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'Where is the infant king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' (Matthew 2:2)

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Happy New Year! The end of the calendar year means that our Columbian Year is half over. The first half of the year was chock full of activities. The second half gives our fundraising teams a bit of a rest, but don't get too comfortable. I want to personally thank Tony Gioio for the yeoman's job he's done heading up the concession stand team this year. No matter how much resistance he ran into recruiting volunteers to work football games, he always made it work. I see one more game in our future for this season. It's going to be a short notice call for help. I encourage anyone who is available for the home playoff game to step up and give Tony and his team a hand.

This month there are other opportunities to pitch in. The annual March for Life in DC is on Monday the 23rd, Al Grasley has the details. The Polar Bear Plunge is on the 27th and 28th. This is a great chance to help out Special Olympics. Plunge yourself, sponsor a plunger (David Love and Steve Zyla both plunge) or you can volunteer to work traffic control. To volunteer, contact Walt Wankowski for details at wwanko@comcast.net. And we are serving breakfast at the church on the 29th for our regular 5th Sunday Parish Breakfast. Please let Tom Greul know if you can help out (or if you'd like to take this project on as chairman).

Next month, we see The Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knight's Anniversary Bull and Oyster Roast, our Valentine's Romantic Evening (we might move it from the 11th to the 18th, what do you think?), The Colleen's Valentine's Project, Pancake Supper and the start of Lenten dinners. Shoulder to Shoulder in Service...

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

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Our beloved chaplain is taking a well-deserved rest after the Christmas holidays. As editor, I thought I'd give you a summary of his order, the Marianists, from their website: <http://www.marianist.com/> I also pulled an article that summarized our beloved Pope's top 10 activities for 2011. Enjoy!

Who is the Marianist Family?

The Marianist family is made of Catholic brothers, priests, sisters and committed lay people around the world. All Marianists look to Mary, the mother of Jesus, as the model of discipleship. They share in her mission of bringing the message of Jesus to the world.

Society of Mary (brothers and priests)

The Society of Mary was founded in France in 1817 by Blessed William Joseph Chaminade. Almost 500 Marianist brothers and priests comprise the Province of the United States. They serve in communities and ministries from Honolulu to Puerto Rico and in Eastern Africa, India, Ireland, Mexico, Nepal and the Philippines. In the United States, Marianists sponsor the University of Dayton in Ohio, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Chaminade

University of Honolulu, 18 high schools, seven parishes and four retreat centers.

Daughters of Mary Immaculate (sisters)

The Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (the Marianist Sisters), founded in 1816 by Blessed William Joseph Chaminade and Venerable Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, is a religious family especially dedicated to Mary. The Marianist Sisters are present in Dayton, Ohio; San Antonio, Texas; and in Rome, Italy.

Lay Marianists

Lay Marianists are present throughout the United States. They are lay people who have a special devotion to the Marianist Family spirit and are consciously connected with Marianist Family groupings in their local area or beyond.

For Pope, 2011 was year of evangelization, travel and technology

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY – An interfaith meeting in Assisi, a new book on Jesus of Nazareth and a website-launching tap on an iPad were among the highlights of 2011 for Pope Benedict XVI.

Although the year saw a further cutback in individual papal audiences, the 84-year-old pope still enjoyed a productive and busy 12 months, meeting privately with nearly 400 church or civil leaders, addressing more than 180 groups and presiding over about 40 public liturgies.

He traveled to Croatia, Spain, Germany and Benin, delivering 60 speeches on the road. In weekly talks at the Vatican, attended by nearly half a million people, he gave a series of reflections on the great teachers of the church and on prayer - a continuation of the “back to basics” approach that has marked his pontificate.

The reduction of papal meetings and the introduction of a rolling platform for his entrance into St. Peter’s Basilica fueled speculation about the pope’s health. Close observers say that, like most octogenarians, the pontiff tires more easily

today, but that he suffers no serious health problems.

The year 2011 saw two of Pope Benedict’s favorite themes come into clearer focus: new evangelization and religious liberty. Increasingly, he has linked the two topics, telling bishops that both tasks require courageous truth-telling in sometimes hostile environments.

No doubt the pope has his own favorite remembrances of the closing year. From a journalist’s point of view, here’s a “top 10” list of moments from 2011 that seemed to capture what Pope Benedict is all about:

1. In October, the pope hosted an interreligious meeting in Assisi, Italy, but added his own unique twist: He invited four prominent nonbelievers, and gave one of them the speaker’s platform at the event. It underlined his conviction that new evangelization must reach beyond the church’s traditional borders.

2. In August, when a rainstorm threatened to cut short a World Youth Day vigil in Madrid, the pope could have bailed but chose to remain. After the rain stopped, a drenched crowd of 1.4 million fell to their knees in adoration of the Eucharist - a sight that must have impressed him deeply.

3. In May, he beatified Pope John Paul II at a Mass attended by 1 million people - the biggest crowd at the Vatican since the late pope’s funeral in 2005.

4. Publishing his second volume of “Jesus of Nazareth” in March, the pope gave readers his version of “The Passion of the Christ.” The book presents Jesus not as a political revolutionary or mere moralist, but as the son of God who inaugurated a new path of salvation based on the power of love.

5. In October, meeting with experts on new evangelization, the pope announced that he was convening a special “Year of Faith” in 2012-13 to help the church renew its missionary energy. The initiative underscored the pope’s belief that Catholics need to better know their own faith in order to share it.

6. In the first of a series of talks to U.S. bishops on their “ad limina” visits to the Vatican, the pope said in late November that responding to the challenges of a secularized culture will first require the “re-evangelization” of the church’s own members. He also encouraged the bishops to speak out “humbly yet insistently in defense of moral truth” on issues like marriage - an issue that will no doubt keep surfacing during the upcoming election year.

7. The pope’s September trip to his native Germany was highlighted by his speech to the Bundestag, the national parliament, in which he strongly defended Christianity as a protector and promoter of social justice. But even more remarkable were his blunt remarks to German lay Catholics. He told them the church in Germany was “superbly organized” but lacking in spirit; new evangelization, he said, will rely less on big church structures, and more on efforts by small Catholic communities and individuals to share their faith experiences.

8. In a speech in May on church social teaching, Pope Benedict strongly critiqued the global imbalances between rich and poor, and zeroed in on the international financial system, which he said had “returned to the frenzied practice of drawing up credit contracts that often allow unlimited speculation.” Throughout the year, he consistently challenged the consumerist underpinnings of modern economies, and the devastating consequences for the environment.

9. In Croatia in June, the pope led a vigil for 50,000 young people in a main Zagreb square that was remarkable for one thing: the near-absolute silence in a long moment of prayer. Pope Benedict has insisted that a silence is important for spiritual reflection, and he has even made silence the theme of his message for World Communication Day 2012.

10. The iPad tap that launched the Vatican’s new online news portal in June was clearly a staged moment for a pope who still writes documents in longhand. But even if he remains wary of replacing direct human contact with virtual relationships, Pope Benedict is fully

committed to using online resources - including social networks - to spread the Gospel. As he told an aide who proposed a papal YouTube appearance: “I want to be present wherever the people are found.”

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DISTRICT DEPUTY’S REPORT

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Brother Knights and Families,

It’s been a very impressive 1st half of the year in District 21. Recordkeeping and reports have been outstanding. Council 1393 is leading the district in its membership recruitment drive. I thank everyone for all of their efforts. Membership and reporting are everyone’s responsibilities. Your financial secretary need your input on the number of hours and charitable contributions made this year by the end of January.

A new form 100 has been distributed by Supreme Council. Make sure you receive a copy and the supporting membership documentation to keep you informed. Let’s keep the ball moving by adding to the growth of the Order and of our councils.

As directed by Supreme Council, membership is a major focus during this time of year. Continued formation of our present membership must always be in focus. Our degrees play a vital part in strengthening our foundation. All knights are encouraged to complete their journey through all four degrees, and renew those lessons by attending these degrees as often as possible. Many degrees are scheduled in and near our district in the coming months:

- January 11 - 1st degree at Council 7612 at 7:30 pm
- January 17 – 2nd degree at Council 1393 at 7:30 pm
- February 7 – 1st degree at Council 1393 at 7:30 pm
- February 17 – 3rd degree at Council 12255 at 7:30 pm
- March 3 – 4th degree at the Holiday Inn, Frederick, MD- registration deadline is February 10.

The March for Life will be held in Washington D.C. on January 23. Please consider supporting your council and the Order in this vital program. Join us by reserving your seats on the buses departing from the parishes in the district.

Our programs are vital to introduce new members and their families to the benefits and principles of our order. New members are vital to the continued support, growth, and administration of our programs and of our order. Ask a Catholic man to join our order today!

Always carry a form 100
Vivat Jesus

District 21 in the Beacon

Once again, District 21, with **two** great articles from Westminster 1393, is well represented in the State newsletter. (*See the link for the Beacon at the end of the Communiqué*) Our Lady of Guadalupe article displays the support for the parish and the Spanish community from the council and the James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly!

Helping a brother in need with the wheel chair ramp is not only a great article, but a rewarding fraternal and charitable event! Thank you Westminster council.

Congratulations to John Trainor of St Bartholomew Council 9127 for the State Council recognition for all the hard work and leadership over the years. Also, Congratulations to council 5208 for its recognition by Supreme Council. 7612 Archbishop Fulton Sheen was recognized as the number 1 in sales of raffle tickets again this year.

With a strong brotherhood and God's grace, amazing things happen. Share this opportunity with another Catholic gentleman!

Have a wonderful New Year!

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7612 Council Family,

The only thing I have to report this month is we will be running a Bull and Oyster/or shrimp roast at St Joseph church on April 28th 2012. We are in the early planning stages still and we hope that the income from this event will be able to allow us to redo the parking lots and make them much nicer and permanent. When you see the info come out about our long awaited bull roast, please buy your tickets early and invite all of your friends.

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We at Knights of Columbus are certainly proponents of **whole** life insurance. But **term** life insurance is also a critically important financial tool. The differences between the two, in a nutshell, are that term life insurance is designed to provide temporary not permanent protection, perhaps for a "term" of twenty years. Term life insurance, unlike KofC whole life insurance, does not accumulate a guaranteed cash value nor does it participate in the KofC dividend scale. What term life insurance does best for a family is provide a sufficiently large death benefit on Dad and Mom....inexpensively.

LIMRA, a leading research firm for the insurance industry, calculated in 2011 that only 41% of adult Americans have individual life insurance. Many rely on "group" insurance through their work leaving them vulnerable if they lose a job or if their employer decides to discontinue that benefit in a cost cutting measure. Most people who have coverage don't have enough. Typically employee group plans provide two times the employee's yearly income.

The U.S. Justice Department calculated compensation to meet the needs of families of victims of the September 11th 2001 terrorist attacks, and recommended approximate payments of twelve times the annual income of couples with no children and twenty times the income for families with children.

As practical Catholics, we Knights of Columbus are mindful of the eschatological nature of our time here on earth. And we protect those who love us and depend upon us. So please call me or email me using the contact information listed above so we can analyze the life insurance that you have vs. the life insurance that you should have. It is my duty as Council Benefits Advisor to provide this fraternal service for you. Life insurance is Love insurance. Life insurance with Knights of Columbus is "a benefit of brotherhood".

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We will be hosting a first degree this month during our January 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.

LECTURER'S REPORT

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The Council Annual Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 3rd at the Council home. The theme was "An Italian Christmas". This party was one to remember! Over 113 Knights & family members came to enjoy the festivities.

Many, many thanks to our Chefs – Weido DiMaio, Alex and Angie Pacifico who prepared delicious lasagna and Chicken Parmesan dinner, the best I have ever tasted! The dinner was served Italian family style which everyone seemed to love. After dinner everyone enjoyed a table full of Italian desserts including cannolis! A very special thank you to Weido and Alex and Angie for all that you did to make this dinner so special.

After dinner, we had a very special encore singing of the twelve days of Christmas. It was a great deal of fun. Then, by special invitation Santa



arrived and presented gifts to the children and posed for pictures. Remember to check our website to view the pictures and print out those of your children. A very special to Larry Brown for – well you know... thanks for that very special visit.

We then had an Italian gift exchange. This was a lot of fun as there were a wide variety of gifts being exchanged. There were some really desired gifts and the exchange was enjoyed by all.



This Annual Christmas Party was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to the social committee and a special thanks to our Sheen's Colleens for all their help and the decorating of the hall. The Christmas trees and other decorations were really beautiful!

The social for January is on Wednesday, January 25th at 6 PM, It is the return of the Summer Beach Party – minus the sand! Even though it may be below zero outside, it is going to be 80 degrees inside and we are going to enjoy a day at the beach! We will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone, just like you would get at the beach. We are asking every family to bring a dish that you would eat at the beach like potato salad, macaroni salad, etc. Don't forget the desserts.

We will have several games that you play at the beach. I cannot wait! So, bring your beach towels, your swim suit and your very special beach hat and join us on January 25th! Please

RSVP to me using the info above by January 21st!

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The Baltimore Chapter of past Grand Knights worked with the state youth team to deliver coats to children without coats. See the article under the State report.

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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Hello Ladies,

As we look back on last month and last year as a whole, I believe that we are a very blessed group of women. We were able, with the help of God's grace, to accomplish all of our goals. We helped out in our community where we saw a need. We aided the Knights whenever they requested our assistance. We came together and shared our thoughts, ideas, and hopes. Our Christmas get together was very well attended and a great time was had by all. My thanks to Heather Greul for coordinating the evening. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year holds only the best for each and every one of you.

We have some dates of importance in the upcoming months ahead. The Colleen's are collecting money for the annual Valentine Flower



Project on the weekend of the 14th and 15th of January after all masses. If you are available to help, please contact Charlene Heyden at 410 549-7772 or cheyden2@comcast.net.

The Valentine Flower project is also set to take place the 11th of February. I am sure Charlene will need as many hands on deck as possible for this worthy effort. Please contact Charlene at the number listed above if you can help in any way. There are many ways to assist!

We are also collecting items for the Welcome Home Project (bottled water, individual sized snack bags of chip/cookies) after mass on the weekend of the 28th and 29th please contact Heather Gruel at 410 795-5931 or at hgreul3@gmail.com or Jeanne O'Sullivan for additional information. Our January meeting is scheduled for the 18th at 7:00 pm. I hope to see you all there!

Thank you and God Bless.

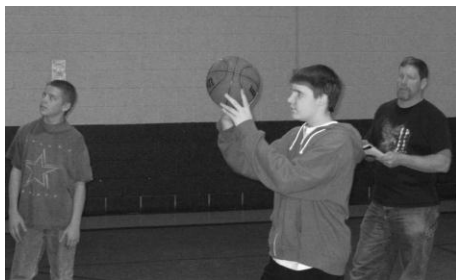
YOUTH REPORT

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Are you the Best??

Happy New years everyone. I hope the New year will bring out more people to participate in the many activities that are provided by your Knights of Columbus. We are a very busy group of men and Women who share their time to give back to the community. The first youth event of the New Year is the Basket Ball Shoot out on January 21. It was moved from the 14th of January to make room for the Red Cross Blood Drive.

On January 21st at St Joseph Church Gym from 9:30 AM to 1:00PM Ages 10-14 as of January 1st both boys and girls will compete



to see who can score the most points from the

free throw line. Come out and see if you are the Best. We are looking for a few helpers and a few people who are looking for some Volunteer hours. IF you have any questions or want to volunteer please contact me at the above information.

Are you the **Best**? Let us all see how good you are, and you can prove you are the **Best!**

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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

The week of January 9-14 parish communities across the U.S. will celebrate *National Vocation Awareness Week*. It begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 9. During this week of awareness, we are invited to renew our Baptismal commitment and to pray for a strengthening of *all* vocations. Please join the Vocations Committee and our priests and deacon in the gym after the 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. Masses next weekend for coffee and donuts. There will also be a Holy Hour for vocations on Saturday, January 14.

For The Good of the Order

Good of the Order at the November Business Meeting was won by George Moriatis. George was present and claimed the \$99 pot.

Good of the Order winner at the December Business Meeting was Craig Beebe. Brother Craig was not at the meeting so the pot for the January meeting increases to \$59. You must be in attendance to win the Good of the Order drawing!

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FREE Money

Don't we all like Free Money? iGive does just that, gives the knights free money just for doing what most of us do every day. If you use a computer and search for product to buy, or buy item online iGive gives us Free Money. For the handful of people using iGive over the last year we have received over \$ 126.00 free. Now just imagine if 50 people instead of 6 people that would be over \$1,000.00 in free Money. For every new person signed up thru this link: <http://www.iGive.com/YHcd1-U> Our name is Knights of Columbus # 7612, (You can also get linked up to iGive when you go our website and scroll down to the lower left corner.) The knight gets a \$5.00 bonus and when you sign up and our council receives an additional \$5.00 bonus. So just by signing up and downloading the iGive button you have donated \$10.00 to the knights.

With this free money we can give back to help our fellow neighbors in a time of need

HAITI MISSION PROGRAM, INC. VISIT TO HAITI

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In November, I had the pleasure to visit with missionaries in Haiti as part of the support

program conducted by the Haiti Mission Program, Inc. The purpose of the visit was to discuss ongoing projects with the missionaries.

While in Port au Prince, I had the opportunity to stop at the Bernard Mevs hospital in Port au Prince to see the prosthesis center that was donated by the Knights of Columbus. It happened to be a food distribution day at the hospital and the crowd was overwhelming. The gate was heavily guarded to control the crowd but we were able to talk our way into the compound.



Food distribution at the hospital

My visit was unannounced but we were fortunate to meet a young man with an artificial leg on the edge of the crowd who happened to be an employee of the center. He gladly escorted me through the crowd up to the second floor where the work room was located.

The workroom was staffed by three individuals: two technicians who made the prosthesis and a young lady who fabricated the straps for the artificial limbs. Since each client required independent attention, the fitting and manufacturing processes were lengthy and tedious. Most amputations were done under less than ideal situations where the operating procedures were crude and done under trying circumstances. Many individuals had to undergo additional surgery to permit prosthesis to be fitted.



Prosthesis workshop at Bernard Mevs hospital

Thousands of Haitians lost limbs as a result of the earthquake on January 12, 2010. Thousands may not have the opportunity to receive a prosthesis due to limited resources. Those that are fortunate to be given the prosthesis are able to resume their lives to seek employment and support their families. The Knights of Columbus have touched many lives through generous donations to provide for the victims of the earthquake.



S/K Dave Smith with prosthesis technicians

Concession Stand Project

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We couldn't have asked for a more exciting football season then the Ravens are having this year and our Knights of Columbus 1712

concession stand team has been there the whole way. We worked all 8 home games plus the 2 preseason home games and the special Raven's practice game unique for 2011. During December we worked our last two season games, the December 11th game, Ravens vs. the Colts, and the second game on Saturday Dec 24th: Ravens vs. Browns. We will also be there to run stand #124 for any home playoff games. Even though the Ravens have clinched a playoff game, we will not know until after the Jan 1st game where and when the playoff game will occur. We're all hoping for another chance to beat the Steelers.

I wish to thank all of the Knights and Sheens Colleens who came out to support us over the last several months. Your dedication and hard work made this truly an exciting, fun and successful fund raising football season. It has been a privilege to serve as the Director of KoC 7612 concession stand team for 2011.

Hot Off the Presses - We Have a Playoff Game!

I have not heard from Aramark yet. But from what I read in the paper we will have a playoff game on Sunday Jan 15th at 1:00pm.

Based on previous games the Gates will open at 11:00am so staff will need to start showing up at approx. 9:30 – 10 am

If you are interested in working the concession stand for this game please let me know by Friday Jan- 6th. If we do not get enough Knights I will need time to recruit from the Appalachia work camp group next week.

If you need to know the number of hours you worked at the concession stand last year, for the year end survey. Send me an email or see me at the meeting next week.

Thanks again for all of you help so far this year. See you next week!

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The Knights of Columbus, Council 7612, Eldersburg, MD offers a \$2,500 annual college scholarship (for a total of \$10,000 over a 4 year period) to a high school senior who is one of the following: a) a student at South Carroll, Liberty, or Century High Schools, b) a student who lives within the boundaries of those schools, c) is a member of St Joseph's Catholic Community, or d) is the child of a member or deceased member of Council 7612. An application may be obtained at one of the three high schools or by emailing me using the info above. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2012.

The 32nd Annual Art Auction will be held on May 19, 2012 at the Winfield Volunteer Fire Department hall. The proceeds of this event go directly to our Scholarship Fund. Please help us this year by taking a patron sponsor and attending the event.

We are selling raffle tickets for our 3rd Annual Ocean City Getaway. The tickets are \$20.00 each for a chance to win a week stay at a luxury three bedroom, three bath-condominium located on 76th street bayside. The drawing will take place at our 32nd Annual Art Auction on May 19, 2012. Please help us by purchasing a ticket and selling some to your friends and family. Contact me using the info above for tickets or any questions you may have.

If you or someone you know wants to donate a vehicle please contact me.

PRO-LIFE REPORT

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The 39th March for Life is January 23, 2012

As you flip through the pages of the January 2012 Columbia Magazine, there is one theme. LIFE! As I read the articles I thought our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson summed it up quite nicely;

"A law 'that is out of harmony with the moral law' can never be regarded as 'settled' as long as there are men of conscience, men of determination and men who understand that our nation will be judged by the respect we give to every person - even to the least among us."

It took us 58 years to overturn the segregation laws of 1896, and we are in the 39th year of Roe v Wade. At this point in time the number of abortions in the United State since Roe V Wade are somewhere around 50 million, approximately 3,000 a day, a sad statistic.

Currently the plans to attend the March are influx. I am not sure if St. Joseph's is going to have a bus. For certain we will have a rally point to join fellow parishioners and partake in this March. People come from all over the county to attend and it is truly an uplifting experience. Please make plans now to attend this important event, and watch for an e-mail flash for an update on a bus and rally point.

Teenager's hard choice

The following story was in the news right after Thanksgiving. I am hesitant to write about it, there are issues in regard to pre-marital sex, and divorce that do not reflect the Christian values, but the choice of this girl is remarkable.

Jenni Lake was an Idaho teenager who had cancer at the age of 16. Her journey is documented on YouTube under Jenni's journey. At age 17 she became pregnant. She was told a pregnant woman could not receive chemo treatments without damaging or killing her fetus.

She had two options: get an abortion and continue being treated for cancer, or keep her pregnancy and prepare to die.

She chose option two, and paid for it with her life. "I'm done," Lake told her nurse just before delivering a healthy baby boy. "I did what I was supposed to do. My baby is going to get here safe."

Jenni Lake died on Nov. 21, 2011, shortly before Thanksgiving Day. She was not yet 18 years old.

January 18 Mass Honoring the Sanctity of Human Life

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday January 18, days before the annual March for Life commemorating the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, St. John the Baptist parish in Silver Spring will host a special Mass sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Maryland to pray for greater respect for the sanctity of human life. Father David Brault, pastor of St. John's, will be chief celebrant and homilist. Immediately following the Mass, Richard M. Doerflinger will give a brief talk in the Lyon Center, "After 39 Years: Where Does Our Nation Stand on Abortion?" Mr. Doerflinger has advised the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on pro-life legislation for over 30 years. Light refreshments will be provided. St. John the Baptist's council of the Knights, Council #11106, cordially invites other Knights and their spouses to both events. St. John the Baptist is at 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904, a mile north of the White Oak shopping center at the intersection of Route 29 and NH Avenue.

Stay Strong, God is on our side!

FOURTH DEGREE

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7612 Council Family,

The James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly of the fourth degree continues to be very active in our councils. The color corps attended all of the Memorial masses where they lead the clergy in and out of church and stood watch and honored our brothers that have gone on before us by saluting for each man and woman on the list. Thank you to the members of this council who are a part of the color corps and for the members of the assembly who continue to show support for our order and our great nation.

If you are not a member of the fourth degree yet and you wish to finish your journey toward full knighthood, please let me or our Grand Knight know. There is a two page flyer at the end of the communiqué with all of the information about the fourth degree exemplification which will be held on March 3rd in Frederick Md.

The Assembly will also be holding a USO type dance on March 10 at the VFW hall on Pool road in Westminster. More info will be emailed to everyone next month and will be in future communiqués.

Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you, Jesus Christ and an American G.I. one died for your soul, the other for your freedom.

SUPREME INFORMATION

Knights of Columbus honored with street name in Rome

Vatican City, Dec 7, 2011 / 03:22 pm ([CNA/EWTN News](#)).- The Knights of Columbus now have a street to call their own in the Eternal City after Largo Cavalieri di Colombo was inaugurated on Dec. 6.

"It is indeed an honor to share this wonderful occasion of the groundbreaking of the Largo Cavalieri di Colombo," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson at the unveiling ceremony for Rome's newest street sign.

"For nearly a century the Knights of Columbus and the City of Rome have shared something wonderful—a relationship that brought together the best of the old and the new worlds, a relationship that has had to overcome an ocean, a language barrier, cultural differences and even a war," Anderson said.

The naming of the street, which is situated next to Rome's historic Baths of Caracalla, recognizes over 90 years of charitable involvement by the Knights in the Italian capital.

In the wake of the First World War, Pope Benedict XV asked the Knights to provide activities for the children of Rome. Today, the Knights still run five free sports centers for kids across the city.

The historic bond between the Knights and Rome "is a strong one," explained Carl Anderson, "precisely because it has been tested and because it has survived each test."

"It has been able to do this because it has been based on faith, on our common Catholic faith shared on both sides of the Atlantic," he said.

The inauguration was also attended by dignitaries representing both Church and state, including Mayor Gianni Alemanno of Rome.

"Today is a day dedicated to the Knights of Columbus, a deep friendship binds us to them," Rome's mayor told the gathered crowd.

The day was rounded off with a concert in the nearby Basilica of Santa Maria in Aracoeli, featuring gospel music from the St. Thomas More Choir of Washington D.C.

The Dec. 6 festivities are just part of a week of special events in Rome for the Knights of Columbus.

Looking ahead to Dec. 12, they will attend a special Mass to mark the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, which will be presided over by

Pope Benedict XVI. With over 1.8 million members, the Knights have a strong presence throughout North and Central America, particularly in Mexico.

This past Monday, Dec. 5, the Knights attended the unveiling for 15th-century Pope Innocent VIII's restored tomb, a project funded by the Knights of Columbus.

The tomb, which is housed in St. Peter's Basilica, was created by the renowned Italian Renaissance artist, Antonio del Pollaiuolo. It was the first papal tomb to depict a living Pope rather than a deathbed effigy. The restoration project, which was financially supported by the Knights, took nine months to complete.

Cardinal Angelo Comastri, the Archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, thanked the Knights for their support and "profound devotion to the Successor of Peter" that inspired the project, in a Dec. 5 statement.

He described the restored tomb as "one of the most significant monuments of faith and art in the Basilica" and noted that Pope Innocent VIII was the pontiff "right before the discovery of America."



Carl Anderson and Rome's mayor Gianni Alemanno at the naming ceremony for the new Largo Cavalieri di Colombo (Knights of Columbus Street)

As a token of thanks, Cardinal Comastri gave the Knights a bas-relief cast of the figure of Charity, which tops the burial monument. He hoped it would be a sign of the gratitude the Vatican has for the "silent, humble and

invaluable contribution” offered by the Knights to St. Peter’s Basilica.

500-Year-Old Monument at St. Peter’s Basilica rededicated

The funerary monument of Pope Innocent VIII (Giovanni Battista Cybo, 1484-1492) in St. Peter’s Basilica was rededicated on Dec. 5 following a restoration undertaken with the support of the of Knights of Columbus.

The gold-plated bronze monument, crafted by Florentine artist Antonio del Pollaiuolo, is considered a hallmark of Renaissance art. It was originally located in the ancient Basilica of St. Peter, and when the new St. Peter’s Basilica was built, it was moved to its current location in 1621 where it has remained in recognition of its beauty and importance. It is the oldest funerary monument in the basilica today.

Cardinal Angelo Comastri presided at a short ceremony during which he presented Supreme Knight Anderson with a copy of the image of charity from the monument as a representation of the Order’s first principle.

The renovation project is the latest active collaboration between the Knights and St. Peter’s Basilica. In 1981, the Knights of Columbus sponsored the construction of a chapel dedicated to Sts. Benedict, Cyril, and Methodius, patron saints of Europe, in the Vatican Grottoes.

The following year, the organization funded the renovation and expansion of the adjacent chapel, dedicated to Our Lady of Czestochowa.

In 1985, the Knights of Columbus sponsored another major restoration project – the cleaning and conserving the 32,000 square feet of the façade of St. Peter’s Basilica, as well as the famous statutes of St. Peter and St. Paul at the foot of the steps leading up the basilica.

Other notable projects sponsored by the Knights are the structural repairs to the roof of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, as well as the repair of mosaics in the chapel vault. For the of the Jubilee Year 2000, the K of C funded the

restoration of St. Peter’s atrium and Holy Door, a task requiring more than 100 craftsmen.

In 2002 the organization supported the restoration of artwork in the grottoes of St. Peter’s Basilica, and in 2007, marking its 125 anniversary, the Knights of Columbus funded the restoration of the funeral monument of Pope Sixtus IV – also crafted by Antonio del Pollaiuolo, the same sculptor who created Pope Innocent VIII’s tomb.



Cardinal Angelo Comastri, head of the office that cares for St. Peter’s Basilica, and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, stand in front of the restored funeral monument of Pope Innocent VIII. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

SQUIRES

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Worthy Knights, at the beginning of this year for Squires, the Counselors requested for the Squires take on the role of planning events. In this past month, we did exactly that.

For the second year in a row, our current Chief Squire, Joe Hiltz, is planning a service event in January at My Brother’s Keeper, a soup kitchen in Catonsville.

Jack Rogness planned for the Squires to return to the airport for Operation Welcome Home. We had to scratch our visit planned over

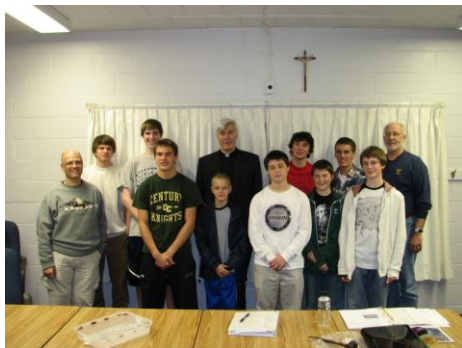
the holidays at the last minute. We will take up this issue at our January meeting. Jack also scheduled a trip to the National Christmas Tree for our December social. Most of the Squires attended and it was a good visit overall.

As another step in improving communications and publicity, Zach Harvatine, Deputy Chief Squire, took action to set up a Facebook page for our Circle.



At our December business meeting, the Squires discussed where to donate the funds raised at the most recent Krispy Kreme fundraiser. Three Squires were assigned to choose a charity and report back next business meeting, where the full Circle will vote on which to donate to.

Father Neville also sat in at the December business meeting. We are grateful for this first participation in a regular Squires meeting by a priest. Near the end of the meeting, Father led the Squires in a spiritual



discussion. To get in the spirit for the Christmas season, Father Neville discussed the difference between wishing and hoping. He asked for a wish from each Squire. After listening to each wish, he then explained that a wish is not something that can be controlled, while a hope is something you can influence, whether it is through physical actions or praying. Father Neville then asked the Squires if their wishes are really wishes, or if they are hopes. He left the Squires to ponder that question until we reconvene January 5th.

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.

STATE REPORT

Coats for Kids

The "Coats for Kids" program is part of the Knights of Columbus "Help a Child in Need" campaign, which began in 2006 with a nationwide appeal during the Christmas season for donations to charities that support the needs of children. The initiative began as an effort to help families with children living in colder climates who have been severely impacted by the sharp and sudden downturn in the economy. With America's long recession making life especially difficult for families with young children who are affected by the high rate of unemployment or underemployment, Knights of Columbus are committed to helping their neighbors in need. Last year this program delivered more than 12,000 coats nationwide.

The 2011-2012 Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" program is in full swing in cold weather cities throughout the United States and Canada and Maryland has been a willing partner in this program for over three years now. Each year, our proficiency has improved in raising funds, identifying communities in need, and planning

and executing the distribution; in collaboration with local agencies within the community.

This year was our largest undertaking in terms of outreach. The reports that follow, document our endeavors in collaborating with agencies and organizations across the breadth of the state of Maryland. To facilitate this outreach, all three Chapter Presidents (Baltimore, McNamara and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) were called on to help identify families in need in their jurisdictions, to determine the number and approximate sizes of coats needed, and to help in the distribution of those coats as necessary.

State Youth Activity Director Tom Greul, working with the Chapter presidents, ensured that ample amounts of coats were made available in each region where requests were made. Coats were personally delivered to many children, but due to the sensitivity of some of the family situations, coats were left with agencies or organizations in the community to discreetly present them at a later time.

Many thanks to all of our Brother Knights who helped give these children a warmer Christmas this year.



K of C and the 16th Annual Polar Bear Plunge

Brothers,

The online registration form for volunteers for the 16th Annual Polar Bear Plunge is now available at this link:

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/volunteerRegNew/participantGen.asp?ievent=484131&lis=1&kntae484131=70B5766714004FF49705058451C40D77>

. When you go to the online form (bottom middle of the page) you will notice that there are actually three days listed as opportunities –

- The Cool School Plunge on Friday, January 27th

- The main Plunge Day on Saturday, January 28th and
- Clean-Up Day on Sunday, January 29th.

So if you can't join us on Saturday, you can still donate time to Maryland Special Olympics on Friday or Sunday. If you can help on more than one day, all the better yet. For those who are signing up to help on Saturday, please ask them to notify ME as well at wwanko@comcast.net. I will be coordinating the efforts for K of C volunteers on Saturday only. I will collect the names and email addresses of those who are volunteering, and as we get closer to Plunge date, I will email everyone on my list with some last minute instructions and tips for planning a good day. And please ask them to NOT wait until the last minute to sign up. Parking at Sandy Point State Park is reserved for the Plungers who have raised big \$\$\$\$ and are going to jump into the water. Volunteer parking takes place at satellite parking lots. The Volunteers are then shuttle-bused into Sandy Point State Park. Parking Permits need to be mailed to all of those who are going to be parking their cars on the satellite lots. So we need enough notice to guarantee that SOMD has enough time to get the Permits to you through the mail. I would suggest signing up no later than January 18th. Also, when you fill out the on-line form, put "K of C" in the field where it says "Company."

Again, the opportunity to volunteer is not limited to Knights. Anyone over 16 years of age – family, friends, neighbors, etc. are welcome to volunteer. And there will be a variety of jobs to be had. In past years we Knights have been used to Direct Parking of Cars and Busses; help with distribution of food to the Plungers, assist with Registration, sell Memorabilia, work the arcade games in the Amusement Tent, and provide information on the beach. Volunteers should expect to be out in the cold and on their feet for 7 to 9 hours. We need to be there by 0700 and on-station by the time they open the gates at 0800. Depending on what job you get, you may be able to leave sometime between 1400 and 1600. If anyone gets an "Inside a tent" job, it may (or may not) be a little warmer inside

the tent, and there may (or may not) be a chair for you to sit on. If you are not sure how long you can last, but you want to try to go as long as you can, I suggest that you sign up, but drive yourself to the Volunteer lot instead of carpooling. Once the shuttle buses start rolling, they roll back and forth continuously all day long. So if you get to the point where your body can't take it anymore, and you feel that you have to leave, you may do so. But if you carpooled, then you have to take a whole group of volunteers with you, and that would hurt the effort. Once we put volunteers in place, the day moves so fast that it's tough to replace someone.

Lunch will be provided in the Volunteer Tent. It is usually a cold-cut sub (a variety of types), hot coffee, hot tea, hot cocoa, and fruit drinks. In the past they have also had snacks that you can take and nibble on throughout the day. For the first time last year, they added a few folding chairs to the tent. That made it a little easier to eat. In the de-briefing last year, I suggested that they add more chairs. Hopefully they will. There are a few picnic tables in the area. But like the Five Loaves and Two fish, what are these among so many?

Port-a-Potties will be numerous and spread throughout the park. There should be no waiting required.

One last thought, if you have never been to the Plunge before, you might want to bring a camera. This is a party day with thousands of young people. Many of them dress like they're going to a Halloween Party or an appearance on Let's Make a Deal. I like to think of Plunge Day as the "Preakness Infield on Ice." You might want to snap some memories.

If anyone one has any questions, have them call me or email me.

**Walt Wankowski and for John Durbin
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- Wed Jan 4 1:15 pm Gloria and Pat auntgigi06@live.com; pat5161@verizon.net
 - Thurs Jan 5 6:00 pm Lisa and Ken kenfunk@verizon.net
 - Fri Jan 6 3:15 pm Diana and Woody thomawk@verizon.net; Captwood@erols.com
 - Mon Jan 9 1:45 pm Joann and Ken C joanncavey@msn.com
 - Tues Jan 10 8:15 pm Cheri and Bud budl@comcast.net
 - Thurs Jan 12 6:00 pm Chip and Gloria claytonflowers@msn.com; auntgigi06@live.com
 - Mon Jan 16 1:15 pm Wilma and Ken lingerlonger@comcast.net
 - Thurs Jan 19 6:00 pm Jane and Hank marlie@verizon.net
 - Sat Jan 21 5:00 pm Anne and Sue dovearc@aol.com; suealbright@comcast.net
 - Mon Jan 23 1:15 pm George and Joe g.kos@verizon.net; joereap@aol.com
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- <http://www.operationwelcomehome.org/>

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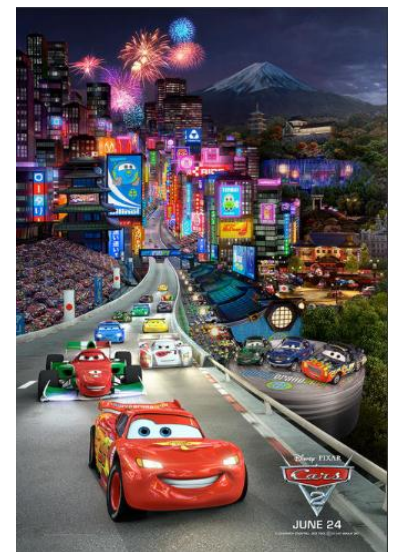
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Family Movie Nights are Back after the Christmas Break

Please join us
Saturday, January
28th for a pasta
dinner and the
movie: Cars 2.
(Twice the fun)

Dinner and
Movie will start after
the 4:45 Mass
Saturday the 28th.

Don't miss the
fun.



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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I am pleased to report that our Council and the Sheen's Colleens have once again sponsored Seminarians Joshua Laws and Jonathan Gibbons. The sponsorship funds were mailed to them before Christmas, and I hope that alleviates some of their financial burdens as they continue with their seminarian studies.

I am also pleased to report that the Charity Committee members discussed and forwarded motions at the December business meeting to assist a fellow Brother in financial need, in the amount of \$500, and a donation in the amount of \$200 to sponsor Brother David Love in the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge. Dave is responsible for his own hot cocoa though - bbbrrrrrrrr!

If you know of a member who is sick or is recently deceased, PLEASE EMAIL or CALL me as soon as possible. I would rather get multiple calls about someone who needs our prayers than to not be notified of someone in need

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED BROTHERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS:

- Angela Julio (friend of David Love)
- Lewis Cassiere (brother of Brother Albert Cassiere)
- Richard Greul (Uncle of Otto; Great-Uncle of Tom)

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)
- Adele Budelis
- Drew Budelis
- Ed Budelis
- Jay Budelis
- Mary 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 Fuller'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 (brother Bob Koleszar)
- Paige Lang
- Walter Lynch (Greg's Uncle)
- Mary & John Maguire
- Mike Mandella
- Terry Manner
- Bob and Wanda McCoy
- Floyd McCurdy
- Charlie McTygue (Father of John McTygue)
- Carl Motter (Scott's father)

*Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
Knights of Columbus, Council No. 7612*

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- Pam Murphy (wife of Mike)
- 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 (District Deputy)
- Louis Stachowiak, Sr. (father of DD Lou)
- 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

Fulton Sheen Monthly Council Calendar

JANUARY

5	Squire's Meeting 7pm
9	Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
11	Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM, 1st deg
14	Red Cross Blood Drive
16	CUFP House Meeting 7:30 PM
18	Sheen's Colleens Meeting
19	Squire's Bball practice 7pm
21	Basketball Free Throw
23	Assembly Meeting 7:30 PM CCARC
23	March for Life, Washington D.C.
25	Social
28	Sheen's collection for Welcome Home
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
11	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
25	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	Sheen's Colleens Sr Prom, Senior center
11	Knights / Squires breakfast
12	Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
14	Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM, 1st degree
15	Squire Investiture
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
28	Social
30	Lenten Dinner 6 PM, Fish Fry

APRIL

5	Squire's Meeting 7pm
9	Council Directors Meeting 7:30 PM
11	Council Business Meeting 7:30 PM
14	Spring event
14-15	Baby Bottle Collection
15	Squire's donut sale
16	CUFP House Meeting 7:30 PM
18	Sheen's Colleens Meeting
19	Squire's Social 7pm
21	Sheen's Colleens Quarter Auction
21	Family Movie Night 6:15 PM
23	Assembly Meeting 7:30 PM CCARC
25	Social
28	Red Cross Blood Drive
28	Bull & Oyster Roast
29	Family Breakfast at Church

THIS MONTH'S COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS

ROBERT BARRETT.....	1	MICHAEL BECHTEL.....	19
WILLIAM JONES.....	2	JAMES BROPHY.....	20
DALE RHODES.....	3	JONATHAN SUPERCZYNSKI.....	20
MAZIAR EMADI.....	3	BARRY STOLL.....	22
JACK MC CALL.....	3	WILLIAM STROTZ.....	23
RAYMOND MILES.....	4	ROBERT ASHBY.....	24
JOHN DOWD.....	6	ALEXANDER KERR.....	25
JOHN VOGELPOHL.....	7	KEVIN SELBY.....	28
ROBERT COY.....	11	JOSHUA BIDDLE.....	29
STEPHEN RICHTER.....	11	WILLIAM WACHTER.....	30
RICHARD FEATHER.....	12	JOHN LOVE.....	31
JOHN VAN CLEVE.....	14		
RANDALL CONNOLLY.....	16		

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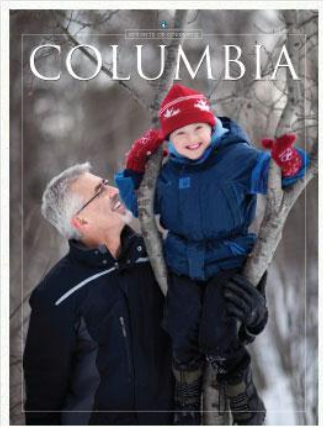
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3964, 10137, 12048, 13859, 13982

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CALVERT PROVINCE

MARYLAND DISTRICT

**EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE
FOURTH DEGREE**



HONORING

***Sir Knight Ronald B. White,
Supreme Director and PSD***

**Exemplification
Saturday, March 3, 2012**

Holiday Inn and Conference Center
5400 Holiday Drive
Frederick, Maryland 21703

Take Exit I-270 off Interstate-70 to Route
85, travel to Francis Scott Key Mall.
The Hotel is on the right.

REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and for the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing colorful capes, chapeaux and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age;
2. Be a citizen of the United States;
3. Have been a First Degree member prior to September 3, 2011.
4. Be a Third Degree member in good standing with your council;
5. Be a practical Catholic in communion with the Holy See.
6. Have served the Order, the Church, and the community with distinction.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Registration of Candidates.....10:30 AM
Ladies Entertainment 11:30 AM
Exemplification..... 12:15 PM
Reception (Cash Bar)..... 5:00 PM
Banquet 5:30 PM

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Initiation Fee
(includes 1 banquet ticket, lapel, social baldric, and processing fees)

Lay Candidates, Deacons and
Seminarians \$70.00
Priests and members
of religious orders \$40.00

Additional Banquet Tickets..... \$40.00

Each candidate receives one banquet ticket, which is included in his fee. No credit is allowed if the candidate does not attend the banquet. **Tickets are not transferable.**

All banquet reservations must be made through the assembly. Make all checks payable to the Fourth Degree assembly you will be joining.

LADIES ENTERTAINMENT

There will be entertainment for the ladies beginning at 11:30 AM. Dress will be casual. There is no charge for the entertainment.

DRESS

The official dress for the Fourth Degree exemplification is black tuxedo, black bow tie, plain white tuxedo shirt (***No Ruffles or Wing Tip Collar***), black socks, shoes and cummerbund. Religious may wear their clerical garb and members of the armed forces or full time police and firefighting officers may wear their respective dress uniforms. Members shall wear the official dress plus social baldric, lapel pin and current jewel of office.

CANDIDATES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Candidates with medical or physical disabilities are to report to the District Marshal. Their assembly will escort those with special needs to and from the exemplification room.

DEADLINES

All applications for membership in the Fourth Degree must be received by **February 10, 2012** and banquet reservations must be made no later than **February 17, 2012**. Payment in full must accompany all banquet reservations. Room reservations must be made by **January 27, 2012**.

Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT:

**Master, Maryland District
R. Steven Thomas
(410)737-8159
RST822@verizon.net**

Let's Watch Some Football!

Championship Sunday

in memorial to
George Snyder, PGK



Sunday, January 22, 2012

The Portico

St John Roman Catholic Church

2:00 pm 'till??

featuring:

**Guilianova
Catering**

Huge Projection Screen

All you can eat Beer & Soda

\$20.00 /person



For Tickets and Info contact:

Rich Nestor 410 751-5258, RANestor@comcast.net, Lou Stachowiak 410 635-2583, Lwstack@comcast.net

Reservation - detach & return with your check by 1/15/12

Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$20.00 each (check enclosed)

Member Name: _____

Wife/Guest Name _____

Address: _____



Make Checks Payable to: Westminster Council 1393
c/o Louis Stachowiak 2829 Graybill Ct, New Windsor, MD 21776

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Save the Date
Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 from 7-11pm

Archbishop Fulton Sheen Council # 7612 Home
10815 Stang Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117

**Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights
Anniversary Social with DJ**



**ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK
FOR \$35 Per Person
(Casual Dress)**

Steamed Shrimp (21-25 count)
Oysters on the Half Shell
Pit Beef and Turkey
Roasted Pig (cooked on Site)
Fried Chicken
Maryland Crab Soup
Vegetable Lasagna
Sweet Italian Sausage with Peppers & Onions
Sauerkraut and Kielbasa
Chili
Maryland Crab Dip with Fresh Sliced Baguettes
Fresh Fruit
Seasonal Vegetables with Dips

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
String Beans
Vegetable Medley
(Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrots)
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Macaroni Salad
Tossed Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings
Hummus & Guacamole
Assorted Cheese & Crackers,

Yuengling & Coors Light Beer, Soda, Coffee, Iced Tea, Cake, Assorted Cookies

Send order form to: Vince Grauso 14771 Betula Way Dayton, MD 21036

Name (print) _____

Phone number _____ **cell number** _____

Number of tickets _____ **x \$35 per person** **Total amt.** _____

CASH _____ **Check** _____ **(Make Check payable to Balt. Chap. Of GK)**

MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY JAN 16TH

Immaculate Lady Council #5208 50th Anniversary Mass & Dinner

Come celebrate 50 great years with old and new friends!

When: Saturday January 21st, 2012
Where: Sacred Heart Church
4PM -- Parish Mass
5:30PM -- Cocktails & Appetizers
6PM -- Dinner and Program

Cost: \$30 per person
\$20 for wives of our Brothers passed

Menu:

*Assorted Cheese Display with Dipping Sauces and Gourmet Crackers
Pineapple Sweet & Sour and Swedish Cocktail Meatballs
Hot Spinach, Artichoke and Red Pepper Dip with Focaccia Bites*

Caesar Salad

*Herb Marinated Flank Steak
Chicken Marsala*

*Roasted Vegetable Medley
Garlic Redskin Mashed Potatoes*

Cake

Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks

Please contact

Joe Maher, Jr. PGK for tickets or information
410-552-3839

jtmaher@comcast.net

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
Knights of Columbus, Council No. 7612
P.O. Box 256
Eldersburg, MD 21784

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JANUARY 2012

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