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**“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” – Pope John Paul II**

**CHAPLAIN’S REPORT**

Father David McGuigan

No report.

**GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT**

Greg Lofton

Well, we’ve survived the Blizzard of 2016! I’m sure we’ll see more snow before spring.

For now, we prepare for Lent. In doing so, we had to cancel our February business meeting due to it falling on Ash Wednesday. It is better to cancel than to add more confusion trying to push it forward or to shorten the cycle.

However, we will hold our Social on Wednesday, February 24 in the lower hall, so come out and meet your fellow Brothers and their family members. Unfortunately, I will be returning to Baltimore following business travel that day or the next morning, so I will not be there to celebrate with you.

In February, we enter into Lent. Lent marks our period of fasting and abstinence before Easter celebrations. We start on Ash Wednesday where we will receive the symbol of the cross on our foreheads for our belief that God created man from ashes and man returns to ashes after death, “Remember, man is dust and unto dust you shall return.” The ashes also

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represent sorrow or grief for our personal sins and as a symbol of our repentance.

Lent will last for 46 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. This marks the time Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness and is our time of commemorating the resurrection of Christ. We suffer through fasting and we celebrate his resurrection at the end of the period.

Many list things to give up during Lent to test their abstinence and to add a bit of suffering through their “giving up” offering. When I was going through RCIA, I elected to “take on” a new habit instead of giving up chocolate or something along those lines. I took up reciting the Rosary each day. That new habit has

served me well as a Brother Knight, though I still struggle with my memory on occasion. So, as promised during my 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, I carry my Rosary with me each day and recite it as often as I am able during the day. It has become a relaxing ritual for me and a time of reflection on the day to become and the day that has past – always rejoicing in another day, but accepting of God's Will to be done.

As Knights of Columbus, the number one reason most Knights joined the Order was to increase their spiritual growth amongst other like-minded Catholic gentlemen. We will always work to improve our spiritual nature and habits through our service and our sacrifices for our fellow man in our Church and Community. Let us also strengthen our bonds as Brothers in Christ with the leadership of our Chaplain and the Clergy of our Church and community.

Keep your Faith strong, for yourself, your family, your Church, your Community, and your Brother Knights.

I look forward to seeing you at Church or back at our March Business Meeting.

Just a reminder, our Council is to host the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree [Admissions Degree] at our next business meeting. I have one candidate ready to take the degree and I'm working on three others to try to get them ready as well.

Increase our Brotherhood by asking a Catholic Gentleman to become a Knight.

Greg Lofton  
Grand Knight

## SUPREME COUNCIL REPORT

[www.KofC.org](http://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](http://www.kofc-md.org/)) for information on upcoming State events and programs.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

John Trainor, District Deputy

This year Lent comes early as we enter the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Let us take time this season to see what we can do for others. There are many projects going on in the Councils around the District that can use your assistance. Try to volunteer to help out with one of them.

Pope Francis has declared this year as the Year of Mercy. You may want to join the Maryland State Council for a Lenten Pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Center with Archbishop Lori on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The day includes lunch and reflections with State Chaplain Milton Jordan and ends with a Mass with Supreme Chaplain William Lori. Cost is \$20 per person or \$75 per family. More information is available on the Maryland State Council web site at [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org).

The Maryland State Council is also holding the Annual Founder's Day Mass and Awards Dinner on March 13<sup>th</sup> at St John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park. Cost of the dinner is \$25 per person. More information can be found on the Maryland State Council web site or see your Grand Knight.

Let us not let up on our recruitment efforts during these cold months. We need to build our forces as we continue our efforts to help strengthen our Church, Community and Families. Ask a Catholic man to join us today.

The next Admissions Degree will take place at St. Bartholomew Council on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The next Formation Degree (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree) will take place at St John's Portico in Westminster on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Westminster Council will be holding a Chili Cook-off on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Portico at St. John from 1-4 PM. Cost is only \$5 for Adults and \$3 for Children with a maximum of \$20 per family. You can't find a deal like that to take you family out for dinner anywhere else! For more information contact Tom Dorwart at 410-871-9208.

St Bartholomew Council will be holding an Iced Tee Family Disc Golf Fling at the 18 hole Disc Golf Course at Ruhlman Brewery on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to benefit the Maryland Fuel Fund. A \$10 per person donation includes the golf and hot food and hot drinks on the course. Contact John Trainor at 410-239-7960 for more information.

Don't forget the District Free-throw Tournament scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family School gym from Noon – 2:00 PM. District Warden Bill Adams could use some help with the scoring. If you can help please call Bill at 410-259-3486.

Remember as always, but particularly during the Lenten Season to carry your rosary with you always and pray it as often as you can.

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## COUNCIL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Mike Hurley  
Brother Knights,

I write to you today to share some wonderful news. On November 3, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate – let me tell you why.

It's not about the number. It's not that \$100 Billion isn't impressive – it is. It's not that it doesn't matter – it does. But it's about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves.

It's \$100 billion of protection for brother Knights and their families. It's \$100 billion of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when a breadwinner suddenly dies. It's a \$100 billion promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It's not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Council office tells me that on an average night that 74 brother Knights passed away. 74 of them. And yet only 30 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows somewhere out there to whom we have nothing to give. To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don't have enough. We don't have enough to send the children to school. We don't have enough to save the family home. We don't have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number of brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a brother Knight – just as Father McGivney would have wanted.

What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me.

For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family's financial future: thank you for your trust.

For those of you that haven't yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be. That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours.

Vivat Jesus!

## COUNCIL NEWS

No report.

## LECTURER'S REPORT

No report.

Lecturer position is currently vacant. Anyone interested, please see the Grand Knight.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Ryder

No report.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ray Miles, Recorder

No report.

## 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

No report.

## MEMBERSHIP

We welcome our new members, those re-activated and transferred! Join in with what interests you have and provide us with your feedback and inputs. Looking at what we do from a different perspective helps to keep us grounded and is the life-blood of any Council.

***We have a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man.***

Please reach out to Catholic men you meet or know at church to see if they may be interested in joining our brotherhood. If you are not sure what to say or do, don't hesitate to contact me or any Past Grand Knight of our Council. Also, remember that there are materials at our Bulletin Board area which is behind the steps to the new Hall. You are welcome to hand out any of the information on the Knights to a prospective candidate. We will add more Form 100's to the drawer for recruitment use. Let me know if we need more materials to be stored there.

As of this report, we are sending out Alert letters to 68 Knights in arrears for their dues. We hope to pair this number back down to the 25 or so inactive. As a Council, we need to turn in any forms for Knights in arrears to the State and Supreme by the end of April. The new rules give the State and Supreme 60 days to contact



and verify the status of those Knights before the roster is updated by the end of the fraternal year (June 30).

Greg Lofton, Grand Knight

## COUNCIL

No report.

## PIT BEEF

David Love

No report.

## CONCESSION STAND PROJECT

Tony Gioio

No report.

## FAMILY

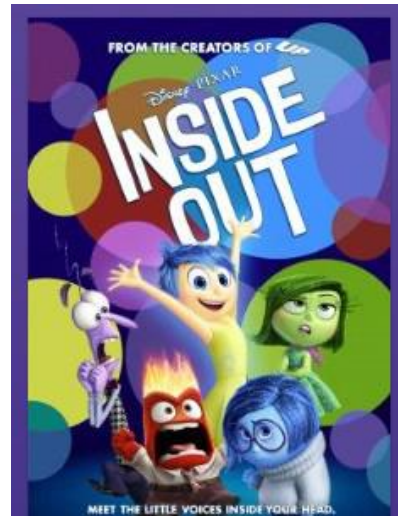
Jarvis Abellana

### Family of the Month

Mark and Carolyn Nacewicz is our Family of the Month. Mark is an active member of our Church Choir Group. Additionally he volunteers time for the Adoration of Mary. Every Tuesday, Mark is also involved in our Rosary group, and worked as a cashier for the Concession Stand team. Last Christmas, he assisted our parking lot team to ensure an orderly entry and exit of cars during the busy masses. He provided ushering duties during the Christmas mass. Congratulations to Mark and Carolyn..

### Family Dinner and Movies

On January 23, we had to cancel our family gathering due to inclement weather. We will have another Family gathering at the Fellowship Center on February 6th. On the menu is our Spaghetti Dinner and our entertainment for the night:



Please sign up early.

Next event:  
March 5

## CULTURE OF LIFE

Al Grasley

### March for life Jan 22nd 2016

I am sorry to say that I did not make the March for life due to the storm. It was decided Thursday night that we would not go. While the Park Police does not count the number of people at the event, those familiar with the Pro-Life March have said the numbers this year about half of what they would be expecting. However this storm has had an unusual impact on the march. The March has had unprecedented coverage in the news media. It is fascinating. There are also some calls to move the March to a weekend, in September. I will keep you posted.

<http://www.crossmap.com/news/winter-storm-jonas-the-act-of-god-that-finally-made-the-march-for-life-go-viral-24527>

One of the coolest stories coming from the march is this one:

Pro-life buses bring some marchers home got stranded on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

After many hours of waiting on the bus they built an alter out of snow and had mass on the side of the road. Here are some photos of the mass.

<https://churchpop.com/2016/01/23/photos-of-the-historic-turnpike-mass-of-2016/>

### 6th annual Baby Bottle drive

Brothers, the 6th annual baby bottle drive will be starting soon. I will be asking for your help the Weekend for Feb 13th and 14th. Things are going great at the Tender Care pregnancy center in Westminster thanks to all of your help. Please continue to support this effort. I will have an e-mail coming out before that weekend.

Be Bold. Be Catholic.  
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,

The next Home Corp meeting is set for Monday Feb. 15th, at 7:30 p.m., in the lower hall at SJCC. We will be continuing our discussion about the sale of the Home, and our discussion with several commercial real estate brokers.

### WARDEN'S REPORT

No report.

### ASSEMBLY REPORT

Greg Lofton

The James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly # 379 held its Patriots Dinner Saturday, February 13 to honor the Fischer House and the Marines Helping Marines

The Fourth Degree (Patriotic Degree) is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at the Holiday Inn in Fredrick, MD. Any 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member who is interested in the Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree should contact Greg Lofton (443-717-0465) as soon as possible.

### Operation Welcome Home

The calendar of OWHMD events for August and September can be found at:

[www.operationwelcomehomemd.org](http://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

Brenda Watson-Ransdell

No report.



# CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Tony Gioio

If you know of a member who is sick or is recently deceased, please email or call the Chancellor as soon as possible. (Tony Gioio@comcast.net or [chancellor@kofc7612.org](mailto:chancellor@kofc7612.org) )

## **Please pray for our recently deceased Brothers, family members', and friends:**

Sydney Albrieten - Deceased 1/2016  
Helen Gragen- Deceased 1/11/2016  
Taylor Sprauge- Deceased 12/31/2015  
Michael David Evans—Deceased 1/4/2015  
David Edwin Johnston—Deceased 6/28/2015  
Carol Susanne Newman—Deceased 2/4/2015  
Genevieve Louise Heine—Deceased 7/2/2015  
Najawa McCoy—Deceased 5/15/2015  
Patty McGuire—Deceased 6/10/2015  
Catherine Welsh—Deceased 6/20/2015  
Elanor Urick—Deceased 7/20/2015  
David Bott -Deceased 8/ /2015

## **Please pray for our sick and injured:**

Sarah Mandella - wife of Mike Mandella  
Carol Herrura- relative Mike hurley  
Sammie Needham - requested by David Love  
Carmella Gioio- sister of Tony Gioio  
Thomas Ryder - brother of Chris Ryder  
Brother knight Dave Smith  
Pam Murphy - wife of Mike  
Jennifer SanFellipo - daughter of Frank  
Carolyn Nacewicz - Wife of Mark  
Wesley Hohl- son of Ray Hohl  
Thomas Martin- father of Chris Martin

## **Please pray for our special intentions:**

[Seminarians: Robert Katafiasz and Lee Benson, both at St Mary's Seminary .](#)

**February Service Anniversaries:**

Reginald E Day, III	02/20	3 Years
Robert W Douglass	02/11	12 Years
Willis E Drummond, Jr	02/22	11 Years since re-entry
Donald R Geiger	02/01	36 Years
Joseph T Kaelin, Jr	02/19	20 Years
William J McQuay	02/01	20 Years since re-entry
Raymond E Sponer	02/14	43 Years
Thomas M White	02/19	24 Years
Thomas R White	02/01	5 Years since re-entry

**February Birthdays:**

Timothy M Boggs	02/24
Richard E Brady	02/28
Michael A Dean	02/14
Michael M Driscoll	02/23
Robert J Fabich	02/16
Stephen J Greenwalt	02/08
Michael Gussin, III	02/03
Joseph T Horner	02/10
Richard John Ingels	02/25
Jeffery G Moran	02/14
Mark R Nacewicz	02/25
Alessandro Pacifico	02/02
Alexander S Porter	20/10
Thomas J Schwartz	02/23
Robert M Shenk	02/11
Robert M Wise	02/07



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### **Council Business Meeting**

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30pm in the lower hall at Saint Joseph's campus.

### **Council Officers & Program Directors Mtg.**

Monday before Business Meeting, 7:30-9:30pm in Room 11 at Saint Joseph's campus.

### **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