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“This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven” (Acts 1:11)

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT

Father David McGuigan

“He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” (Mark 1:38) Brother Knights, by now you will have heard that I will be moving on from St. Joseph Catholic Community, in September, to another Marianist community and ministry: Cape May Point, NJ and the Marianist Family Retreat Center. While not within walking distance, it is within driving distance, or a drive and ferry ride, and I look forward to return visits to St. Joe’s in support of our sacramental life. For your information, the retreat center is a longstanding Marianist apostolate. The work began in the early 1960s when lay faculty from Cardinal Gibbons High School asked the Marianist brothers, who had acquired the former summer cottage of John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia department store mogul, if they could take their families there for vacation. The brothers agreed and as a result the idea for a summer family retreat program took shape and became a reality. Now, the Marianist Family Retreat Center operates all year round. I will be the chaplain and the priest in our community replacing Fr. Tim Dwyer, S.M., who retired within the last few months.

In my memory, the Lord is showing me things again as if for the first time. Some are

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good for a laugh...now, like the time in 2002 when I overslept for the 7 a.m. Mass on Easter morning because I stayed up after the Easter Vigil with Fr. Pat to watch the NCAA tournament. I flew up Sykesville Road from the former community residence on Mellor Ave., perhaps exceeding the speed limit, I don’t recall exactly, as they say, to find Pat celebrating the Mass in my place, and I was able to swallow my heart. Then, there was the time when I was in church preparing for one of my first sick calls, and I dropped the cruet containing the oil of the sick smashing it all over the floor. Many more memories, too many to count, are of the privilege of serving God’s people in times of joy and sorrow, triumph, tragedy, confusion, anxiety, gratefulness, testing, pain, hope and elation. I have witnessed many miracles of grace and

faith, devotion and perseverance in the day to day lives people I have journeyed with, here.

What is the Lord helping me to appreciate—again, as if for the first time—about the Knights? My memory of our Council will always be first and foremost, of ordinary men of faith who have been willing to show up and help out. I remember participating in the March for Life a few years ago, and it was COLD. Late in the March, I was walking as closely as I could behind Al Grasley, unbeknownst to him, just to stay out of the wind. This is how I think of the Knights, as men leaning into the weather of the challenges of our time in order to give our Catholic faith hands and feet. It's one thing to list achievements and receive congratulations and it's another to be in the parking lot in the snow directing traffic, or cleaning a roadside, or staffing a concession stand, or ushering at Mass, or gathering loose change in baby bottles, or standing vigil at a funeral parlor. One of my favorite memories will always be of the first degree ceremony with its vivid imagery and powerful message of speaking up for the poor if we expect to be heard, ourselves. It gets me every time. Every time! Speaking of time, *tempus fugit*, it has flown by for me at St. Joseph's, and I will be here for a few months, yet. Thank you so much, brother Knights, for the memories and for the lessons I will always treasure. It has been my privilege to journey with you.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Michael Murphy

The Ascension of Our Lord: Preparation for the Christian Mission

The narrative for the Ascension of Christ is split between the end of the Gospel of Luke and the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles.

Luke 24:50-53: *Then he led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy,*

and they were continually in the temple praising God.

Acts 1:4-12: *While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

Christ has not abandoned us. He has given us the Holy Spirit and the gifts the Spirit brings to us, and set us out on our missions to spread the good news.

Likewise, and from his own experience, Father Michael J. McGivney recognized the devastating effect on immigrant families of the untimely death of the father and wage earner. Many Catholics were still struggling to assimilate into the American economy. On March 29, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, with a small group of parishioners, as a mutual aid society, to provide financial assistance in the event of the men's death to their widows and orphans.

Fr. McGivney has given us the inspiration for us, as brothers, to reach out to those in great need. Let us follow his example.

As Fr. Dave mentioned in his homily this past Sunday, "May people say that they 'see Jesus in us'."

Sacred Heart Stained Glass Project (Update)

Fr. Neville has asked for us to consider getting another quote for the project. I will work with Tom Schwartz to coordinate this.

Through a generous anonymous donation, the entire quoted amount of \$13,815.00 for the Sacred Heart window has been covered. I had donated the value of the Grand Knight's ring (about \$750.00) towards the \$2,178.00 estimate of the repair of the three damaged stained glass windows in the Historic Saint Joseph's in downtown Sykesville.

We hope, with the Parish's permission, to complete the Stained Glass window work before the church's 150th Jubilee next year.

Awards Dinner

Our Annual Awards Dinner will be held Saturday, June 3rd at 7:00 in the Formation & Fellowship Center, St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

We will be recognizing the following achievements: **Master Deputy Brian Colussy** (Policeman of the Year); **Leah Benzing** (Catholic Teacher of the Year); **Nicole Henry** (Catholic Teacher in a Public School of the Year); **Fire Lieutenant Steve Cherry** (Fireman of the Year); **S/K Anthony E. Gioio and Family** (Family of the Year); **Rev. David McGuigan, S.M.** (3 Years Service as Council Chaplain); and our Robert H. Clark Memorial Scholarship Winner **Caleb Enoff**.

There is no cost, however donations to the **Carroll County Special Olympics** will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a 50/50 Raffle and some nice door prizes.

Sign-up (Mandatory) at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4CACAF28A5F85-awards>



Seminarian Check Presentation

The Archbishop Fulton J Sheen Council 7612 will be presenting our seminarian support check to Brother Michael Chiuri, S.M., who is entering the seminary to become a priest. The check presentation will take place at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, June 18th (Father's Day). Please plan on attending.

Bro. Mike grew up in Nairobi, Kenya in a large Catholic family. With an aunt who is a nun, an uncle who is a priest, and a grandmother who encouraged church vocations, he was no stranger to the possibility of religious life. After establishing himself as a businessperson, however, he began searching for something more.

Learn more about Bro. Mike at http://www.marianist.com/files/2013/07/ALIVE_Sumr2013.pdf (page 18).

Election of Council Officers

Our election of the Council Officers for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year will take place during our June Business Meeting (June 14th). The following candidates are running. Additional nominations, if any, will take place during the June meeting prior to voting.

Grand Knight SK Anthony E Gioio	Outside Guard Christopher P Martin
Deputy Grand Knight SK Anthony C Gioio	3yr Trustee SK Michael R Murphy
Chancellor Eric T Klezer	2yr Trustee SK Harold Bernadzikowski SK Joseph F Winterling, Jr
Recorder George C Moriatis	1yr Trustee SK J David Love
Warden William J Kirschensteiner	Treasurer SK Christopher M Ryder
Inside Guard SK Alexander W Kerr SK George L Snediker	Advocate Jarvis A Abellana

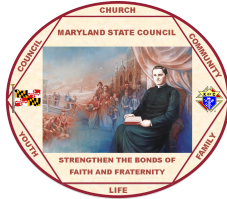
Vivat Jesus,
Grand Knight

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



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.



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COUNCIL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Mike Hurley

Have you ever thought of acquiring mortgage protection insurance? Your Knights of Columbus fraternal insurance benefit program can help you put a complete mortgage protection plan in place. It should consist of a benefit that will pay your home mortgage completely with one lump amount if you die. And, unless you are retired, it should also include a benefit that will pay your monthly mortgage payment if you become unable to work due to injury or illness.

With mortgage interest rates at historic lows, many council members are refinancing. This is a good time to put mortgage protection in place. Most of the time, it is surprisingly affordable to do so. It is always the responsible thing to do. As your licensed Fraternal Benefits Advisor, it is my duty and honor to help your family with this issue. I would be happy to put a proposal together for you. Just send me an email at Michael.hurley@kofc.org or call my cell 410-913-7835. Knights of Columbus insurance is a "benefit of brotherhood".

Fraternally,
Michael, FIC

COUNCIL NEWS

From the Webmaster:

Please monitor your emails for spam, phishing, spoofing, or any other type of hacking. A member received a bogus email from a member whose email account appears to have been spoofed. I strongly recommend Council members immediately change your PERSONAL email account password, replacing it with a strong password. What is a strong password? A strong password is one that contains a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and two or more special characters, at least 8 characters long.

If you feel you have received a bogus email through the Council's Website email service, please copy and paste the bogus email to a

Word document and forward the Word document and any details you can to our Webmaster. Webmaster Ray will forward the "invasions" details to UKnight Support Services for their assistance.

A Special Guest



Members of Council 7612 meet with Brother Mike Chiuri, S.M., seminarian, whom is being sponsored by our Council.

LECTURER'S REPORT

Richard Perron

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe Kirschensteiner

No report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ray Miles, Recorder

The Good of the Order Door prized of \$120 was won by Fr Ted A. Cassidy, one of our former pastors and a Brother Knight. Unfortunately, Fr Ted was not present at the April Council Business Meeting and did not claim the door prize. Fr Ted would have probably left the prize in the prize fund anyway!! So, the Good of the Order Door Prize at the May Council Business Meeting will be

\$142.....and the winner must be present at the meeting 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

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>

Greg Lofton, PGK, Membership Director

COUNCIL

No report.

PIT BEEF

David Love

It is getting that be time of the year were we need to start thinking of the Council's Pit Beef activities for 2017. In 2016, we brought in just over \$ 8,000 to the council through 3 events in Westminster (The fourth of July, The Maryland Wine Festival and the Fall Harvest Days.)

Do we want to do the same events? Do we want to do any other events, maybe in downtown Sykesville? Drop me a note or give me a call and let me know what you are thinking.

In addition, of course, if you are interested and willing to help in any way with the Pit Beef events, let me know. There is some paper work (for the county), inventory counting, and shopping that needs to be done prior to the event. Set up and prep. the morning of the event, then cooking, slicing, sandwich making, customer service and drinks during the day, then clean up and packing at the end. A couple of hours of time for a lifetime of memories are to be shared. Students can earn service hours as well.

Westminster Farm Museum Events

- 4th of July Fireworks (all day starting at 9am, sales — 3pm 'til dark).
- MD Wine Festival (Saturday and Sunday, Sept 16th and 17th).
- Fall Harvest Days (Saturday, October 14th).

Hope to hear from you soon.

God Bless,

David

CONCESSION STAND PROJECT

Tony Gioio

No report.

FAMILY

Jarvis Abellana

Family of the Month

Let's congratulate Joe and Paula Kirschensteiner as our family of the month. This family assisted in collecting baby bottles to support our local pregnancy center. In addition, Brother Joe is our council's Treasurer, while Paula is the Sheen's Colleens present Treasurer as well. Joe also leads our Scholarship committee to select a high school candidate for college. Their children Maggie and Charles are attending Religious education on Sundays. Thank you Joe and Paula for your continuous service to church, family, and community.

Mother's Day Marigolds

Thanks to all members and families for making this a yearly success. As the story goes, this Council started the Marigold program from its infancy, and grew to a nationwide celebration. We also appreciate Buppert's Family Farm for giving us the best bumper crop. In addition, much appreciation to volunteers from the church's Youth Groups in assembly and distribution. Overall, we handed out over 800 flowers on all masses.





Father's Day Gift

In appreciation to all Dads, next month we will distribute decade rosaries after every mass on June 18th. Volunteers are needed outside the church to give each Dad a rosary. Stay tuned for more details in the church announcement.

Thanks to the efforts of the St. Joseph CC Rosary committee for the assembly of these gifts, and to make this event possible.



CULTURE OF LIFE

Al Grasley

No report.

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

Harold Bernadzikowski, President

No report.

WARDEN'S REPORT

No report.

ASSEMBLY REPORT

Greg Lofton

No report.

OPERATION WELCOME HOME

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

www.operationwelcomehomemd.org

Please consider attending one of these events—it is 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

Joanne Turgeon

No report.

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

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

- Thomas Patrick Martin— Deceased 11/12/2016—Father of Brother Chris Martin
- Brother David Theodore Coyle Sr.—Deceased 10/21/2016—Father of Brother Ted Coyle and grandfather of Brother Zach Coyle
- Jennifer San Fellipo—Deceased 10/10/2016—daughter of Brother Frank San Fellipo
- Brother Knight Dave Smith—Deceased 8/12/2016
- Raymond Kibler Miles, Jr.—Deceased 9/17/2016—Father of Brother Ray Miles

Please pray for our sick and injured:

- Sarah Mandella—wife of Brother Mike Mandella
- Carol Herrura—relative Brother Mike Hurley
- Sammie Needham—requested by Brother David Love, PGK
- Carmella Gioio—sister of Brother Tony Gioio
- Thomas Ryder—brother of Brother Chris Ryder, PGK
- Pam Murphy—wife of Grand Knight Mike Murphy
- Carolyn Nacewicz—wife of Brother Mark Nacewicz
- Wesley Hohl—son of Brother Ray Hohl
- S/K Greg Lofton, PGK
- Brother Neil Forthman
- Patty Vaccarino Fuller—wife of Brother Jay Fuller
- Fr. Paul Reich

Please pray for our special intentions:

- Seminarians: Robert Katafiasz and Lee Benson, both at St Mary's Seminary

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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