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“Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.”- Pope Francis

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT

Father David McGuigan

Brother Knights, April gives way to May and there is much to celebrate including Mother’s Day. At St. Joseph’s boy and girls will celebrate their First Holy Communion and teens will celebrate Confirmation. Those are important steps in faith formation, experiences of God’s grace and our Lord’s commitment in love to young members of the body of Christ. Recall, Jesus’ lesson to his own disciples about the example that children offer: “It is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” In the society and culture in which Jesus ministered, children had no status or power, and they could exercise no influence. Certainly, they could be loved and cared for, but no one was interested in their opinion. Life in ancient times could be harsh and cruel, especially to the young. Infant and child mortality rates were high although, if you could survive childhood, chances were adults could see their fifties or sixties. Sadly, in our own time, children born and unborn are similarly at risk.

Jesus used children as an example to teach adults because they could not conceal their complete state of dependence, or do anything about it. To be a child was to be one who needs. For us, as adult men, it can be very

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difficult to acknowledge that we need. Much of what it means for us to demonstrate that we are adults consists in meeting needs, providing, getting things done, independently, carrying our own water. It makes me wonder what it was like for the Apostles to hear Jesus’ response to their request for a lesson in prayer: “This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one.” (Mt 6:9-13) Feed us. Forgive us. Protect us. Recognizing that we need God’s mercy, love,

forgiveness and strength is merely to admit the truth. And the truth, as Jesus said, sets us free.

On May 17, Westminster's Tender Care Pregnancy Center holds its annual banquet to thank supporters and encourage ongoing support for pregnant women and the new life they bear. Maybe, a reconsideration of our own state of dependence on God can inform the perspective from which we pray and advocate for unborn children, and care for the children in our midst. It is one thing to say, "I can do something." Or, "I want to do something and I am going to decide what that is." It is another thing to say, "I'm just like you, kid, only my size is XL." (Or, XXL...) "I need God and I need others." It is good for us to be aware, along this line, that brotherhood in the Knights of Columbus is not a luxury but a necessity, a compass point. As the poet, John Donne, wrote, "No man is an island."

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Greg Lofton

The eleventh month of this fraternal year! Many activities are about to come forth this month and next, keeping many of us busy serving those of our church, council and community.

We will have supported our Council's Marigolds (or Marygolds in some circles) for Mothers this past Sunday. Remember that this was a program in which Council 7612 first started and which has grown to become not just a Maryland State program, but has spread.

While in Dallas, Texas the first week of May, I visited several locations dear to my past, my family history and to my heart. I found the grave stones of my grandparents, the place my grandfather worked for over 30 years, and a house typical of their home. It felt good to back in the state of my birth and family.

I visited the only Catholic Church that I came across. While walking the grounds on a nice spring day, I encountered a young Priest sitting in the sun and reading a book. He greeted me

as I came near to him and we spoke of many things. One activity that they were preparing to perform, and was in their 7th year, was the marigolds program for the coming Mother's Day. I did not tell him that it was my Council that started the program in Maryland many years ago – I didn't want to come across as bragging to this Priest, but I did tell him that we were preparing our Marigolds Program at our church in Maryland. So, you see, one small movement locally can make a huge impression across Maryland and beyond!

The Maryland State Knights of Columbus Convention is this month, and it will be my first to attend. I'm a bit nervous about representing our Council at the convention, but I'm also excited to experience this wonderful event. My wife, Ann, is quite fearful of attending the convention and supporting me by doing so. She doesn't like any limelight and is worried about embarrassing me and our Council. I keep trying to find ways to calm her down, but she is still apprehensive. She will do fine once she gets there and things start happening.

We still support coffee and donuts on the 3rd Sunday of the month, which will be May 15 this month. That is the last day of the state convention, so some of us will be occupied, but others will be there to open up and provide coffee and donuts to the church community after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses.

During our business meeting, Wednesday, May 11, we will be hosting an Admissions (1st) Degree. As of this writing, we'll have three candidates from 7612. Though no Brother Knight is more special than any other, one of the candidates for 7612 is the son of Past Grand Knight. I'm sure we'll make the candidates warmly welcomed.

Then on Thursday evening, May 19, we will be hosting the Formation (2nd) Degree in the St Joseph's Formation & Fellowship Hall upstairs. All current 1st Degree Knights of 7612 are encouraged to attend the Formation (2nd) Degree. Just let us know your intentions so we can properly prepare. The following night,

Friday, May 20, the Knighthood (3rd) Degree will be hosted by St John's Council in Westminster. Here again, all 2nd Degree Knights of 7612 are encouraged to attend the degree ceremony and completing your journey to Knighthood in our Order. This trifecta of degrees was also a Council 7612 original program, where we hosted all three degree ceremonies in three nights in a row. We are currently speaking with our Worthy District Deputy to try to get all three ceremonies back with 7612 next year, to continue that tradition.

To all new and more seasoned Brother Knights, journey through the degrees is instrumental in your growth and continued service as a Knight. History shows that where Brother Knights delayed in processing through the degrees, they typically reduced their engagement in Knight Activities. So, stay active and continue your journey. Should you be nervous or hesitant for any reason, reach out to your Brothers for support and encouragement. And I am always available to assist you, as I'm here to serve the Council and its Knights.

June will also be a busy month, so rest when you can and help when and where you can. Service through Charity is fundamental to our Order.

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

Greg Lofton
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

<http://www.kofc-md.org/>



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

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

John Trainor, District Deputy

It is hard to believe May is already here and the Maryland State Council Convention is only a few weeks away. Your Grand Knight and Delegate will be going to Ocean City to help elect the next slate of officers who will guide our order into the future. All of District 21's councils have submitted their Book of Reports summary of the activities each of our councils have done over the past fraternal year. It was certainly impressive reading all of these reports and makes me proud to be a member of this fine organization. I hope each Grand Knight gives a copy of their council's report to their newsletter editor to be published so that their entire councils can see all of the accomplishments they have done.

Councils will also be having their own election of officers over the next two months. Many of our councils are in need of people to fill the various positions from officers to committee chairmen to individual activity chairmen. Please consider volunteering in some way for the new fraternal year. Remember our current State motto "Be not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage". You will always have the help in accomplishing your job from your brother knights. See where your incoming Grand Knight needs help and volunteer today.

It's not too late to keep recruiting new Knights. We still have two Admissions Degrees

(1st Degrees) remaining in this fraternal year, May 11th at ABP Fulton Sheen Council and one on June 7th at Westminster Council. There will be a Formation Degree (2nd Degree) on May 19th at ABP Fulton Sheen Council and a Knighthood Degree (3rd Degree) on May 20th at Westminster Council. If you have not yet received all three degrees, contact your Grand Knight so you can take advantage of these opportunities to learn all three lessons of Knighthood in our order. I also invite all brothers to come and review the lessons of these degrees by observing if it has been a while since you took your degree.

Deputy Grand Knights are encouraged to plan out their year by getting their budgets, chairmen and activities ready for the coming year. Don't wait until after the election, assume that you will become the next Grand Knight so that there will be a smooth transition into the next fraternal year. Also be prepared to attend the Leadership Seminar scheduled for June 24-26th at Solomons Island.

May also brings some special days. Please be sure to thank all the moms on Mothers' Day for choosing life and having the devotion of being a caring and loving mother. Many councils will be honoring the mothers by participating with the Marygold Program. May 30th is Memorial Day. Unfortunately many Americans only take this day as the start of summer or a day for cookouts. Please remember those who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. Try to start the day with Mass or at least a prayer for those brave men. And finally May is the month of Mary and her rosary, please remember our pledge to carry that rosary with you always and pray it as often as you can.

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COUNCIL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Mike Hurley

No report.

COUNCIL NEWS

No report.

LECTURER'S REPORT

No report.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Ryder

No report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ray Miles, Recorder

No report.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

CHURCH

Peter O'Sullivan

Tuesday Rosary

This tradition began following the 9/11 tragedy and has continued without interruption. In addition to the victims of 9/11, we remember our service and law enforcement men and women and other intentions as they arise. Everyone is invited to come to the Cassidy Center at 7:30 p.m. whenever you have an hour to spare on a Tuesday night.

Adoration

Our Council has committed to have members present from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. every Sunday morning. All Knights, their families, and friends

are invited and encouraged to participate in this beautiful activity.

Coffee & Donuts

The council is assigned for coffee and donuts on the 3rd Sunday, May 15th.

COMMUNITY

George Snediker

No report.

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

Greg Lofton, Grand Knight

COUNCIL

No report.

PIT BEEF

David Love

No report.

CONCESSION STAND PROJECT

Tony Gioio

Concession stand Report May 2016

This is going to be another Great Year

The Stadium is getting a new real grass field, as a result we have a light Summer this year:

- **Beyonce concert on Friday June 10th

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But we still have our full RAVENS schedule and

- Sat. December 10th - ARMY vs. Navy Football -3:00pm

RAVENS SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Thursday, August 11 – Carolina Panthers – 7:30 PM

Saturday, August 27 – Detroit Lions – 7:00 PM

REGULAR SEASON

Sunday, September 11 – Buffalo Bills – 1:00 PM

Sunday, October 2 – Oakland raiders – 1:00 PM

Sunday, October 9 – Washington Redskins – 1:00 PM

Sunday, November 6 – Pittsburgh Steelers – 1:00 PM

Thursday, November 10 – Cleveland Browns – 8:25 PM

Sunday, November 27 – Cincinnati Bengals – 1:00 PM

Sunday, December 4 – Miami Dolphins – 1:00 PM

Sunday, December 18 – Philadelphia Eagles – 1:00 PM

We will be running our usual concession stands on the Club level, The GREEN TURTLE, a CHIX TENDER stand and the 2 cash registers for the

FOOD COURT, so we will need 16 volunteers for each event. Since we will be serving beer most of the volunteers will need to be TEAM TRAINED.

TEAM TRAINING SCHEDULE 2016

- Wednesday May 11 6– 9 pm
- Tuesday may 24, 6– 9 pm
- Friday may 27, 6 - 9 pm
- Saturday June 4, 9am -12pm
- Wednesday June 8, 6-9pm

**all classes are at M&T Stadium

If you would like to attend one of these classes, let me know and I will make the arrangements. You are usually out of the class by 7 pm.

Remember it is not too early to start planning ahead for helping out at the RAVENS games and other events.

So come on down to the stadium, enjoy all of the excitement, have a lot of fun with the fans and your fellow Knights and help us raise some funds for our council

Looking forward to working to everyone again this year

Tony Gioio
410-552-5579

FAMILY

Jarvis Abellana

Family of the Month

George and Pat has always been an anchor for Saint Joseph Catholic Community is very fortunate to have Deacon Vito and Doris to support our liturgical services during the season of Lent and Easter services. Doris, along with her husband Vito, established the Hope for Morrope Foundation, to give a post secondary and preparatory education for underprivileged

young adults in Mórrope, Perú. Deacon Vito and Doris continues to raise necessary funding for a needed building as classrooms for the local young adults to prepare them for a very competitive college exams, and a better future through higher education. Deacon Vito and Doris is always present at our church for catechesis, and other sacramental preparations. For their commitment to church, to our community and to our faith, we elected the Piazas' as our Family of the Month.

Mother's Day

For Mother's Day we give out Marigolds. Just a small token of appreciation for our Moms, but the hugs we take and the love we give is memorable. Take a moment to cherish. Let's bring forth the blessings for Moms.

Assistance needed for our Christian Brothers and Sisters in peril:

An excerpt from KofC. Org Press Release titled **Facing Genocide and Extinction**, 4/1/2016
"The Knights of Columbus began its Christian Refugee Relief Fund in 2014 to aid persecuted Christians and other religious minorities, especially those in Iraq and Syria. To date, nearly \$10 million has been raised to provide housing, food, medical aid, education and general relief.

"While we applaud and welcome the genocide designation, it is now vital that we redouble our efforts to assist those who have faced this attempt at exterminating them. The survival of the individuals affected, and of Christianity as a whole in the region, depends in large measure on not turning away now, thinking that ISIS will soon conform to the norms of the international community," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

Additional information is available at
www.christiansatrisk.org

CULTURE OF LIFE

Al Grasley

6th annual Baby Bottle drive

Baby Bottles are still coming in. We will hopefully have a complete count by next month and schedule a presentation of the check. Last count was approximately \$7500.

A brilliant flash of Light when life begins.

An amazing new discovery is bringing more attention to the fact that human life begins at the moment of fertilization. Life starts with a flash. More proof that Life begins when the Sperm and Egg meet. And some fireworks, from God.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/04/26/amazing-video-shows-bright-flash-of-light-when-sperm-meets-egg-and-human-life-begins/>

A Happy “Wanted Mothers” Day

Yes that is how planned parenthood celebrated Mother’s day. Really just SAD.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/05/09/planned-parenthood-wished-women-a-happy-wanted-motherhood-day-pushing-abortion/>

Be Bold. Be Catholic.
Al Grasley
“Pro- Life Guy”

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Position vacant.

The council is need of both a Youth Activities Director. Worthy volunteers should contact the Grand Knight or Program Director. For either position or both. It does not need to be the same person.

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

Harold Bernadzikowski, Acting Pres.
Ray Miles, Treasurer

Brothers,

I am pleased to announce that the deposit funds have been received and the legal matters with the prior contract purchaser have ended. The realtor has shown the Home to a number of interested parties, but no offers have been received yet. Still, this is a good sign and the Board is optimistic that an offer will be forthcoming soon.

The next scheduled Home Corp meeting is May 16th, at 7:30 p.m. - but is subject to cancellation if there are no discussion items for the agenda. If the meeting is cancelled, an email notification will be sent out to the Council.

Regards,
Harold B.

WARDEN’S REPORT

No report.

ASSEMBLY REPORT

Greg Lofton

The James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly, #379, will hold a Flag Retirement ceremony and cookout on Saturday, May 21, at 5 PM at Ruhlman Brewing Company @ 2300 Harvey Gummel Road, Hampstead, MD 21074.

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’s a wonderful feeling to show our returning troops how much support they have.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GK'S

Gregory McClain— President

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

Chapter meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Council home of one of our affiliates.

SHEEN'S COLLEENS CORNER

Brenda Watson-Ransdell



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Tony Gioio

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

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

Sydney Albrieten - Deceased 1/2016
Helen Gragen- Deceased 1/11/2016
Taylor Sprauge- Deceased 12/31/2015
Michael David Evans—Deceased1/4/2015
David Edwin Johnston—Deceased 6/28/2015
Carol Susanne Newman—Deceased 2/4/2015
Genevieve Louise Heine—Deceased 7/2/2015
Najawa McCoy—Deceased 5/15/2015
Patty McGuire—Deceased6/10/2015
Catherine Welsh—Deceased 6/20/2015
Elanor Urick—Deceased 7/20/2015
David Bott -Deceased 8/ /2015

Please pray for our sick and injured:

Sarah Mandella - wife of Mike Mandella
Carol Herrura- relative Mike hurley
Sammie Needham - requested by David Love
Carmella Gioio- sister of Tony Gioio
Thomas Ryder - brother of Chris Ryder

Brother knight Dave Smith
Pam Murphy - wife of Mike
Jennifer SanFellipo - daughter of Frank
Carolyn Nacewicz - Wife of Mark
Wesley Hohl- son of Ray Hohl
Thomas Martin- father of Chris Martin

Please pray for our special intentions:

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

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May Birthdays:

Please wish our Brothers a Happy Birthday!

Brother:	May Birthday
Walter Soltysiak	May 3
Joseph Negley	May 4
Victor J Furst	May 7
Joseph M Hussle	May 7
Matthew J HerHoltz	May 8
William J McQuay	May 9
Joseph F Ferment III	May 11
George L Snediker	May 11
Michael A Reza	May 15
Robert M Kalwa	May 16
James S Kramer	May 17
Neil L Forthman II	May 19
Robert J Koleszar	May 21
Nicholas G Wachter	May 21
Paul E Barsotti	May 23
Patrick M Rooney	May 23
Andrew J Turgeon	May 23
Raymond A Vaccare	May 23
Harold Bernadzikowski	May 29
Willis E Drummond JR	May 30

May Service Anniversaries:

Please congratulate our Brothers on their years of service!

Brother:	May Service Anniversary	Years of Service
James R Brady	May 21	29 years
Michael E Yanchoris	May 15	24 years
Richar J Mack	May 20	24 years
Robert M Shenk	May 10	21 years
Keith T McQuay	May 7	19 years
Weido A Dimaio	May 20	18 years
William H Hill	May 20	18 years
Christopher Rodski	May 20	18 years
Frank C Rodski JR	May 20	18 years
James L Hampson	May 17	17 years
Gerald K Fuller JR	May 9	15 years
Thomas G Roden	May 9	15 years
Michael R Murphy	May 8	14 years
Charles A Arnold III	May 21	13 years
Richard E Brady	May 21	13 years
John C Hundertmark	May 21	13 years
Andrew J Merchak	May 21	13 years
Ernest G Scheller	May 21	13 years
James E McTygue	May 26	12 years
R Todd Reilly	May 26	12 years
Steven L Rogness	May 26	12 years
Andrew J Turgeon	May 26	12 years
Dominic T Monteil	May 27	12 years
David T Coyle	May 25	11 years
Niall A Downing	May 23	9 years
James M Mulholland	May 21	8 years
Robert A Ashby	May 27	7 years
Sean M Keeley	May 27	7 years
Alexander W Kerr	May 27	7 years

Brother:	May Service Anniversary	Years of Service
Patrick M Rooney	May 27	7 years
Paul D Russell	May 27	7 years
Douglas W Crane	May 19	6 years
Stephen P Richter	May 19	6 years
Alstine Lee Arndt	May 18	5 years
Walter A Crognale	May 18	5 years
Rev Neville R O'Donohue	May 18	5 years
Kevin J Selby	May 18	5 years
Michael R Schneider	May 23	4 years
Joseph F Ferment III	May 15	3 years
Ralph L Greco	May 15	3 years
David W Riggin	May 15	3 years
Dea Vito S Piazza SR	May 14	2 years
Jake C Wink	May 14	2 years
Stephen C Collins	May 13	1 year
Joseph Negley	May 13	1 year
Rev John E Worgul	May 13	1 year

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
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Council Business Meeting

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

Council Officers & Program Directors Mtg.

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

CUFP, Inc. (Home Corporation) Meeting

Monday immediately following the Council's Business Meeting. Meetings are open to all members.

Reservation of the Council Home:

To avoid scheduling conflicts concerning the use of the Council Home, the host or committee chair must contact Dan Hundertmark.

Sheen's Colleens Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 7:00pm, St. Joseph's Cassidy Center

Council Social Meeting

Typically the 4th Wednesday of the Month

Communiqué Deadline for Articles

4th Thursday of the Month