3 will be the State Convention down the Ocean, Hon. So if you want to come out and see what happens around the State,

and get out of town I am sure you can still register, Rich has more information.

Save the dates June 14th is the Awards Banquet and June 24th is the Annual Grand Knights Picnic. This year is special for it will also be our 35th Anniversary of our Council. So mark it on your calendar now and plan to come out and celebrate with you Sheen Family.

Vivat Jesus,
David

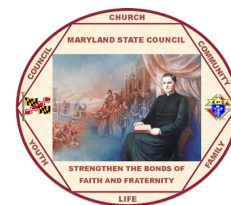
SUPREME COUNCIL REPORT

www.KofC.org

Please check out the webpage for a variety of informative and enlightening articles and news about recent events for the KofC around the world.

STATE COUNCIL REPORT

<http://www.kofc-md.org/>



Please check out the State webpage (www.kofc-md.org) for information on upcoming State events and programs.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

John Trainor, District Deputy

As we turn our Calendar page over to April we begin the 4th quarter of the Fraternal Year. It is very tempting to look at that last leg of our journey as an opportunity to coast on home and put our feet up and relax dreaming of the warm weather awaiting us at the State Convention in Ocean City May 1-3rd. But being a Knight doesn't stop after 9 months. We always have work to do in helping our church, community, council, family and youth. Keep your programs going and get in and join in on the action.

Spring is also the time for growth. We see the trees budding and the grass starting to turn green (get those mowers ready). It is also a great time to help our councils grow by recruiting new members. Did you know that the Supreme Council has an outstanding new program that rewards councils that become Star Councils by providing \$4.50 for every dues active member on the council's roster? If your council has 200 members, that means \$900 will be given to the council. Many councils are tempted to give up as the year winds down to the final quarter, but how many football games are won with 4th quarter comebacks? If one in 10 members recruited a new member, you would more that reach your goal of Star!

Finally, look around and find which members your council hasn't seen for a while. Reach out to them to make sure everything is alright that they are not in need of any assistance. Remember we are all brothers and must look out for our extended family.

As always, remember to carry your rosary with you always and pray it as often as you can.

John Trainor
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COUNCIL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Mike Hurley

Please see the article at the end of the Communiqué regarding creative ways to pay for whole life insurance..

Vivat Jesu,
Michael Hurley, FIC
Council Benefits Advisor

LECTURER'S REPORT

Raymond Hohl

No Report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The monthly Good of the Order Prize of \$29 would have been won by Brother Brian Kafchenski, had he been present at the Business Meeting. Brother Brian was not at the meeting so, the Good of the Order Prize for the April Business Meeting, to be held on Wed, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Home on Stang Road, will be approximately \$50. Winner must be present to claim the prize.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

CHURCH

Peter O'Sullivan

Tuesday Rosary

This tradition began following the 9/11 tragedy and has continued without interruption. In addition to the victims of 9/11, we remember our service and law enforcement men and women and other intentions as they arise. Everyone is invited to come to the Cassidy Center at 7:30 p.m. whenever you have an hour to spare on a Tuesday night.

Adoration

Our Council has committed to have members present from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. every Sunday morning. All Knights, their families, and friends

are invited and encouraged to participate in this beautiful activity.

COMMUNITY

George Snediker, Community Director

It's time for our Highway Clean-up! Meet at the Park and Ride on Route 32 at 8:00 am Saturday, April 11th, then we will set out and walk along Route 32, cleaning the trash along the way. It normally takes about an hour to hour and half to clean the highway.

Any questions, call George @ 443-375-2938.

MEMBERSHIP

David Johnston

We conducted our Spring membership blitz the weekend of Palm Sunday and Founder's Day at the parish. Thanks to the Father Dave for his assistance in arranging the weekend and all the brother Knights who helped make contact after Mass, especially Warden Tony Gioio for the use of his chapeau which we proudly displayed in the Narthex all weekend. We identified five genuinely interested prospects, reintroduced ourselves to brother Knights we didn't recognize and helped a lady network her father into a council in York, PA. All in all, a knightly weekend.

Next steps are to contact these prospects after the Easter holiday. I'll invite them to the Rosary on Tuesday, April 21st for some faith sharing and information about the Knights. Please join us if your schedule permits.

We'll direct any candidates toward the first degree exemplification on Wednesday, May 13th. Pray that these candidates will be inspired to join us in the spirit of Columbianism! The State Deputy will be in attendance to present Shining Armor and Silver Knight awards..

We're scheduled for another year end blitz the weekend of June 20 and 21. More details to follow in the months ahead.

Happy Easter!

COUNCIL

Rob Deluna

No report.

PIT BEEF

Jay Fuller, Pit Beef Co-Chair

No report.

CONCESSION STAND PROJECT

Tony Gioio

2015 M&T STADIUM EVENTS

It's going to be a great year at M&T

July and August are packed full of events.

*For soccer fans the

CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament.

*Two huge concerts:

For the younger set, August 8th

ONE DIRECTION

(The world renowned English/Irish boy band)

And for the rest of us, on July 25th the one

and only **BILLY JOEL**

*For MARYLAND FOOTBALL FANS

Oct. 24th Maryland vs. Penn State

****And to top it all off

RAVENS FOOTBALL!

In 2014 we made a record fund raising amount running our concession stands at M&T stadium. Let's do it again in 2015. Join us this year, come on down you'll have a fun time while working with your brother Knights their families and friends while raising funds to support the charities and events of our council.

FAMILY

Jarvis Abellana

Family of the Month

Congratulations David and Barb Coyle as our family of the month. David and Barbara, along with son Zachary are very active in our church programs. Barb is an active member of the council's ladies auxiliary Sheen's Colleens. She coordinated our Valentine's Day flower arrangements and delivered to the elderly

homes. In addition, they are active in the preparation for the Seniors Prom, our council's activity to honor our senior community. Zachary, our newest Knight, is involved with the church youth program, he takes time to teach the younger generation of church goers every Sunday. We appreciate the Coyles for their dedicated service to our church and to our council

CULTURE OF LIFE

Al Grasley

5th annual Baby Bottle Drive

Happy Easter! Hope everyone had a great Easter. I will be looking for some help this weekend and next before each mass to help collect the baby bottles. If you could come 15 minutes ahead of time and be outside collecting that would be great! I will be sending an e-mail out looking for some help.

Pro-Life Bills sweep the nation

As reported on lifenews.com:

In the first quarter of 2015, over 300 pro-life bills have been filed in state legislatures across the United States. According to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, these bills have been filed in 43 states and are largely bills that ban abortion after 20-weeks or limit the use of medication abortion.

To read the complete article:

<http://www.lifenews.com/2015/04/06/pro-life-movement-is-winning-the-abortion-battle-300-pro-life-bills-filed-this-session/>

Stay Strong, God is on our side!

Al Grasley
"Pro-Life Guy"

YOUTH / COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

Position vacant.

The council is need of both a Youth Activities Director and Squires Counselor. Worthy volunteers should contact the Grand Knight or Program Director. For either position or both. It does not need to be the same person.

C.U.F.P., INC. (HOME CORPORATION)

Harold Bernadzikowski, Acting Pres.
Ray Miles, Treasurer

Brothers,

After several months of negotiations back and forth with the prospective buyers, the Home Corporation Board voted to accept their offer of \$425,000 for the Council Home. The Board felt that this offer was as good as we could hope to get for the property, given the condition of the building. The buyers are preparing a draft Agreement of Sale, through their attorney, and then the Board will review and have legal counsel advise us as well, and once it is signed by all parties, a settlement date will be scheduled. We are targeting late June or early July for a settlement date, so that there is no interference with the Awards Banquet and Grand Knight Picnic. The proceeds are not being earmarked for anything at this time - and the GK will be forming a Committee to oversee and safeguard the proceeds. If all goes smoothly with the transition with scheduling meetings at the SJCC facilities, then the Council/Home Corp, with ample open discussion with the membership, may ultimately opt to not pursue acquiring a new Home/office space. The Home Corporation will continue to exist and function for the foreseeable future since the pit beef cooker and trailer are still tangible property that are owned.

WARDEN'S REPORT

No report

ASSEMBLY REPORT

S/K Greg Lofton

Sunday, April 26, 6-9 PM at the Best Western Conference Center @ 451 WMC Drive, Westminster, MD, the Assembly will be holding its Patriots Dinner honoring the Military Caplain Fund. This event will help provide \$500 + in donations towards the fund.

See S/K Greg Lofton if interested in attending @ greg.h.lofton@bge.com or 443-717-0465. We will need a head count by April 7.

Thank you for your time and support,
Vivat' Jesus!
Faithful Admiral, S/K Greg Lofton

Operation Welcome Home

The calendar of OWHMD events for November can be found at:

www.operationwelcomehomemd.org

Please consider attending one of these events – it's a wonderful feeling to show our returning troops how much support they have.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GK'S

Gregory McClain– President

<http://www.mdkofc.org/baltimore/default.htm>

Chapter meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Council home of one of our affiliates.

SHEEN'S COLLEENS CORNER

Kathy Wachter-Secretary

Happy Spring and a Blessed Easter to all!

We had a busy month in the Sheens Colleens. Our Colleens were in charge of coffee and donuts the beginning of March. Some of us took advantage of attending the Lenten Parish Retreat and Fr. John Worgul's ChristLife evangelization gatherings to increase our faith and formation. Hopefully, you tried some of the suggestions in the Lenten Companion also. We served a dinner at two of Fr. John's sessions. Our monthly business meeting was held on March 18 at SJCC hall. Plans for the upcoming Prom were discussed as well as officer nominations, bylaws amendments, new fundraising ideas, and the M&T concession stand. The 3/28 Seniors Prom

was a big success. The improvements over last year were evident. See the accompanying article for more info. We finally got to recognize Joanne Turgeon as our 2014 Sheens Lady of the Year for 2014 at the prom! It was long overdue since the June 2014 picnic social.



Joanne accepted the plaque awarded for her efforts on the Seniors Prom, past Art Auctions, her annual medical and dental mission to El Salvador, the concession stand, and don't forget the Knights coed softball team!

As we complete Lent, all Christians are journeying to celebrate the service, death and resurrection of Jesus during Holy Week. We follow Jesus and continue his mission by helping with the SJCC Community Blood Drive on Saturday, April 11. There will be a nominations ballot at next April 15 meeting with the elections at our May 20 meeting. A preliminary item to these elections is the correction or amendments to the Sheens Colleens Bylaws about membership, treasurer duties and term of office. Check your email to share your opinion on these changes. Prayerfully consider your participation in our auxiliary and how you can share your God-given talents as an officer. Finally, let us pray for the victims of the senseless German air disaster. May they rest in peace.

Thank you and God Bless

The Sheens Colleens Seniors Prom "Mardi Gras" 2015

The **March 28 Seniors Prom** was held on a Saturday afternoon from 1-4 at the South Carroll Seniors Center. Do you believe it was 28 degrees in the morning on the 28th? Where was spring? It even flurried a little in the afternoon. Our Sheens Colleens officers would like to thank everyone who helped that day as well as leading up to Saturday. Many thanks to Melissa Cougnet and her staff at the South Carroll

Senior Center for this combined success.



This is our fifth year where we planned for over 100 senior attendees. Our actual headcount was 86. We got many compliments and some free will offering to offset our costs. David Love had to step in as MC. We especially thank the Knights who acted as dance partners. They were Peter O'Sullivan, Bill Wachter, David Johnston, Tony Gioio, Collin Roden, Mike Hurley, David Love and Steve Ransdell who dressed up in tuxedos to dance with the senior ladies. There were many more male guests this year so we had too many Knights. A nice problem. The five piece dance band Standard Delivery Combo and lead singer were a hit again this year delivering Big Easy style numbers and special requests like the Electric Slide. We crowned a King & Queen team of dance partners, Andy and Barbara Becker, who also received a dinner certificate.



Joanne Turgeon and Heather Greul did a superb job in supervising the kitchen with help from a team of ladies Eagle, O'Sullivan, Stanley, Watson, Partenope, Johnston, Kerr and Coyle. Behind the scenes helpers included Andy Turgeon and Tom Greul. Others decorated, danced, served and cleaned up. Monica Kerr and Barb Coyle are to be congratulated for the tasteful Mardi Gras and New Orleans decorations. Finally, each table was decorated with a lighted glass vase centerpiece, sequined masks and a Mardi Gras labeled bottle of water for favors. The ribbon guessing contest jar went over well with a \$25 dinner certificate as a prize. We had dinner cards, gifts, lottery chances for a total of 21 door prizes worth \$10 or more. See the list below of donors and patronize and thank them for sponsoring this. The prom photo was a hit with Alec Kerr handling this year's effort with Tom Greul's guidance.



The seniors loved the buffet lines and punch, coffee and teas. The hot food of meatballs, garlic knots, crab and sausage dips, and chicken nuggets were served by us ladies this year. The cold cheese and vegetable appetizers, coleslaw were also popular. Dessert was a decorated "King's Cake" cake donated by Linda Grasley as well as Bob Evans fruit breads and two Dairy Queen ice cream cakes. Our ladies learned from last year and made many improvements.

Kathy Wachter, Administrative Chair

Eldersburg, Oscar's Alehouse, Wind River,
Greene Turtle

Food Store Donations:

Harris Teeter, Food Lion, Safeway-Long Gate,
Martins, Wal-Mart, Weis

Individual Donors:

Mary Brown, Brenda Watson, Terri Johnston,
Marsha Smith, Diane Eagle, Monica Kerr, Linda
Stanley, Barb Coyle.

Businesses and Restaurants:

Linda Grasley (Linnie's Cakes), 31 Company
courtesy of Carol Love, Dairy Queen, Bob
Evans, Franks Pizza, Pizza Boli's, Smoky's
BBQ, Carmen's Barber Shop, Denny's-

I apologize if I omitted anyone.
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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Mike Murphy

If you know of a member who is sick or is recently deceased, PLEASE EMAIL or CALL me as soon as possible. I would rather get multiple calls about someone who needs our prayers than to not be notified at all. Thank you! Please review the listing and let me know if there are any names that can be removed from the list, or any that are not shown that should be added. Thank you for all of your help and support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED BROTHERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS:

Please pray for our sick and injured:

- Pam Murphy—Wife of Mike
- Frank SanFellipo
- Jennifer SanFellipo —Daughter of Frank
- Donald Roche (age 81, suffering from dementia) —Family member of Greg Lofton
- Elease Jackson (age 44, cancer testing) —Family friend of Greg Lofton
- Al Frizzell (prostate cancer) —Co-worker of Greg Lofton
- Carolyn Nacewicz—Wife of Mark

Please pray for our special intentions:

- Seminarians Joshua Laws and Francis Ouma
- Persecuted Church in Iraq & Syria
- Pope Francis

This list is continuously updated. If you know of someone in your family or friends in need of our prayers, please send to chancellor@kofc7612.org.

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Ways to Pay for Whole Life

We live in a world of options and we are constantly bombarded by choices. Some of these make our lives more complicated, but many of these choices are created with our satisfaction in mind.

At the Knights of Columbus, every product we offer has been designed solely for the benefit of our members and their families. When I present an option to you, it's because a team of experts has discussed it at length to be certain it serves your best interest.

We have a few options on how you can provide and pay for the whole life coverage that your family needs. Many whole life policies call for premiums to be paid for your entire life or to age 100. But we also offer permanent life coverage with guaranteed cash values (and the potential to earn dividends, which are not guaranteed) through policies that offer a limited period of premium payments.

First, we offer "10 Pay Life" and "20 Pay Life." Consider paying premiums for 10 or 20 years, and never having to pay for the coverage again. The plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. The plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

A plan with similar benefits is "Life Paid Up at 65." The difference over 10 or 20 Pay Life plans is that this permanent product requires you to pay premiums until age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance — permanent life insurance — and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call me today.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
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Council Business Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30pm at the Council Home

Council Officers & Program Directors Mtg.

Monday before Business Meeting, 7:30-9:30pm at the Council Home

CUFP, Inc. (Home Corporation) Meeting

Monday immediately following the Council's Business Meeting. Meetings are open to all members.

Reservation of the Council Home:

To avoid scheduling conflicts concerning the use of the Council Home, the host or committee chair must contact Dan Hundertmark.

Sheen's Colleens Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 7:00pm, St. Joseph's Cassidy Center

Council Social Meeting

Typically the 4th Wednesday of the Month

Communiqué Deadline for Articles

4th Thursday of the Month