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'You See Before You the Lord's Servant; Let It Happen to Me as You Have Said'. (Luke 1:38)

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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A big thanks to our Worthy Chancellor Harold Bernadzikowski for the outstanding job he did in putting together this year's Memorial Mass. And thank you to Fr. Neville for his heartfelt celebration of the Mass. For those of you that were not able to attend, you missed out. The whole council family helped out. The Squires, Colleens and Color Corps all added to the warm sentiment of the evening.

December starts off with our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3rd. I encourage all members and families to come out and enjoy the afternoon.

As we go through the hustle and bustle of the month, keep in mind the real reason we celebrate. It's Christmas for Christ's sake. Take time out to look around our community for those who may need a little help, drop a few extra dollars in the poor box, say an extra Rosary, these are the gifts that count.

We will hold a First Degree on January 12th. If you know of a catholic gentleman who is not already a member of our ranks, ask him to join us

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas Party and at our December business meeting on the 14th.

Shoulder to Shoulder in Service...



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

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Advent – Have You the Heart for It?

As we begin Advent 2011, I suggest we take our minds off the liturgical changes that we are experiencing and focus on how God is doing new things in the world; how he is breaking into the world afresh. To be attentive to these movements of the Holy Spirit we need to stay awake and to know our hearts – to be awake to the faith of our hearts.

For some the ideas 'faith' and 'heart' don't sit easily together – but they do complement each other. At times in the tradition of the church the idea of faith has been very cerebral. For St. Thomas Aquinas, as one example, faith was almost an act of the intellect; faith, he suggested, is formed in the intellect but caused by the will. Thus faith was often seen as primarily an intellectual affirmation. However to

live trusting and faith filled lives we need to feel love in our hearts not simply assert truths with our heads. If faith begins with the heart, if genuinely treasured, it will radiate outward. If we have the faith to trust that Jesus is the one who came from God, in the first coming, then it cannot be long before we also trust what Jesus taught – our heart moves us to trust God’s revelation and to appropriate what Jesus taught. The revelation we love in Jesus leads us to the ‘content’ of His teaching.

Faith becomes difficult to sustain if the disposition of a person remains closed and the heart untouched. Equally faith becomes expansive and points out the truths we should believe when heartfelt.

Pope Benedict at World Youth Day in Madrid in August of this year said: ‘faith is not the result of human effort, of human reasoning, but rather a gift of God. Faith starts with God, who opens his heart to us and invites us to share in his own divine life. Faith does not simply provide information about who Christ is; rather, it entails a personal relationship with Christ, a surrender of our whole person, with all our understanding, will and feelings, to God’s self-revelation.’

This Advent the second coming of Christ is nearer. We may not know when it will occur but let us use the season to ensure he comes more fully into our lives by allowing our hearts to meet God’s heart which was opened for us.

DISTRICT DEPUTY’S REPORT

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Brother Knights and Families,

The councils in the District have been teeming with activity this quarter! The State soccer shootout, Tootsie Roll Campaign, Membership Blitz, and Memorial Masses were among several well executed programs. The second quarter of the fraternal year will soon come to a close. Certainly, it is to the advantage of each council to document all the effort put forth by the membership by completing the

quarterly reports due in January. All members share in this reporting process this time of year! Now is the time for all members to reflect on the charitable works they have done for the past year and assist the Order by completing the Annual Survey. This is the documentation necessary in order for the Supreme Council to maintain its 501c status. Please do your part in helping this worthy cause.

District 21 can proudly report that each council in the district supports a first degree ceremonial team! This is great reflection on each council’s regard for the importance of recruiting, maintaining, and forming its members. All teams, including the district second degree team, need backup members for speaking and supporting roles. Please consider volunteering for at least one position on the team. You will become a viable part on passing on the brotherhood of the Knights, while you also help form your commitment and your faith.

As we look forward to the Christmas Season with our families, let us remember our brothers in need. Have you sent in your donation to the State Charity Fund? A small contribution of at least \$1 from each member can go a long way. Every member should receive a letter and envelope and a letter regarding this effort. Please be generous!

I wish each and every member and their families a most blessed Christmas!
Vivat Jesus

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7612 Council Family,

The Home Corp and its officers are continuing to do a fantastic job. We have put a new driveway in for the state offices and a new lane for the dumpster and the truck to empty the dumpster. We are working on some small fixes and improvements to the home. The rentals

have increased and the money raised in renting the building has been going toward the loan we took out to replace the bathrooms. We were able to pay the principle down \$3000 last month.

If you want to rent the hall it is only \$250 dollars. You cannot find a better deal anywhere. So why drive yourself crazy cleaning your house only to have to clean it again when everyone leaves, or worry that the kids birthday party is going to make a mess of your carpets, don't want to have your co-workers to your house, well rent your council home. If you are interested, contact Dan Hundertmark or leave a message on the council home voice mail, 410-922-8224.

Many thanks to the men who are up at the hall cleaning, mowing, setting up tables and chairs and giving of their time and talent to make the hall better than ever. Your hard work is deeply appreciated.

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As 2011 comes to a close, I want to let you all know how grateful I am to have served another year as the Council's Fraternal Benefit Advisor.

I am humbled by the memory of having handed Knights of Columbus death benefit checks to several widows again this year. That is what helps me focus on the vision of our founder Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and the primary goal of our order: To provide financial protection to our members and their beneficiaries. I sincerely wish all my brother Knights of Columbus and their loved ones a happy and blessed Christmas and good health, happiness and the Peace of Our Blessed Savior throughout the coming year. Please continue to consider me at your fraternal service.

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We will be hosting a first degree in January during our regular Council business meeting on January 11, 2012. Membership is a high priority of the State and Supreme this year and we all need to work together to reach our membership goal. Invite someone you know or see regularly at church to become a Knight. We need new members to support the many activities of our very active Council. If you have a candidate please contact me as soon as possible so we can interview him to be installed in January. We all need to work hard to make this a successful first degree.

Westminster will be hosting a second degree on January 17, 2012 and Walkersville will be hosting a third degree on February 17, 2012. These are two great opportunities for any first and second degree members to take their next degrees.

Contact me if you need any information, forms or need to refer a candidate. Please wear your membership badges to church. Let's all work together so we can share something we all enjoy with others.

Vivat Jesu

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Planning for hospitality suite at next year's State convention will gear up after the holidays. Brothers and their wives interested in helping out or attending the convention, please contact me.

Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year to you and your family!!

LECTURER'S REPORT

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On Thursday, November 17th, we celebrated our annual Memorial Mass at St. Joseph's. Our Chaplin, Fr. Neville Donohue was the celebrant at the mass. The mass was very special in the fact that we remembered and prayed for all of the Brother Knights and spouses who have return to the Lord. We were honored by having the James Cardinal Assembly #379 Honor Guard to be a part of the special mass.

Grand Knight Bill Rooney read the necrology and the Squires served as altar servers. The music and songs were beautiful. Refreshments were served after the Mass, which were prepared by the Sheens Colleens.



Thank you to all who attended and assisted in this very spiritual and rewarding experience.

The annual Council Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at the Council home on Stang Road. The theme for the party will be "An Italian Christmas". Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. with a family style Italian dinner at 3:00 p.m. After dinner Santa will arrive and pose for pictures. If you are bringing children please bring a wrapped gift with their name on it valued at \$10.00 for Santa to present to them.

We will also be having an Italian gift exchange for anyone who chooses to participate, ages 15 and over. Your gift should be wrapped and valued at no more than \$15.00. This gift exchange is always enjoyed by all, especially for the one who takes home the sought after bottle of Merlot.

The party is free to all in recognition for all you do during the year .Buon Natale! (Merry Christmas in Italian) - See you at the party!

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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The Baltimore Chapter of past Grand Knights is working with the state youth team to deliver coats to children without coats. The chapter has been working with schools and organizations that see children every day that do not have the money for a warm coat. In many cases parents are looking for work or have lost everything and the children are the ones that often go without. The state team has received over 600 coats and the chapter is working to get these coats on the children before Christmas. Also attached at the end of the Communiqué is the Chapter's request for donations to support their CHARITY efforts. Please donate to this very worthy cause.

The Chapter meets on the Thursday after our business meeting and the meetings are held at different councils within the chapter.

For information about the chapter please ask the Grand Knight or one of the past Grand Knights.

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Ladies,

Merry Christmas to one and all. First, I would like to take a quick look back at November. Our meeting on the 16th was very well attended and all of the hands on deck made light work of the picks for our Valentine Project. Charlene Heyden has done a great job in getting us started. Cherie Hundertmark was a great instructor even though she had no voice what so ever! The Memorial mass held on the 17th was very well attended. The Cassidy center looked



wonderful! My thanks go to Maureen McCall who did an excellent job decorating. Thank you to all who donated their time and the refreshments. It was greatly appreciated by the Knights. I do hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Near the end of November we sent out an email in an effort to update the email address list that we have. If you did not get this email and want to be included, please send me an email at your earliest convenience.

Looking ahead at this month, our Christmas party is at the Cobblestone on Wednesday the 7th of December. We are doing things a bit differently than last year so if you have any questions, again send me an email. If you haven't yet paid your dues, they can be paid at our December Christmas dinner.

Keep saving those Glory Days receipts. We still have a few more months of collecting. Get them to Diane Eagle.

Thank you again ladies for all the time and effort you put towards our Sheen's.

Thank you and God Bless.

YOUTH REPORT

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I do hope everyone had a Thankful and fulfilled Thanksgiving Holiday.

The 7th grade and 1st year confirmation candidates' religious education classes are holding a fundraiser selling World's Finest Chocolate bars for \$1. We are trying to raise \$1500.00 for a catholic priest, Fr. Foster Olator of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Ghana, West Africa. He is responsible for 10 parishes and has no vehicle to travel to them. He has to walk 15 miles just to get to a bus station or use a taxi service which is very expensive. This significantly limits his ability to perform his priestly duties.

For More information, contact Ray Hohl.

Shootouts

While the district winners went to and tried hard, we could not bring back any first place winners. Our own youth placed 3rd for his age. We will try again for a state champion for the basketball shoot out early next year. The Council Shoot out will be held at St Josephs on January 14th in the Gym. Districts and then States will follow for the winners.

If you are interested in helping out or have a youth that would like to participate in the Shoot-out please contact me using the info above.

Wishing you all A Very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



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Christmas Sale

Our council will be selling Christmas cards, Advent candles, calendars, and wreaths after all Masses through December 18.

Toys for Tots

I would like to thank all those who have dropped toys off at my Long and Foster office and invite others to do the same. Thank you!

The mission of the program is to collect **new, unwrapped** toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children **in the community in which the campaign is conducted.**

The stated goal is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will encourage them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

Council Rosary Night

Rosary every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm at Cassidy Center. Since 9/11/2001, Knights and their ladies of our Council family have gathered each Tuesday evening to say a Rosary in memory of those killed that tragic day and for service men and women at home and abroad fighting the war on terror.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We, as a Council, have made a commitment to be present every Sunday morning, between 6:00 and 7:00 Am., for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at St. Joseph's.

From the Bulletin

We have begun the season of Advent which also marks the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. The Liturgy speaks of waiting for the coming of the Lord Jesus. Everything in the liturgy – The scripture readings, prayers, music, and environment, serve to emphasize our expectations of the imminent arrival of the Lord. This year we have again returned to an earlier practice of chanting the Prayers of the Faithful during Advent. The petitions for our sick and dead will necessarily be generic in character, while the names of all those in need of our prayers will be listed in the bulletin, as well as being prayed for at daily Masses on Mondays and Tuesdays during Advent.

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Fellow Knights and ladies

WOW what a year. Only two home games left and it looks like the Raven's will have their first ever home playoff game. Special thanks to all of the Knights and Sheens who have made the concession stand so successful this year. We have exceeded our obligation of staffing Concession stand #124 for every game so far while having a lot of fun and exciting times.

So I If you have been planning on helping out now's the time to act.

- 1pm Sunday Dec. 11 - Ravens vs. Indianapolis Colts
- 1 pm Saturday Dec. 24th Ravens vs. Cleveland Browns
- January? PAYOFF GAME Ravens vs.?

Come on down, have some fun and delicious food while earning funds for the council. I guarantee you won't be bored.

Again thanks for your help and I am looking forward to working with you

PIT BEEF REPORT

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7612 Council Family, the pit beef season may be done but the work is never done. We have been working hard to winterize the trailers and clean them up for the winter. This is also the time that we look for new events to peddle our delicious sandwiches. If you have a location or an event that you think we may want to set up shop please let us know. I am also looking for someone to help me run the pit beef program. My bad back is not getting better and I just can't do the long days cooking. If you are interested in learning, let me know and we can teach you the

finer points of the pit crew. I am not looking for someone to take it over completely, I just need some help.

We did not make as much money this year for the council as we did last ear. With all of the rain we had through September and October our events had much smaller attendance then we were used to. When all is said and done it looks like we were able to raise about six thousand dollars.

I want to personally thank every one of you who helped out this year. We had many new faces helping us this year and every one of them did a fantastic job. There were lots of days in the rain, or the cold or the blazing heat, but my team always comes through. Thank you to everyone.

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The Ocean City Condo Raffle tickets are being printed and we will be mailing each member one ticket in early December. We would appreciate it if each member would either take it or sell it and return it in the self-addressed envelope. The chances are \$20.00 for a week stay in a luxury condominium in Ocean City, Maryland. Many thanks go to Brother Harold and his wife Kristin for their generous donation. This would make a nice stocking stuffer or a gift for anyone.

We are also soliciting vehicle donations to support our scholarship fund. If you or anyone you know would like to donate a vehicle please contact me. We will sell the vehicle and provide you with the appropriate paperwork for your taxable deduction.

PRO-LIFE REPORT

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The 39th March for Life will be on January 23, 2012

As stated on the March for Life website:

Late in October 1973, grassroots prolife leaders became concerned that January 22, 1974, might come and go without properly memorializing the Supreme Court's infamous abortion decisions and without petitioning Congress for redress.

No established right-to-life organization was prepared to undertake the planning, financial and operational responsibilities for a high impact prolife March on the U.S. Capitol. But, grassroots pro-lifers wanted to march! About thirty prolife veterans resolved themselves into a committee and began making plans for the first March for Life.

On January 22, 1974, the first March for Life was held on the West Steps of the Capitol. An estimated 20,000 committed prolife Americans rallied that day on behalf of our preborn brothers and sisters.

In 1974, the March for Life was incorporated as a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization.

Our numbers have gradually risen through the years despite reduced numbers from the snow in 2000 and the terrible 9/11 attacks just months before the March 2002. These growing numbers give testimony to the increasing ranks of prolife Americans and to the importance of the March's work.

Please make plans now to attend this important event.

Anti-abortion 'personhood' amendment fails in Mississippi

On Nov. 8, voters in Mississippi overwhelmingly rejected the amendment 58 percent to 42 percent. Two-thirds of

Mississippians call themselves "pro-life," according to the Pew Research Center.

So how did this happen? According to Real Clear politics article posted Nov 18th, it is because Planned Parenthood spent big dollars to put doubt in people's minds about what the amendment was. As a result many people had questions about: in-vitro fertilization and (ectopic) pregnancies, where pregnancies (occur) outside the uterus and (in) the fallopian tubes. Also the amendment was not endorsed National Right to Life and the Catholic bishop of Jackson, Mississippi. This led to a lot of confusion, and hence it did not pass.

But this issue is still being fought. Florida is currently trying to get enough signatures by 2012 to get it on the ballot in 2014.

FOURTH DEGREE

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The James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly ran a very successful Patriots dinner where we were able to raise awareness and \$700 for the Wreaths Across America organization. This very patriotic group places live wreathes on the headstones of every hero buried at Arlington as well as other cemeteries throughout these United States. Our Assembly holds a Patriots Dinner every year to honor someone who shows their patriotism. If you know someone or an organization that deserves our recognition please let me know so that we can honor them next year.

If you have taken your third degree and have not taken your last step to full knighthood, what are you waiting for? Our next fourth degree will be held on March 3rd 2012. The fourth degree is the patriotic arm of our order. If you want to help us honor those who have given so much for us to enjoy our freedom, email or call me and I will get you the paperwork you need to take your fourth degree.

We will be holding an old fashion USO type of dance at the VFW on March 10th. Please look for more info to come and help support our dance and your Assembly.

Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America Program at Arlington National Cemetery is being conducted on Saturday, December 10th. This is a very worthy project and the scope of the project has grown significantly this year as it is the 20th anniversary of the program.

In a nutshell, volunteers are needed to be at Arlington at 8:30 AM on December 10th for a briefing at the main entrance to the Cemetery in **front of the Women's Memorial**. That said, you should probably plan to be there no later than 8:00 AM to make the 8:30 AM briefing. So that we can work as a group, I would suggest (as pointed out in the notes that follow) that we meet at the 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles) monument on the right as you enter the cemetery and just before getting to the Women's Memorial were we are to receive instructions.

Due to limited available parking, volunteers are **encouraged** to take the **Metro Rail** to the **Arlington Cemetery Station** on the **Blue Line**. You could also park across the bridge near the Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korea Memorials, then walk across the bridge. No formal registration or sign-up is required. You just show up at the designated time and place.

There is no dress code other than comfortable clothes that are appropriate for walking and the temperature that is forecast for that day. **Everyone should wear Knights of Columbus or patriotic articles (shirts, hats, etc.).**

SUPREME INFORMATION

On Nov. 18, Capt. Alfredo Fuentes, FDNY (Ret.) addressed the state deputies about the Order's new Second Responders Program, which was announced at the Supreme Convention held in Denver last August. As consultant to the supreme knight for disaster

relief, Fuentes is developing the program that will help K of C councils to effectively support their communities when faced with a disaster, whether natural or manmade.

"Disasters can only be responded to with a team effort," Fuentes said. "You are so critical for the success of this program. You will all have a part in its development."

Fuentes explained that there are already plans underway to survey members and create a database of volunteer capabilities, including identification of supplies, facilities, personal skills and experience.

The program will first be launched in the United States, and then expand to other jurisdictions. The Supreme Council will soon accept applications for a disaster response coordinator for each state, and is developing a disaster response training program with the help of the University of Connecticut.

In addition to providing a critical service to communities, the Second Responders Program has the potential to attract new members, Fuentes said. "Individuals wanting to leave a mark," he said, "will be drawn to the Order's emphasis on action and charity."



FROM AROUND THE STATE

Apostleship of the Sea, Dundalk, MD

Stella Maris Seafarers' Center Dedicated

On Saturday, October 16th, the Most Reverend Edwin O'Brien, Archbishop of

Baltimore, officially opened the newly renovated Stella Maris Center in the Port of Baltimore in Dundalk with a special Dedication and Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Many Knights and ladies, including State Deputy Peter Davio, State Advocate Steve Cohen, Community Activities Director John Fox, AOS Coordinator Innocent d'Almeida, Baltimore Chapter President Vince Grauso, several Grand Knights, and other Council and State representatives, were on hand to support Msgr. FitzGerald, director of the Center.

The activities began inside St Rita's Church with presentation of Colors by the Fourth Degree Color Guard, followed by a processional of the clergy led by the Color Corps. Andrew Middleton opened with welcoming remarks on behalf of the Center. All then joined in the singing of the Navy Hymn. After scripture reading by Amy Middleton and proclamation of the Gospel by Deacon John Langmead, Archbishop O'Brien delivered a beautiful Homily. Singer Lydia Beasley performed a moving hymn Ave Maris Stella II (Hail, Star of the Sea). Stella Maris Center founder, manager and Chaplain Msgr. John FitzGerald introduced dignitaries in attendance, including State Deputy Peter Davio. The inside portion of the day's events closed with a blessing by Archbishop O'Brien. Everyone, led again by the Color Corps, then processed across the street to the front of the Stella Maris Center.

After some brief remarks by Msgr. FitzGerald and a prayer reading by Baltimore Chapter President Vince Grauso, the Archbishop and Monsignor blessed the Memorial Plaque in the midst of a garden in front of the Center. The final official act of the day was the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Archbishop O'Brien, Msgr. FitzGerald, State Deputy Davio, and Catholic Daughters of America National Regent-elect Anne Nelson simultaneously cut a section of a ribbon stretched across the Center's entrance.

The crowd was then able to greet the Archbishop and enter the Center to inspect the results of the tremendous amount of work that

has gone into upgrading the facility and creating the new interior Chapel. The Center then treated everyone to a delicious catered lunch.

Some two thousand ships visit the Port of Baltimore each year. Their crews of mostly young men are often away from their homes without outside contact for months at a time. Sixty-five percent of these men are Catholic. The AOS provides these seafarers a break from shipboard life and a place to receive the sacraments and contact their families via email. Donations from Knights of Columbus and others provide them with gifts of clothing, religious items and reading material. Msgr. FitzGerald is very appreciative of the tremendous support he has received from the Knights since the inception of this ministry.

SQUIRES

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Worthy Knights, it's been a busy month of planning and preparation for the Circle. We approved the applications of two new members, recruited at last month's parish breakfast. We've scheduled our next investiture for March 15th, 2012. Mark your calendars so you can join us.

We defined requirements for Squire of the Year:

- 70% attendance for business and social meetings, and
- attend 4 non-business or social events, and
- organize and lead one event.

We're also planning our service projects for this winter and a Facebook group. Look for details on these in future reports.

The Squires attended the Knight's Memorial Mass on November 17th, assisting Father Neville as altar servers and presenting the gifts for Communion.

Our next business meeting is scheduled for December 1st. Father Neville is scheduled to attend. We're looking forward to his participation.

Esto Dignus

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Blood Drive

The winter blood drive is scheduled for January 14, 2012 in the St. Joseph's gym. I encourage all brother knights who are able to donate, to set the example for our parish and the community. We will be making blood drive appointment calls on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of January. If any brother knights would like to join the Sheens in making these calls please let me know at the next meeting or just show up at the Long & Foster office in Eldersburg between 7-8 PM. We hope to increase our collection of blood to continue leading Carroll County in units collected.

Carroll County Food Sunday

We continue to support the Carroll County Food Sunday collection. The collection bin at the Cassidy Center is among the ministry cabinets below the counter on the right. Please remember those in need at this time of year.

New Program – Be a Neat Freak

As an extension of our "Adopt a Highway" program run by Brother George Snediker, I would like to begin a "Neat Freak" program in our neighborhoods. If we Knights set an example by picking up trash on our sidewalks or roads on either side of our home if it's there, we might show others how to keep our neighborhoods neat. It doesn't take much effort, just a little consideration and commitment. Start today.

Pastor's Little Helpers

We will again be coordinating parking at St. Joseph's for Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning with the help of the State Police. Contact John Hundertmark to volunteer for your shift.

STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

Peter Davio

My Brothers and Sisters, soon we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. It's a really great time of the year as long as we don't let the commercial pressures get in the way. Sadly we must also remember to stand firm against the secularism that tries to drive the name of Our Savior out of the season. Keeping Christ in Christmas is our mission. Look for opportunities to remind others that we all deserve a Merry Christmas.



Looking back over the past month, we had some memorable events. Certainly, kicking off the month with the Navy – Troy football game at Annapolis was a fun way to get things going. Details are provided elsewhere in this issue. Also presenting the 2012 Mustang to our Incentive Program winner was a pleasant experience. You can read all about that in this issue as well.

Many of us were especially touched by the personal experience of giving wheelchairs to our military veterans during November 10th through 12th. They had so many stories to share; some of them making us realize just how lucky we were not to have experienced what they did during their tours of duty. More importantly while delivering those wheelchairs to the five facilities we selected, we acquired many new stories. There were so many stories, that I have asked our State Newsletter Editor Vernon Hawkins to run a special edition just on the season of giving – with a specific focus on the wheelchair program and our "coats for kids" project. That issue will be released much later in the month. Keep an eye out for it.

Later in the month I attended the State Deputy's midterm meeting back in Nashville for an informative and enjoyable time, but this time

with our State Chaplain Father Donald Grzymiski. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is cranking up his message regarding our responsibility as Knights of Columbus to evangelize the world. Working hand in hand with Father Donald during our break-out sessions was quite helpful in this regard, especially in deciding how it should apply here in Maryland – more to follow in upcoming issues.

As we neared the end of the month, we all just spent some time giving thanks to God for all the blessings that surround us (and I mean not just for a full dinner table and a good football game). Hopefully, Mary has made you aware of all of gifts that fill your life.

I firmly believe that one of those gifts in my life is my membership in the Knights of Columbus and I hope you feel the same way. So, I'm asking that in this month of giving, you think about that Catholic man you know that is not already a Brother Knight and offer him the gift of membership. We will all be better for the experience.

From Francine and me, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

OPERATION WELCOME HOME

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- Wed Dec 7 9:00 pm Gary and George woodduster@comcast.net; gkos@verizon.net
- Thurs Dec 8 2:45 pm Dolores and Pat edstreet@verizon.net; pat5161@verizon.net
- Mon Dec 12 1:30 pm Wilma and Ken M lingerlonger@comcast.net
- Thurs Dec 15 5:15 pm Joann and Ken C joanncavey@msn.com
- Fri Dec 16 6:30 pm Betty and George betty@sarcolumbia.com; gkos@verizon.net
- Mon Dec 19 1:30 pm Lisa and Ken F kenfunk@verizon.net
- Wed Dec 21 9:45 pm Cheri and Bud budl@comcast.net
- Thurs Dec 22 5:15 pm Chip and Gary claytonflowers@msn.com; woodduster@comcast.net;
- Wed Dec 28 1:30 pm Anne and Diana dovearc@aol.com; thomahawk@verizon.net

- Thurs Dec 29 5:15 pm Paul and Woody p.kett@comcast.net; Captwood@erols.com
- Fri Dec 30 3:45 pm Barbara and Judie bafanagan@verizon.net; judie4600@comcast.net
<http://www.operationwelcomehome.org/>

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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We held a Family Movie Night on the 12th of November. There were 47 guests in the gym to enjoy spaghetti dinner and the movie "Winnie the Pooh" (2011). Special thanks to Al Grasley and his crew; Linda Grasley, Jim and Kim Mulholland, Collin Roden, George Snediker and Monica Kerr for their continued, outstanding support.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Harold Bernadzikowski
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Chancellor@kofc7612.org

Brothers,

The Memorial Mass was held on Nov. 17th with Father Neville presiding. Father did a tremendous job with the service and I extend my sincere thanks to him for doing the honors. I would also like to thank everyone who assisted in numerous ways with the service: the Color Corps (processions), the Sheens (refreshments), the Squires (altar servers and cross bearers), Doug Hirth (Lector), Dan Hundertmark and Steve Rogness (communicants), Mike Hurley and Glenn Lilly (music), and our Grand Knight Bill Rooney (reading of the necrology). Without your help, the mass would not have been the success that it was. Thank you! The Necrology is included in this month's prayer list.

Please contact me if you know of any brothers or members of the community at large who are sick or in need of prayers or assistance. Although I do check the Council's email for prayer requests almost daily, if you need to get in touch with me for an urgent situation, feel free to contact me on my cell phone number, which is listed in the Contact Information.

Please also keep our Seminarian sponsors in your prayers as well, for their continued well-being as they continue their schooling.

God Bless!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

- Bonnie Abend
- Phillip Barrett (Bob's brother)
- Ashley Berdel
- Officer Nick Betcher (Sykesville PD)
- Verna Blanchard (Chris Ryder's Mother in Law)
- Kellie Boehm
- Mike Bodnar
- Patty Bowlen (friend of Dick Zabela)
- John Bruce (friend of SK Greg Lofton)
- Ed Budelis
- Jay Budelis
- Al Cassiere
- John Catalano
- Joan Cornell (mother of Tom Roden)
- Wanda Coy (Bob Coy's Wife)
- Bob Coy
- Ray Comes
- Chuck Crew
- Pete Decker
- Emma DiMaio
- Children of Toni DiVenti
- Mike Driscoll
- Mary Erline
- Alexandra Fry
- Jerry Fuller (Jay's father)
- John Gropshover
- Ed Hantzell
- Barbara Heck (Diane Eagle's Cousin)
- Betty Hetrick
- Paige Hilfer
- Cindy Hogan
- Joni Holland
- Bud Housel
- Valerie Hundertmark
- Joe Januszewski
- Margaret Kaelin
- John Kendall
- Mary Kerney (Ed Budelis' daughter)
- George Koleszar (Bob's Brother)
- Paige Lang
- Walter Lynch (Greg's Uncle)
- Mary & John Maguire
- Mike Mandella
- Terry Manner
- Bob and Wanda McCoy
- Floyd McCurdy
- Charlie McTygue (John's Father)
- Carl Motter (Scott's father)
- Pam Murphy
- Little "Mac" Murray
- Paul Noel
- Jim Patanella
- Anna Pierce
- Pat Reilly
- Randi Roden (half-sister of Tom Roden)
- Adele Sadoski (daughter of Ed Budelis)
- Elaine San Fellipo (Frank's Wife)
- Frank SanFellipo
- Bill Sapp
- Connie Sapp (Bill's Daughter in Law)
- Dennis Sinmont (Rick Wilhide's Brother in law)
- Sherrie Sisle
- Deacon Todd Smith
- Louis Stachowiak, Sr.
- Bob Stepling
- Beth Stevens
- Uhul Talley
- Eleanor Urick
- Ray Vaccare
- Cheyenne VanCleve
- Janet VanCleve
- Annamaria White
- Larry White
- Katherine Winkler
- Carleton Williams
- Paige Wilson (sister-in-law of Harold B.)
- Gertrude Witte
- Joe Wolf
- Denise Wolfe
- Charlene Young (works with Ray Miles)
- Kathy Young (Joe Eagle's Mother-in-Law)
- Sandee Zabela
- John Zambito

NECROLOGY 2011

Brothers:

Robert Clark
Mathias Schafer
Philip Schwab III
Harry Sandosky
Fred Chavez
Russell Harrington, PGK
Mark Duffy
Richard Zabela Jr.
David Wilson
Michael Picarella
Charles Pomarzynski
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John Curtin, PGK
Terence Fitzpatrick
Andrew Urick, PGK
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Joseph Mettle
Donald Lee Jr.

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Mary Bianca
Carmella Giordano
Teresa Hester
Doris Conley
Cecilia Kordonski
Lois Hundertmark
Carlita Horten
Helen Moranville
Catherine Ellis
Eileen Koleszar
Cecilia Leeann Eckeroth
Toni Comfort
Maxine Wooleyhand
Patricia Matsko
Diane Hild
Evelyn Schafer
Patricia Dowd

Fulton Sheen Monthly Council Calendar

DECEMBER

1	Squire's Meeting 7pm
3-4	Christmas Cards, Advent candles, all masses
3	Council Christmas Party
10-11	Christmas Cards, Advent candles, all masses
11	Ravens football 1 pm
12	Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
14	Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM
15	Squire's Christmas Social 7pm
17-18	Christmas Cards, Advent candles, all masses
19	CUFP House Meeting 7:30 PM
21	Sheen's Colleens Meeting

JANUARY

5	Squire's Meeting 7pm
7	Red Cross Blood Drive
9	Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
	Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM, 1st deg
11	
14	Basketball Free Throw
16	CUFP House Meeting 7:30 PM
18	Sheen's Colleens Meeting
19	Squire's Bball practice 7pm
23	Assembly Meeting 7:30 PM CCARC
23	March for Life, Washington D.C.
25	Social
28	Family Movie Night 6:15 PM
29	Family Breakfast at Church

FEBRUARY

2	Squire's Meeting 7pm
6	Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
8	Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM
10	Assemble flowers for nursing homes 9-1PM
	Deliver flowers to nursing homes 10AM
11	Romantic Valentines dinner
13	CUFP House Meeting 7:30 PM
15	Sheen's Colleens Meeting
16	Squire's Bball practice 7pm
21	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
24	Lenten Dinner 6 PM
	Knights/Squires basketball game, church
25	Family Movie Night 6:15 PM
27	Assembly Meeting 7:30 PM CCARC
29	Social

MARCH

1	Squire's Meeting 7pm
2	Lenten Dinner 6 PM
3	Fourth Degree Exemplification
9	Lenten Dinner 6 PM
11	Knights / Squires breakfast
12	Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
	Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM, 1st degree
14	
15	Squire's Social 7pm
16	Lenten Dinner 6 PM
17	St Patrick's Day dinner dance 6PM
19	CUFP House Meeting 7:30 PM
21	Sheen's Colleens Meeting
23	Lenten Dinner 6 PM
24	Family Movie Night 6:15 PM
26	Assembly Meeting 7:30 PM CCARC

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Retkowski	3	William Wooleyhand	11	Paul Washart	30
Mike Hurley	3	Frank Mack	11	Robert Mercier	31
Ray Hild	3	Fr. Paul Reich	15	Deacon Todd Smith	31
Michael Ward	3	Jeffrey Pickard	17		
Tim Eagle	3	Miguel Macaoay	19		
Gene Langbehn	4	Robert Brown	20		
Harold Benden	4	Michael Mulcahy	24		
Gerard Ader	6	Michael Gussin	25		
Vincent Cimino	6	Steven Benden	27		
Chris Myers	7	Tom Greul	27		
Ray Sponer	9	Norman Sadaka	30		

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STATE WEBSITE:

WWW.KOFC-MD.ORG

December's Beacon, the State's newsletter, can be found using the following link:

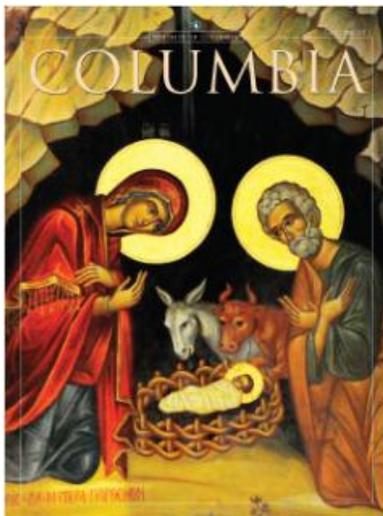


<http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1011/beacon.pdf>

SUPREME WEBSITE:

WWW.KOFC.ORG

December's Columbia, the Knights of Columbus monthly magazine, can be found using the following link:



www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html

Dear Brother Knights,

Christmas is coming!

The children of St. Vincent's and Villa Maria and the residents at the Gallagher Center are anticipating a very special breakfast, Christmas Party and a Spring Picnic provided by the Baltimore Chapter. They have so little to look forward to in life.

These special children of God need our love and support today just as in the past.

This tradition of CHARITY provides a little sunshine into the hearts of children that have special needs and don't receive much on Christmas Day.

Your generous donation will make these Special Children of God feel special. Your help at the Christmas Breakfast and June Picnic will provide the love and attention that Father Michael McGivney envisioned.



I guarantee you that it will be a two way street in the true meaning of the Knights of Columbus.

WE NEED YOU TO GIVE FROM YOUR HEART: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 or whatever you can do.

Your donation helps the Chapter make contributions to the Seminarian Fund, Church Activities, Fraternal Activities and other charitable endeavors. This is our only major source of funds!

COMPLETE THE FORM, ENCLOSE WITH YOUR DONATION AND RETURN IN THE SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (Donations are tax deductible through our 501c3 charity corporation)

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On Christmas Day the Light of the World was born.

May the light of His peace be born anew in your heart this day and remain with you throughout the New Year.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fraternally,

The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights
The Children of St. Vincent's, Villa Maria and the residents at Gallagher Center

Please return this portion with your donation

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Council Name: _____ Number: _____

Please make checks payable to: Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Charity, Inc.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
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DECEMBER 2011

Council Business Meeting

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

Council Officers & Program Directors Mtg.

Charity Corp. Meeting

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