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www.kofc1960.org/council-officers-and-program-contacts

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IANUARY 2014

Thursday, January 8

Beaumont Holding Company 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 8

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting

Father O'Neill #4011

Wednesday, January 14

Council Business Meeting 8:00 pm (Rosary at 7:30 pm)

Wednesday, January 21

First Degree Exemplification 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 22

March for Life (St. William of York) 10:00 am

Wednesday, January 28

Officers Meeting (KOI) Lecture Meeting (Main Hall)

Events are also posted monthly to our Council website:

www.kofc1960.org/patapscocouncil-calendar/

If you have an event that you would like to have listed, please send it to rickounc@gmail.com.



Happy New Year

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! It is my pleasure to greet you once again as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Each of us is familiar with the story of the first Christmas and the inn keeper's response to Joseph, who sought a warm place for his wife, Mary, who was about to give birth to their Son. Instead of opening his home to the couple, the inn keeper offered only his stable; there was no room at the inn.

I'd ask you to join me in vowing this Christmas to make room for the Lord. Make room for Him in your everyday life, in your actions, and in your heart and mind.

As Catholics we make room for Jesus

through daily prayer and by receiving His Body & Blood at Mass. We make room for Jesus through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by performing acts of love and kindness on behalf of those in need. We make room for Jesus by reaching out and welcoming home those who no longer practice the faith.

By making room in your life for God, the Author of all creation, your life will be abundantly blessed as you experience the fullness of God's love.

I pray you and your family will have an opportunity to attend Mass together this Christmas.

Be assured of my prayers for you and those you love this Christmas and may you have a safe and blessed New Year.

Pope's Christmas Message

In his Christmas "Urbi et Orbi" blessing Pope Francis prayed for all affected by war and conflict, asking that the salvation of the infant Jesus be given above all to children who suffer. "The Child Jesus. My thoughts turn to all those children today who are killed and ill-treated, be they infants killed in the womb, deprived of that generous love of their parents and then buried in the egoism of a culture that does not love life," the Pope said on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. "Be they children displaced due to war and persecution, abused and taken advantage of before our very eyes and our complicit silence," he said, and also denounced the death of many children due to bomb attacks, including in the Holy Land, where Jesus was born. "Even today, their impotent silence cries out under the sword of so many Herods. On their blood stands the shadow of contemporary Herods." Pope Francis spoke to those gathered in St. Peter's Square to hear his Christmas message and receive the special blessing which goes out "to the city and the world."







Grand Knight Scott Luco

erry Christmas! When you receive this, it will likely still be Christmas, since the 12 day Feast lasts until the Epiphany. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas all 12 days, and in your heart all through the New Year. I wish each of you a healthy and grace-filled 2015.

Speaking of keeping Christ in Christmas, a special thank you goes out to our Deputy Grand Knight, Bernie Wrisk, for chairing our Christmas card sale this year. In addition to providing Christ-centered cards for the Council and the St. Mark community, Bernie raised several hundred dollars for the Council and for St. Mark's Youth Group. Our proceeds from the orders received at St. Mark's were split with the Parish to help provide funding for the middle school and high school youth activities. I am sure we will run this program again next year, so please consider stepping up to chair it, or at least to purchase your Christmas cards through the Council.

Now that January is here, we are charging into the second half of our Fraternal Year. PGK Dennis Brose is chairing our second annual Fabulous Fifties Sock Hop in February, so see him for tickets and to volunteer for the event. Lent is coming, and that means our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. I am looking for a few good men to step up to chair a Bare Bones and/or Greene Turtle Night. These events are easy, fun, and lucrative for the Council. See Bernie Wrisk for pointers on how to set one up.

January is also a key recruiting time. What better way to fulfill New Year's Resolutions to spend more time helping others and giving to charity than to join the Knights of Columbus? Invite a friend or family member TODAY, and they can get into our First Degree Exemplification on January 21. Bring them up to Knights Out Inn to see how much fun and fraternity we share. I have made more very close friends since I joined the Order than I ever had in any other endeavor throughout my life. And each one of my Brother Knights is more than a close friend; he is truly my Brother. Every Catholic man deserves the same opportunity we have; recruit a new member today.

Vivat Jesus!

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S **EPORT** **Enights of Columbus* REPORT**





Deacon Hugh Mills

reetings from our State Deputy and our Supreme Knight. Keep praying for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We need our priests to say our Masses for us in any language. We need people who can devote their lives to Christ as Priests and Religious. I beg you to pray for them.

I was told that St. Francis of Asissi said that he was only a Deacon, not a Priest, because "what deacon can go to mass without his priest or bishop?" That sentiment still exists today—we need our priests and bishops.

In Buffalo, NY, there is a group studying that will come back to St. Mary's seminary. This can be an expensive venture over the eight years; more than the cost of a college education, but well worth it.

Thank you for all you do for us, and what you do for your Parishes and families. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Vivat Jesus!





was so grateful that I could take the time this year on the morning of December 11 to help the Food for the Needy distribution. Brother Ed Cogswell, PGK, did a wonderful job in keeping this great charity of our council moving forward since the passing of PGK Tom Slifker. The spirit of Tom was strong as many Slifker family members made it a success. Of course, there were many repeat brothers as well that contributed on this big day. We packed and distributed 120 bags of food to support 60 families. It was a first for me to ever be a part of such a long distribution line as we passed the bags from hand to hand to their destination places. I praise God for allowing so many to give of themselves in this most worthy effort.

Vivat Jesus!



PGK Barry Casanova

rothers and Patapsco Council family: Trusting you all had a good Christmas; now on to 2015! It may be a little cold outside, but Patapsco still has many events and activities coming up in the New Year. Also, it is "dues" time again. The Council voted to hold the line this year again, so no dues increase (I can't remember when the last one was?); so, with Council demographics being what they are, we are making do with "less." Your active participation in Council events is what makes that possible. Sending this newsletter via email has also saved much in needed funds that are now able to be used in the Council charitable and beneficial activities. Each paper subscription costs about \$18 annually (PK totals about \$5,400 per year), which adds up to a hefty portion of the Council budget for the about 300 Council "family" (including widows and friends) who are still getting paper copies. I realize some of us (like me) are technological

dinosaurs and not able or willing to change, but if you can, please consider converting your subscription. Many do not pay dues, so you might voluntarily send in a donation to the Council to help defray the expense if you have a little extra of course that is becoming rare these days! Yes, gasoline is down, but food and medical premiums are up and, horrible thought, April 15 is coming. Sorry about those cheering thoughts for a New Year's note, but welcome to reality. Still, the Council is very active and getting some younger folks in, so we can see some optimism. If you remember my suggested New Year's resolution: Attend a Council Business Meeting! Next is Jan. 14 - Rosary at 7:30, meeting at 8:00. You are missing prayer, some fun, and-more important-the comradery. We have a very active Council. Join in to make it even better. Stay warm and check on your neighbors and brothers. Mary, Queen of Knights, pray for us.



John Journell

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please remember the following people in your prayers.

- Paul Boettinger
- PGK Bob Carhart
- PGK Reggie DiSante
- Robert Hoffman
- PGK Ed Canter
- John Lackey

- Wil Baldwin
- Jim Manning
- Patricia Johnson
- Paul Buckley
- Phyllis McVearry
- Brad Jaeger

- Norman Sanford
- Sal Fertitta
- Monsignor Arthur Valenzano
- The Jonathan Driscoll family

If you have any prayer intentions for someone in your family, please contact Chancellor John Journell to get the person's name included in our prayers. You may also fill out a prayer request form on our Council website.

We believe in the power of prayer and would be happy to include your family members in our prayers. You can send your prayer requests to John via e-mail at chancellor1960@gmail.com.

PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES



Church (PGK Michael Doetzer)

Brothers, Keep February 17 open on your calendar for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We will serve dinner from 5:00 to 7:30 pm for this traditional pre-Lenten event. Tickets are \$5 per person with family discounts available. Come enjoy this annual event with family and friends. Remember that our annual retreat will be on the weekend of March 6-8 at Loyola on the Potomac. Please contact Tim McCarthy for more information at 443-610-7584

Community (Jacob Luco)

The Heart of Maryland Chorus Annual Christmas Program was very well received. We are looking forward to next year's program.

Council (PGK Dennis Brose)

There will be a 50s Sock Hop at the Council Hall on February 7, 2015. Contact PGK Dennis Brose for more information, or see the flyer in the online newsletter.

Culture of Life (Tim McCarthy)

Our members are invited to join St. Agnes and St. William of York Parish for the March for Life on January 22. The event begins with Mass at 10:00 am at St. William. At 11:00 am, the buses will leave for the March. Call Tim McCarthy for details at 443-610-7584.

Family (DGK Bernie Wrisk)

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" Cards and Ornaments Program was a success for its first year. DGK Bernie Wrisk was thankful that our council sold more than the starter kit of cards on this first round attempt at bringing this fundraiser activity back. Overall, we sold 51 boxes of cards and 6 ornaments. This profited almost \$300, of which \$100 will be given to support the St. Mark Youth Group. Thanks to the many Brother Knights that made purchases or helped with the sales at the St. Mark masses. Although the profits are minimal, the mission was accomplished in getting the statement out to our community of the importance of Christ in Christmas.

Youth (David Slade)

The free throw contest will take place on Jan. 10. Contact Bro. David Slade for more details.

John Faggio Food For The Needy Program (PGK Edwin Cogswell)

Brothers and friends of Patapsco: Thanks! The FFN committee thanks you very much for your loving hearts and generous donations to the John Faggio Food For the Needy Program this year. Because of you, we were able to buy and distribute over 5,000 pounds this year. Thanks also to all the Brother Knights and friends who helped

get the food, packaged it at the Council, and delivered it to the needy. Special thanks to the Brothers who donated their trucks and vans to pick up and deliver food. This year we lost Brother Knight PGK Tom Slifker, who for years coordinated the program; his family joined us for the food distribution day. Tom's memory lives through this program. Again, thanks to all for helping so many others. Congratulations to our raffle winner, Brother Bill Jahnigen, and thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets.

Charity (DGK Bernie Wrisk)

Catonsville Couples Night Out was a success for the third year in a row. The Deputy Grand Knight and his committee—Worthy Grand Knight Scott Luco, Brother David Slade, and Insurance Advisor Mark Bateman—are very appreciative of all our Brother Knights who helped make the event a success. We had just over 120 paying guests on a cold Friday night and raised over \$1,700 for our charities. Please see the list of local retail businesses at the end of the online newsletter—these businesses supported this event with donations we used to raise funds, so please patronize them.

Fourth Degree (Ernie Schaefer)

Meetings normally take place every fourth Thursday at St. Agnes Council, Frederick Road, Catonsville. Meetings start with mass with a meeting afterward. We look forward to seeing all Fourth Degree Sir Knights at the next meeting on January 22.

Recruitment (PGK Warren Norris)

State Regional Advisor Ronald Hassan spoke at our December business meeting. He said that one thing we can do to boost membership is find Brothers who are inactive insurance members. Look them up and find out why they drifted away. There was a reason they joined the Knights, so there may be a way to get them back now. Also, keep a form 100 or one of our membership business cards handy at all times.





Co-Editor Tim McCarthy

or more than 30 years, our late brother, PGK Tom Slifker, led the Brother Knights of our Council on retreat each year. Nothing would honor his memory more than a big turnout at Loyola on the Potomac in March.

Loyola Retreat House is at the mouth of the Potomac amidst 200 acres of forest and wildlife. The view over the eastern cliff is breathtaking.

The theme for March is "Behold the Face of God." There are talks throughout the weekend, but attendance at the talks is not required. If you prefer just to stay in your room and reflect, that's a perfectly valid way to make your retreat.

I have always come back from the retreats with new insights on traditional Catholic values. To those members of the Council who have never visited Loyola, please consider doing so next year.

There is a fee, but no one has ever been asked not to come if they couldn't pay the fee. Contact Tim McCarthy at 443-610-7584 for further information

Do it for Tom. Do it for yourself.





WHEN THE ALMIGHTY SENT ME..."



JANUARY SPECIALS

January 2 KOI Closed
January 9 Chicken Pot Pie
January 16 Pepper Steak
January 23 Meat Loaf

Shrimp Scampi

In addition to our specials, we serve a regular menu of crab cakes, chicken tenders, shrimp salad, fried shrimp, cheese steak subs, and rib eye steaks. All meals are served with delicious sides and salads. Please come and join us for a great evening of fraternity and family fun.

January 30



The Council Hall has a beautiful brand new sign out front, as well as a lot of TLC taken to make the grounds look their best.

Be sure to refer people to <u>www.</u> <u>beaumonthall.com</u> for all of their rental hall needs!

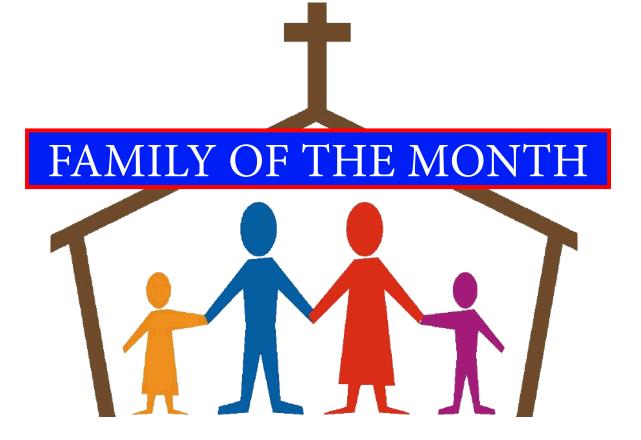
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Our council recognizes John O'Boyle and his family as our Family of the Month. John and his wife, Siobhan, are raising their child, Lukas, in the Catholic faith as parishioners of St Mark. They have shared their talents with the St. Mark community in many school plays. Dinner time is important family time where they

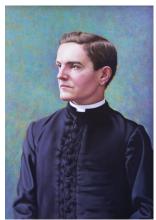
remember relatives and tell family stories. They also enjoy family movie nights. They cherish a K of C sword that John's grandfather used to carry in parades.

Please suggest future Family of the Month candidates to Bernie Wrisk via e-mail at bwrisk@verizon.net or call (443) 604-8372.



Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.



Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

POPE FRANCIS RECEIVES SUPREME KNIGHT

Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in a private audience at the Vatican on Dec. 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was the third such audience granted by Pope Francis to the supreme knight.

During the course of the meeting, the supreme knight spoke with the Holy Father about the Order's many activities.

On behalf of the 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus, the supreme knight presented the Holy Father with a contribution of \$1.6 million from the Vicarius Christi Fund, for the pope's personal charities. In addition, the supreme knight spoke about the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund and provided the pope with a contribution of \$400,000 from that fund to supplement the relief efforts of the Holy See in the Middle East.

The supreme knight was also present at the special Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica to mark the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. At the conclusion of the Papal Mass, Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, postulator of the cause of St. Juan Diego, and co-author with the Supreme Knight of a book on Our Lady of Guadalupe, presented the Holy Father with a silver rose. Over the past few months, the silver rose was hand-carried by Knights of Columbus from Canada, through the United States, to Mexico City as a symbol of unity in the continent of America. For more than 50 years, the Order has sponsored the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

In 2001, Supreme Knight Anderson dedicated the Order to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since that time, the Order has organized and supported numerous spiritual initiatives and academic conferences to promote devotion to the Virgin of Guadalupe.



STATE COUNCIL NEWS

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Stephen J. Adamczyk, State Deputy, Maryland State Council

As we go through the festive Christmas Season, never lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. "Jesus is the reason for the Season", is not just another cute saying. He came to be born of Mary and Joseph, so we the less fortunate, would be saved. Let us remember His less fortunate on earth and help the needy during the Christmas Season. Collect food for the food banks, hats and coats for the homeless, blankets and socks for the veterans and even toys for the children. "Let them know We are Catholics by Our love."

From Kathleen, Bryan, John, Rhonda and myself, I wish you all the Merriest of Christmas' and the Happiest, Healthiest, Holiest New Year ever. May God Bless you and your families during this Blessed Season. In return I ask for your prayers as well, that I have a positive influence on the Knights of Columbus in Maryland.

By The way....Do you have your rosary with you?....Do you pray it often?

Vivat Jesus!



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BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

JANUARY 2015 SCHEDULE

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 8, at Father O'Neill #4011.

For more information, visit

http://www.baltimorechaptergks.org/

FRATERNAL BENEFITS NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACCELERATOR TERM INSURANCE SERIES

Adding to its portfolio of top-quality insurance products, the Knights of Columbus announced the new Accelerator Term Insurance series available to Knights and their eligible family members, effective this July.

The new series will offer term insurance protection up to age 85, a 15-year increase from previous term products.

Level Term Insurance offered in the Accelerator Term Insurance Series includes a special acceleration feature that automatically increases the initial death benefit of the policy by five percent for each of the first five years of the policy.*

Accelerator Term Insurance is also convertible to permanent insurance, and comes with an optional full term conversion rider, which extends many of the guaranteed conversion options of the policy.

Term Insurance from the Knights of Columbus is an economical way to cover short-term needs such as income replacement, mortgage protection, debt protection, and tuition expense protection.

"We are always looking to update and to innovate to better serve our members and their families," said Chief Insurance Officer Thomas P. Smith, Jr. "With the new Accelerator Term Insurance, we are giving our members and their families another fantastic option for protection."

The release of the Accelerator Term Insurance Series comes amidst a year of records and firsts for the Knights of Columbus Insurance program. The program, founded by Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, topped \$94 billion of insurance in force early in 2014, while also

earning its 39th consecutive year of the highest possible ratings for financial strength (A++, Superior) from A.M. Best. The Knights was also named a 2014 "World's Most Ethical" Company by the Ethisphere Institute.

Earlier this year, the Knights of Columbus launched the Young Adult Insurance Program, which offers term insurance protection to Knights and their spouses from ages 18-to-29.



The "Catonsville Couples Night Out" was a success thanks to these local retail businesses that provided support. Please patronize their businesses and make a point of thanking them for their support of the Patapsco Council Knights of Columbus fundraiser.

Edible Arrangements Gabriele's Salon, Rt 40

Blue Iris

Lil Abners, Arbutus

Chef Paolino

Peace of Pizza

Gianni's, Lansdowne

Halethorpe Discount Liquors

Ken's Old Fashioned Candies

Sorrento's of Arbutus

Francos

Depaolas Pub, Arbutus

BonFire, Haelthorpe

Walmart, Lansdowne

Narcissus, Salon

Taste of Aloha, Arbutus

Mojo Art & Image

Ellicott Mills Brewing Company

Grilled Cheese & Company

The Village Junction Bakery Café, Arbutus

Montgomery Liquors

Cindy's Wine & Spirits

Kearney Photography

Sterling-Ashton, Schwab-Witzke Funeral Home

YMCA, Catonsville

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Dessert: Cherrie's Jubilee over vanilla ice cream
Food prepared by Chef Michael Karpers and the Beaumont crew.

Beer, wine and soda

Ticket prices: \$25:00 in advance or \$30:00 at the door.

Prize for best 50's costume and a prize for the hula hoop contes, at s well as door prizes.

For tickets and information, please contact Dennis Brose at 443-575-6445 or brosetax@aol.com.

You can also contact the Knights of Columbus Hall at 410-744-8754 or rentals@beaumonthall.com.

See You There!