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“Each of us makes his own weather, determines the color of the skies in the emotional universe which he inhabits.”

Fulton J. Sheen

GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT

My Worthy Council family,

I wish all of you a Happy and Wonderful New Year.

We are all members of the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Council. Our Council is not just a Men’s fraternal organization, our council is a Family Organization and an active Ministerial group of St. Joseph’s Catholic Community. I believe I can safely say that council 7612 is the most active council in Maryland. Our fund-raising activities bring in ~\$50,000 a year that we use to support a wide variety of charities, multiple church activities and projects, and social events for our council and church community. Below is a partial list of council sponsored events and activities from last year.

- Sunday Donuts
- Red Cross blood drives
- The March for life
- Tuesday night Rosary
- St. Joseph Ministry Fair
- The Sheen’s Colleen’s Senior Prom
- Annual Award Dinner
- Halloween Party
- Christmas Party
- Grand Knights Picnic
- Monthly Socials
- Annual Golf Tournament

Baltimore/ Appalachia Work camp

Highway Clean ups

Pit beef events at Westminster

- Fourth of July
- Fall Festival
- Wine festival

15 + events at M&T concession stands

- Raven’s Games
- Concerts
- College sport events

Mother’s day Marigolds

Father’s day recognition

Valentine Day flowers to Nursing homes

Veteran’s Day flag pins

Tootsie Roll Drive

Car Raffle tickets sales

I want to stress that **every one of these activities was a success**, some were small and only involved a few, others were large and involved 100’s of people. All of these events were successful because of one common factor, they were not run by Knights, they were run by the Knights and their families. Every event involved our wives and our children. Only with the support of our wives were we able to conduct everything our council does, and I am not just talking about moral support. Our council members are blessed to have wives who

work alongside us as we together run and sponsor our activities.

Many of our events are designed around the involvement of our younger children (Mother's day, Father's day, Valentine's day, Tootsie Roll) allowing them to learn and experience the pleasures of charitable giving,

Our Teens are active participants in all of our fundraising and church activity events, at Pit Beef and M&T stadium events, helping to set up and run the parties and events at the church.

And a special recognition must go out to the group who took part in ministry to Appalachia with the Baltimore/ Appalachia work camp.

And of course our men, my fellow Knights. I have never, worked with a more dedicated and hard-working group, then the men who make up our council. Every time I have called on them they have been there to support me. Over the past few years we made concerted efforts to get past our difficulties, put our differences behind us and worked together for the betterment of our council and our parish. We are now seeing the results of that effort. A year of wonderful successes.

2018 promises to be even a greater year. We will be doing all of the events mentioned above, plus we are taking on 2 major Parish events

We are reinstating the St. Joseph's Parish Lenten Friday fish dinners.

As part of the Parish Jubilee Festival our council will be running the August event a BBQ chicken dinner , picnic, festival

(Planning is now underway for both of these events, I'll be in touch, because we sure cannot pull them off without you)

As a Knight and especially as Grand Knight, I have come to see our council as an extension of my family. As we work together with our common goals to support our charities and our Parish I have developed a love for my fellow Knights and their wives and see them as my brothers and sisters. I have made deep friendships that I know will help carry me through the rest of my life.

The Knights of Columbus is a wonderful group. Our council has ~ 300 Knights and their families. Please come out to our activities and become a fully active member.

Our councils priorities while performing our charitable and community activities are:

- To Support Father Neville and our parish
- To support and involve the senior members of our council and their families, their past and current activities are why our council exists.

-Recruit new young members and their families to enhance the ministry of our parish and our council.

I Invite you all to come to our parties and monthly socials, not to work, but to just come and have a fun time. Most of the events are free. Please come on out, we really miss seeing you.

Lastly, I would like to close this Grand Knight's monthly report by thanking Father Neville and all of the rest of St Joseph's parish staff for the support and help they have provided to me and our council during the last year.

God Bless you all, have a happy New Year,
Tony

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.

2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY



STATE COUNCIL REPORT



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

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Bill Adams, District Deputy

No report.



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

COUNCIL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Mike Hurley

Brother Knights and beautiful wives, are you taking better care of your health? Have you, through better diet and more exercise, attained and maintained a better weight to height ratio?

Have you stopped using tobacco? If so, Knights of Columbus Insurance might be able to help you significantly reduce what you are paying and improve your coverage for life insurance and certain areas of health insurance, whether your current policies are with Knight of Columbus or elsewhere. There is only one way to find out. Contact me at my cell # 410-913-7835 or my email Michael.hurley@kofc.org. I remain at your fraternal service.

Fraternally,

Council Benefits Advisor

COUNCIL NEWS

Annual March For Life



Friday, January 19, 2018

Sign Up Now for St. Joseph's Bus to the March

- Departing after 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Returning late afternoon
- Free of Cost

(Paid by our Knights of Columbus Council 7612)

- We encourage a large number of our parishioners to attend.
- Only 56 seats available.
(Light refreshments will be served).
- St. Joseph parishioners who sign up first will be guaranteed a seat on the (deluxe coach) bus.

Please contact Kathy Reid to sign up!

reidk@saintjoseph.cc; 443-920-9113

LECTURER'S REPORT

Richard Perron

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe Kirschensteiner

No report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

George Moriatis, Recorder

The good of the order drawing conducted on 12/13/2017 pulled the name of Joseph Hegarty. Had he been present he would have won \$63.

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, do not hesitate to contact me or any Past Grand Knight of our Council. Also, remember that there are materials at our Bulletin Board area that 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.

Degree Schedule: <http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1617/degrees/Degrees.pdf>

COUNCIL

PIT BEEF

David Love

Merry Christmas to One and ALL,

I would like to take the time to thank everyone who helped make this another successful year with the Pit Beef. With the help of many we were able to raise just about \$7,000 for your council. Some of the remaining inventory will be used for the monthly socials including the Christmas Party.

During our 3 Events we cooked and prepared about 2,400 sandwiches, over 700 bags of chips, and over 2000 drinks. We shared 540 hours of Fraternal Bonding or labors of Love.

Wanted to Thank those who helped out over the year, Hope I did not miss anyone

George, Barb, Glen, Bill, Jeanne, Linda, Jarvis, Alec, Alex, Monica, Tom, Rich, Joe, Joanne, Mike, Kelly, Chris, Mary, Larry, Bill, Sue, Bob, Teresa, Ellen, Ethan, John, Andy, Jay, Patty, Mike, Tony, Teresa, Walt, Gary, Mike, Terrance, Diane, Bobbi, Thom, Bill, Ashley, Amanda, Cassidy, Uncle LeeLee, and Tom.

I could not have done this without the support of my Family: my Mom, Ryan, Katy, Joe, and of course Carol.

Thank You for all your willingness to help out
Viva Jesus

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed
2018,
David

CONCESSION STAND PROJECT

Tony Gioio

As I am writing this report there is only one season game left to be played on Sunday Dec 31. It has been a typical Raven's football year and as usual the results of the final game will determine if the Ravens are in the playoffs.

So how successful the Ravens season will be is still to be determined.

Our Concession stand results for 2017 have been quite successful.

The low attendance due to the NFL's problems did significantly affect our earnings

I estimate a reduction of earnings loss of approx. 30%. However despite the low attendance we should earn in excess of 20 thousand dollars this season.

In next month's communiqué I will have a full report.

I would like to thank the entire concession stand team for all of their hard work this year,
May everyone have a happy New year.

Tony

FAMILY

Jarvis Abellana

Family of the Month

Our council selected the Crognales as our Family of the Month. Walt and Ellie are active in Scouting activities, as their children. They organized a weekend fundraising breakfast for the Boy Scouts. In addition, they participate in our council's fundraising activity at M&T Stadium football games, to raise money for Special Olympics. Walt is a Eucharistic minister at church, while Ellie volunteered her time for children's religious education.

Family Night Schedule

January 20th, 2018

Now showing Despicable Me 3



Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. and the movie will follow at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Please bring a dessert to share, blankets and sleeping bags for the kids to watch the movie. Be sure to sign up in the Cassidy Center. We are also giving away a DVD of this movie.

We are looking for volunteers. This is a good opportunity for teens requiring community hours

CULTURE OF LIFE

JERRY REID

MARCH FOR LIFE JAN 19TH.

(SEE AD. ABOVE)

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

No Report

Harold Bernadzikowski, President
No report.

WARDEN'S REPORT

No report.

ASSEMBLY REPORT

No report.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Eric Klezer

If you know of a member who is sick or is recently deceased, please email or call the Chancellor as soon as possible. (Eklezer@hotmail.com or chancellor@kofc7612.org)

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

- Msgr. James McGovern- Deceased 12/8/2017

Please pray for our sick and injured:

- Mike Mandella
- Patrick Wachter
- Gayle Ryder

Please pray for our Seminarians

- Chris Rogers
- David Ray

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Council Business Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month, 7:30 pm in the lower hall at St. Joseph's campus.

Council Officers & Program Directors Mtg.

Monday before Business Meeting, 7:00 pm in Room 11 at St. Joseph's campus.
All Council Officers and Program Directors.

CUFP, Inc. (Home Corporation) Meeting

Third Monday of the Month, 7:30 pm in Room 11 at St. Joseph's campus.
Meetings are open to all members.

Sheen's Colleens Meeting

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

Council Social Meeting

Fourth Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 pm at St. Joseph's campus
— or as otherwise published in this Communiqué

Communiqué Deadline for Articles

20th Day of each Month