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“The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction.” Fulton J. Sheen

GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT

Tony Gioio, Jr.

It is hard to believe I have only 3 months left as Grand Knight. We have accomplished so much and done so many activities over the last nine months that it is difficult to keep track of them all.

The St. Joseph Jubilee Chicken BBQ,
The St Joseph Cup Golf Tournament

The multiple pit beef events,

The 10 Ravens game concession stands

The Crocktoberfest

The Christmas party

The Christmas card sales.

Tuesday night Rosary

March for life.

Family Movie nights

Veterans day flag pins

The Memorial Mass

Highway clean up

Red Cross blood drives.

Car Raffle

Tootsie Roll funds to support Mentally handicapped

Supplied dinner for the Alternative Faith Education group

The Colleen’s Valentine flowers

Lenten Friday Fish fry’s

We still have a lot to do in the next 3 months

*The Colleen’s Senior Prom April 13th

*Our Tri-Fecta of Degrees’ 1st – Wed May 15, 2nd- Thursday May 16th, and 3rd Friday May 17

*Our Council Awards Dinner
Wed May 22nd

*Grand Knights picnic June 19th

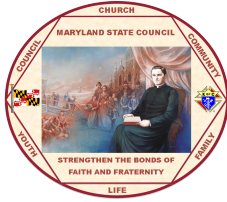
* dinner for the Alternative Faith Education group June 9th

*Baltimore Appalachia Work Camp
June 23-29th.

I want to take this opportunity to again thank all of you for everything you have done on behalf of St. Joseph’s and our Council over the past year. And I welcome and invite you all to partake in the upcoming activities

Thank you
Tony Gioio
Grand Knight.

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

My Brothers all,

I bring you greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Dale Trott whose motto is "Serving Christ by serving others".

This month we start the celebration of Lent. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial.

Everyone needs to continue to recruit and March is the month designated by Supreme to hold their Church Drive. We need each of in any activity inviting Catholic Men and their families to become a part of our Knights of Columbus Family. Look at every event as an opportunity to tell our good story.

Please sign up to attend the Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference on Saturday, March 23rd at St. Joseph Church in Fullerton.

The state will hold the Annual Founders Day Mass & Reception at Mount Calvary Church in Forestville on Sunday, March 31, 2019. This is a special day on which we celebrate the founding of our Order by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

Family Fun Day at Hershey Park will be held on Sunday, April 28th. Tickets are now available online.

Grand Knights, Chair Officers, Council Officers, Financial Secretaries, and other

council members are highly encouraged to participate in the Supreme Webinars.

Grand Knights, Chair Officers, Council Officers, Financial Secretaries, and council members are highly encouraged to access and learn more about council position through the Supreme Training Portal. It's a great tool for learning about each role in the council and more.

State Convention –Grand Knights and Delegates (as well as Alternates) that they MUST register (ONLINE) for the State Convention and MUST do so in order to reserve a room. Anyone attempting to circumvent the procedures will be rejected by the hotel. We have our hospitality room set for the State Convention with the theme of Saturday Night Fever. Our District has always done well in the Grand Knight Olympics. There has been a change this year they are enforcing the policy that Grand Knights and Past Grand Knights can only be delegates and alternates to the convention. Bring your wives they have a full slate of activities for them when we are in our meetings.

Please remember your promise from the first degree to carry your rosary and pray it often.

Vivat Jesus
Charlie Kohler
District Deputy, District 21



Knights of Columbus
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**COUNCIL BENEFITS
ADVISOR**

Mike Hurley

Please see the note from Cindy Rutter,
Executive Director of Pregnancy Center
North at the end of the communique. (Page
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Fraternally,
Michael Hurley, FIC (Mike)
Council Benefits Advisor

COUNCIL NEWS

**Upcoming Council Officer
elections**

As you may know our current Council treasurer Chris
Ryder has resigned. At our April meeting we will be
holding an election to replace Chris for the remainder of
the council year (April-June 2019) . There are currently
3 nominees for the position. Andy Becker, Gary Lyles
and Silvio Forcellese.

In May we will be announcing the slate
of candidates for next years Council 7612
officers positions.

Currently we have candidates for the
future Grand Knight, deputy Grand Knight
and Treasure positions.

We do not currently have candidates for
the Council's positions of Warden and
Chancellor. If you are interested in
nominating yourself or another brother
knight for any of these positions please
contact Tony Gioio our current Grand
Knight or Larry Brown our Election
committee chairman.

**Vote on Changes of Council
College Scholarship.**

In January 2019 the council appointed
a scholarship review Committee Chaired by
Our Deputy Grand Knight Eric Klezer to
undertake a review of the status of our
current scholarship selection procedures
and to suggest possible changes.

At the March Business meeting The
committee presented there findings and
recommendations, which are outlined
below.

A discussion followed by a vote on the
acceptance of the Committees
recommendation will occur at our April 10th
Business meeting . We invite all
members who have any concerns or
questions on this is matter to please attend
this meeting and vote.

Currently the Knights of Columbus
awards a \$2500 Robert Clark memorial
scholarship to a student living in the South
Carroll area. This scholarship is renewable
each year for up to 4 years for a total of
\$10,000.

The Scholarship revamp committee met
with Mr. Steve Wantz. From Carroll County
Community College
Mr. Wantz is the foundation director at
CCC. He is the current foundation leader
for the college. In this capacity he is the
head of the scholarship committee.

After discussions with Mr. Wantz. Our
recommendation is to move the scholarship
to CCC. We could then restrict the
scholarship to an entering student living in
the South Carroll area.

The scholarship(s) would be a 1 year
award for \$2500 to a full time student.
(\$1250 given each semester).
A minimum GPA (TBD) would be required
to receive the award. Students would be
eligible to reapply for a second year.

The scholarship would be posted on the CCC scholarship website and students would be able to apply once they have filled out the application to the college and has been approved.

When the scholarships are offered in March, we would receive notification of the award in early May, allowing us to invite these awardees to our banquet.

We would like to begin this for the fall semester 2019. For the upcoming year, we would like to post this scholarship for a special CCC July scholarship cycle. Each year thereafter, these scholarships will be made available during the regular March cycle.

The next step (after KoC approval) would be to meet with Mr. Wantz to establish our parameters for the scholarship recipient.

Eventually we would work our way to 4 scholarships (\$10,000 total).

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

Brothers All,

For 4 ½ years I have lead you all as your Color Corps Commander. It has been my great Honor to serve you. We have made great progress as a Corps, and have averaged nearly 40 events each year. From the numbers masses we do to support our Parishes, our departed brother Knights, the Archbishop of Baltimore to the numerous Casket watches. You all have been there. This year we were able to have several events where we had members from all 5 councils attended in regalia. Many times at least 4 councils were represented, this is a big growth in unity, for which I am grateful. Many times, I hear the compliments for our Priests and the Archbishop and they are always good. However, the thank yous we receive from parishioners are most

heartwarming. Two of the best compliments we have received have come from the Master, 1-My assembly is the most active in the state, but I am so busy I can't turn out all the time with them. 2-(very simply put) you all looked good today. See below for how you all did just the last two months.

Therefore, As I turn the Color Corps over the PFN Chris McGrath, I know you will be in good hands and give him the same support.

Thank You

God Bless

Bill Adams-FN (Elect)

Soon to be former Color Corps

Commander

LECTURER'S REPORT

Richard Perron

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Ryder

No report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

George Moriatis, Recorder

March meeting Joseph E. Smith name was called. If he was present, he would have won the \$140. Next month drawing will be for \$160.00.

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

No report.

PIT BEEF

David Love

This year scheduled events so far are all at the Carroll County Farm Museum

Fall Harvest

Oct 13th 6am - 6 pm

Plan your schedules so we can have another successful year Remember Many hands make light work and more fun, Thank you in advance for helping out Talk soon,
David

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CONCESSION STAND PROJECT

Tony Gioio

No report.

FAMILY

Jarvis Abellana

Family of the Month

In the spirit of charity, the Rodeans assisted in distributing Valentines Day flowers to the elderly, residing in assisted living community. In addition, they support our food bank, distributing and sorting groceries to our local community.. Lori is a member of the Catholic Daughters; working with and serving the needs of the church and community. Lastly, Lori is a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer whose mission is to see Christ in anyone who suffers, come together as a family, have personal contact with the poor and help in all possible ways. Thanks to the Rodeans; for this family truly represent our state council's motto - "serving Christ by serving others ".

A Sermon Before Lent by Deacon Vito Piazza

Luke 6:39-45

“A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good”

When was the last time you were quiet. I mean really quiet? Like an extended period of silence. You probably cannot remember a specific time, can you?

It is hard to be silent, and we are conditioned to tune the noise of life out but it always seems to be in the background. I think that today we have mastered the tune out like never before, we are literally bombarded by media almost every hour of the day.

Tuning out is almost a matter of survival. But there is a consequence to tuning out.

Perhaps when we tune out, we tune out the good things.

Maybe in all the noise we have tuned out God and good.

According to Jesus in today’s gospel, we draw “good out of the good stored in our hearts.”

The only way we can do this is to listen to that still small voice of God and be still. Sisters and brothers silence is the key to good.

Good does not just arise in us on its own.

We have to think about it, we have to reflect on it, and then we have to say yes to it.

We cannot do that if we are surrounded by the noise of the world. We live in a world which never allows silence.

I am not just talking about audible noise. I am also talking about inaudible noise.

For example, the mental noise of politics, the lack of civility in our thoughts, conversations and actions, the immoral noise of church infidelities, and the noise of the pleasure of various vices. All of that noise both audible and inaudible found in our restless minds keeps us from the silence of God.

Today in our towns and cities it is hard to find a quiet place, a place of peace, solitude and recollection.

Every year I travel to a monastery in New Mexico for a week of silence mostly because I cannot seem to find any here.

For me it is my very special place. It is especially isolated that is why the Monks settled there in the early 70’s.

They needed a place to pray unceasingly without interruptions.

In our lives there is always the distraction of work and ministry and the constant assault of calls, text messages and e mails. We find it very difficult to distance ourselves from our worries and problems because of the haste of the day’s activities.

It is hard to find silence even in our own homes. It seems that the television and the 24 hour news cycle is always somewhere in the background. How can our hearts ponder good when we are surrounded by the constant cacophony of audible and inaudible distractions.

We have ignored what it means to be still, to stop our hurrying for a few minutes by sitting on a park bench.

We have neglected to free ourselves from the day to day tensions of our complex lives. We have forgotten how to sit quietly in the tranquility of a sacred space and just listen for God to suggest a good.

Now more than ever we need silence and peacefulness to help us hear God in all wisdom. When I go to the monastery the noise stops there is just silence and good.

Like all things we have to cultivate good and let it build up in the core of our heart, and once it is cultivated in our heart we harvest it and it always bears good fruit.

Lots of people could begin to change their lives if they started to pause and listen to the good thoughts that the Holy Spirit implants in our minds on a minute by minute basis.

When we learn to slow down and schedule some times of profound silence amazing things happen. We remember to make that phone call to our aged homebound Aunt.

We reflect on the innocence of our childhood.

We vividly reminisce the day we walked down the aisle so many years ago with our sweetheart. We

recollect with extraordinary clarity the delivery room, and the broad smile on the face of my wife the moment our son was born.

We harken back to the naïveté of our school days. All these moments are good, and gifts from God. When silence happens the Holy Spirit floods our bodies with a loving consolation, and indescribable warmth.

My friends, without silent listening God's grace does not flow quite as well. The fruit of silence is inner peace, and when we embrace silence and listen to God we recognize the presence of the divine in our lives and we grow from within as human beings and Christians. All of this happens because we are listening for the good.

Soon we will enter our Lenten journey. It is a time of profound reflection on our Jesus' life, passion and resurrection.

This Lent let us try to develop a habit of silence and solitude each day so that we may hear the voice of God ever more clearly.

It is in silence that we bear fruit and we ponder the good.

I leave you with a quote from Saint John Paul II who loved the silence of his beloved mountains. He wrote:

"In this oasis of quiet, before the wonderful spectacle of nature, one easily experiences how profitable silence is, a good that today is ever rarer... In reality, only in silence does man succeed in hearing in the depth of his conscience the voice of God, which really makes him free."

Fasting and Abstinence

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/abfast.php>

Abstinence

The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and

shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste.

On the Fridays **outside of Lent** the U.S. bishops conference obtained the permission of the Holy See for Catholics in the US to substitute a penitential, or even a charitable, practice of their own choosing. They must do some penitential/charitable practice on these Fridays. For most people the easiest practice to consistently fulfill will be the traditional one, to abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year. **During Lent** abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere.

Fasting

The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th Birthday (i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk). Alcoholic beverages do not break the fast; however, they seem to be contrary to the spirit of doing penance.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence

Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

Aside from these minimum penitential requirements Catholics are encouraged to impose some personal penance on themselves at other times. It could be modeled after abstinence and fasting. A person

could, for example, multiply the number of days they abstain. Some people give up meat entirely for religious motives (as opposed to those who give it up for health or other motives). Some religious orders, as a penance, never eat meat. Similarly, one could multiply the number of days that one fasted. The early Church had a practice of a Wednesday and Saturday fast. This fast could be the same as the Church's law (one main meal and two smaller ones) or stricter, even bread and water. Such freely chosen fasting could also consist in giving up something one enjoys - candy, soft drinks, smoking, that cocktail before supper, and so on. This is left to the individual.

One final consideration. Before all else we are obliged to perform the duties of our state in life. Any deprivation that would seriously hinder us in carrying out our work, as students, employees or parents would be contrary to the will of God.

---- Colin B. Donovan, STL

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

Joann Turgeon

No report.

CULTURE OF LIFE

Jerry Reid

No report.

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

Harold Bernadzikowski, President

No report.

WARDEN'S REPORT

No report.

ASSEMBLY REPORT

No report.

Baltimore Chapter OF GK's

Greg Lynch– President

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

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

JOE KIRSHENSTEINER

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

Please Pray for father Paul Reich

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

Brother Joe Winterling solicits prayers and visits to Brother Ray Vaccarre who is homebound.

Brother Eric Kleezer requests prayers for brother Stephan who has ALS.

Brother Tom O'Donnell is asking for prayers for Tim Brown who is suffering with Alzheimer's Disease and for priest Father Akin who has stage 4 cancer.

Brother Dave Dolinsky is asking for prayers Bob Stern who recently passed away.

We also are praying for the recovery of Father Chris who suffered a stroke and our Brother Knight Mike Mandella.

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"Because of you, women hear the Truth about life and make positive life-affirming choices. Thank you!"

Cindi Ritter
Executive Director

Dear Robert,

On the Monday just before Thanksgiving, a young college student came to the center for a pregnancy test. Morgan's periods were irregular so she wasn't sure when her last one was. She was an athlete and wasn't showing physical signs of pregnancy, but she was starting to feel some movement in her abdomen and it scared her. Morgan's test was positive and she told the counselor that she HAD to have an abortion no matter what.



Morgan figured she was probably only a few weeks pregnant and needed to "take care of it" so she could get back to school at the end of Thanksgiving break, like nothing ever happened. She likened abortion to having a tooth pulled.

We offered her an ultrasound immediately. Morgan wasn't prepared for what she saw. She stared at the ultrasound screen in utter disbelief. How could it be? A full-term baby, 33 weeks old, was moving, waving, stretching and yawning. Our ultrasound technician Lara said, "Congratulations. You're a mom and you're going to have this baby in a few short weeks."

Morgan was in complete shock. She kept apologizing saying she just couldn't have a baby. She worried that her parents would be devastated and pull her out of school. She was so overwhelmed. In these moments, having a compassionate listener is paramount to a good outcome. **You make it possible for our staff to be instruments of God. Because of your support, women like Morgan have a place to go to find peace in the chaos of their decisions.**

Lara calmly painted a picture for her. Lara told Morgan that since she barely looked pregnant, no one would be the wiser. She could finish out her semester, give birth over Christmas break and place her baby for adoption. She could make a choice for life. She could let this baby live and bless someone else's life too - someone whose prayers for a baby would be answered by her decision. She could be a self-less hero. Morgan began to cry. She worried how to tell her parents but Lara helped her make a plan to present to them.

A few days later, Lara called Morgan to see how she was doing. Morgan seemed at peace. She had made an adoption plan and her parents were very supportive of her decision. Morgan was so grateful for the care and compassion she received at Pregnancy Center North. **You make this possible. Our free services are the pro-life solutions that women need.**

Your donations pay for ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, education and material assistance for women like Morgan. Every day, pregnant women in Maryland make a choice of life or death for their babies. Your gifts help them make decisions for life. We can't do it without YOU!

This is an important time to stand for life. Thank you for your kind generosity.

For life,

Cindi Ritter
Executive Director

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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