



The Voyager



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Grand Knight's Report

I normally open my Grand Knight's report with the Knight and Family of the Month awards. These awards have been tied to activities during the past month but this month I need to go back to December to recognize those who put an extra effort into our activities.

Our Knight of the Month is David Walther for his role as Santa during our Breakfast with Santa. Not only did he serve in this role this year but David has been our Santa for the past several years. I don't think the members of our council knew that one of our own was behind that red suit each year! The Family of the Month is the Ryan family. Each year Jim and Dee Ryan are in charge of our Christmas assistance program and they once again did an outstanding job. Thanks to Jim and Dee's hard work we were able to distribute our Christmas aid to 15 families this year and help these families celebrate the joy of the holidays.

The month of February has a busy slate of activities for our council. On February 11 we will be sponsoring the coffee house after the 9:00 and 10:30 masses. We will also use this coffee house as a platform for our spring membership blitz so please plan on attending. On the evening of February 11 we will have our free throw shootout. Craig Roe is organizing this

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Council Calendar

February

- 7** Business Meeting
- 11** Coffee House / Membership Blitz
- 11** Free Throw Contest
- 13** Valentine Mass - 7:30
- 14** Valentine's Day
- 21** Ash Wednesday (no meeting)
- 24** Father/Daughter Dance

March

- 7** Business Meeting
- 21** First Degree

Chaplain's Report

St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622), whose feast is celebrated on January 24, was the bishop of Geneva who worked tirelessly to restore the Catholic faith in his diocese and beyond and to bring lapsed Catholics back to their faith. In that sense, his work was a lot like the mission of the Knights of Columbus – to strengthen the faith and to provide for Catholic men and their families a fraternal organization to nourish and strengthen their faith.

His book, Introduction to a Devout Life, was largely based on his consultations with Madame de Chanoisy, a cousin by marriage, who had placed herself under his spiritual direction. This well regarded book flows from the conviction, promoted so powerfully by the Second Vatican Council in our own day and by the Knights of Columbus, that every Christian is called to holiness and intimacy with God.

Holiness is not just for the few, not just for clergy or religious, but for all. But St. Francis would be quick to add that the manner and the means of pursuing a holy life differ for each person according to their state in life, their profession or trade, their personal background and circumstances, their talents and abilities.

The monk in the monastery is called to devote many hours to prayer and meditation. The priest in a large and active parish is equally called to holiness, but has less time for personal prayer. The lay person who must devote himself to his job and perhaps assist in raising a family is also called to intimacy with God, but his prayer and meditation, his communion with God, will take other forms and involve less time for formal prayer.

As we begin this new year and continue our council year, let us resolve to answer our call to holiness by seeking to draw closer to God through our own personal prayer. Let us each seek, perhaps with some help from our confessors or spiritual advisers, the best means to make prayer an important part of our lives. Let us not submit to the error of believing that God's love and his call to holiness are any less for us than for anyone else or that our work is any less important. May our loving God who has called us all to holiness bless and reward our efforts to respond to that call in our prayer and in our work.

Fraternally,
Deacon Jim Ryan
Associate Chaplain

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contest and will be in need of volunteers to help. We have a new event this year on February 13, which is our first ever Valentine's Eve mass. This will include a mass in the little church followed by a reception in the west room. Most importantly to our council in February is our annual Father Daughter dance. This will be held on February 24. This was our largest fundraiser last year and is critical this year since several of our previous fundraisers have fallen short of their projected goal.

Please note that there have been some changes in our calendar for February. We had originally scheduled a first degree on February 21 but this degree has been moved to March 21 since the original date was Ash Wednesday. There will be no meeting on February 21 (3rd Wednesday of the month).

At our January business meeting we had the honor of adding our assistant pastor Father Kim to our council. We have been blessed with his presence at Sacred Heart for several months now and it is great that he is now part of our council.

I noted in my report last month that we are now at the point in the council year where we need to identify officers for next year. It is critical to fill these officer positions early so that we know who our leadership will be in the coming year. We will have a nominating committee who will approach various members about these officer positions so please step up and help fill our officer slate for next year.

Rick Siebert

Valentine's Mass Ditty

(Sung to the tune of Heart & Soul)

Heart & soul, you are invited to
Our Valentines' mass, we hope you'll make it too
Dearly - with all our heart & soul!

Heart & soul, Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 pm
We hope you'll make it then
Really - with all our heart & soul



After mass, we'll have a party too
Lots of "stuff" for us to drink & chew
Surely - you'll want to be there too

Please mark your calendars - don't forget
We want to see you there - yes!! You bet!!
It wouldn't be the same without you
So don't forget to come!
So don't forget to come!

Please RSVP by February 10
Stan LaSov (410) 526-4015 or
Craig Roe (410) 581-8745

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Knights of Columbus
Glyndon, MD

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Grand Knight	Rick Siebert	410.861.8642
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Treasurer	John Kmiecik	410.654.1799
Recorder	Mike Goodson	443.394.0478
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Outside Guard	Frank Greeley, PGK	410.526.3967
Outside Guard	Tom Schwarzweller	410.511.3458
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Trustee 2nd Year	Steve Bouchard, PGK	410.526.0807
Trustee 1st Year	Tom O'Donnell, PGK	443.386.0354
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Chaplain	Msgr. Lloyd Aiken	410.833.1696
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No exceptions

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District Deputy's Report

Greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Edgar Haynes.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas Holiday and a safe and enjoyable New Year; that you had several opportunities to gather with family and friends; and that in your celebration that you remembered to thank the Lord for all you have been given.

I want to thank all the Council in District #5 for their efforts to recruit new members during the 1st half of the Fraternal Year. We have two 1st Degrees in January: January 10th at Fulton Sheen Council and January 18th at St. Bart's Council. Your Membership Directors should be planning to take all candidates who are ready to one of these degrees.

Also, don't forget that our most active members have been those who have taken their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. I have notified your Grand Knights of two local opportunities for members to take the 2nd Degree on January 23rd and a local opportunity for the 3rd Degree on February 2m 2007 in Libertytown.

You should have set a date for your Council's Basketball Free Throw Competition. The District Free Throw Competition will be conducted in Taneytown at the Northwest Middle School on Sunday February 18, 2007 beginning at 1:00pm. Be sure to let your Council winners know of this date.

Plan to attend the "Right to Life" March in Washington, D.C. in January. If your church is not sponsoring a bus, please contact another local church and join with them in promoting this most worthy cause to save the lives of those who can't protect themselves.

Be sure that in everything we do we are "**Living Our Faith**".

Vivat Jesus,

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Roster Updates

Member Death:

George Mehring passed away on December 19, 2006.
George was 67.

New Member:

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Transfer In from #7565 Pope John Paul I of Trooper PA:

William Buchanan Jr.
10 Trailbrook Cir.
Reisterstown, MD 21136
(610) 585-4841

New Address:

Andrew Noll
714 Young Way
Westminster, MD 21157

Pro-Life Report

As this is written, the 34th Annual March for Life is only days away. Barring impossible weather conditions or other catastrophe, we expect to be on the bus from Sacred Heart to Washington for it; Council member Tom Damasiewicz plans to accompany us. We are pleased to hear that the bus (toward which our Council has generously contributed) is already full, with a waiting-list. The March Voyager will hopefully contain a report of the March, a very memorable occasion in each year.

Especially during the winter this column is likely to describe legislative events in both the Congress in Washington and the Legislature in Annapolis. However, because both Legislature and Congress have been in their 2007 sessions for only days, not much has occurred on the life-issues front. According to the January 17 Baltimore Sun, the Maryland Stem Cell Commission has been flooded with applications for funds totally far in excess of the \$15 million which the Legislature voted for this year; one can only surmise this is the predictable result of last year's legislation providing funding for both embryonic and adult stem-cell research. Far more significant, we think, is a report which had appeared in the January 8 Sun that researchers at Wake Forest University had discovered stem cells in human amniotic fluid which yield the rewards of embryonic stem-cells without the towering disadvantages. We refer, of course, to the objections of the Catholic Church and many other organizations to a process which fosters killing of human beings and predictably a widespread use of human cloning. Given the contentious atmosphere which surrounds this whole subject, it is not surprising that the researcher heading the Wake Forest project has apparently announced that he supports both embryonic research and research into the cells which are left over from tests given to pregnant women. This ambivalent attitude of Dr. Anthony Atala toward the ethical and religious problems inherent in human embryonic research cannot nullify the great potential for good which his research seems to promise.

While concrete legislative news is still sparse, the pro-lifers can look forward to two important nearby events, both in Annapolis.

Lobby Night

Again this year the Maryland Catholic Conference is sponsoring a gathering at St. Mary's Church (Duke of Gloucester St. in downtown Annapolis) on February 19 starting with a 3:00 to 5:00 pm briefing on issues. Based on our earlier experience, this session gives opportunity for those wishing to brown-bag it to have something to eat; coffee, etc., will presumably be provided. Then participants can shuttle by bus to the House and Senate Office Buildings to meet

their Delegates and Senators to exchange views on life-issues between 5:30 and 7:45. Meanwhile, some may wish to attend a Reception in the House Office Building for Senators and Delegates. Shuttle service back to St. Mary's should be available. (We'd add that, for those impatient to catch the bus, St. Mary's is within walking-distance - but have your overcoat, as it can be cool after dark even during this relatively-mild winter.) You do need to register by calling the MCC at 410-269-1155 or using their internet address, www.mdccathcon.com; registration is important so that appointments can be scheduled with your own Delegates and Senators. Do remember to have with you personal identification (preferably photo-ID such as driver's license) to get into the House and Office Buildings. We would just add that ample good parking is located behind St. Mary's Church.



Annapolis March for Life

This annual event takes place in the evening on March 12. Until recently it started at the Navy Stadium; we understand that this time it will leave from St. Mary's Church (see above item about the February Lobby Night). The marchers will proceed to Lawyers' Mall (in front of the Legislative Reference Building and close to the State House), where several pro-life legislators will give brief addresses. We do not have the exact starting-time for the March but hope to have it in the March Voyager. For more details you'd also be welcome to call us (410-374-1408), or you might wish to consult the website of Maryland Right to Life, www.mdrtl.org.

Like the March for Life in Washington, these Annapolis events are an important way to witness to the values the Knights represent. Without waxing too "political", let us just add that the outcome of the recent fall-election makes such witnessing more relevant than ever. (Some of us will be reminded of what it felt like at the March for Life just after the 1993 Inaugural in Washington!)

Pro-Life Vigils

Again we remind brother-Knights of the vigils held monthly at Greater Baltimore Medical Center and from St. Joseph's Fullerton and, much closer to us, each Saturday morning in Owings Mills. For specific information about time and location in Owings Mills and at St. Joseph's, please do not hesitate to call us at 410-374-1408. PGK Stan Cochran can give you specifics about the GBMC effort; his phone is 410-833-4526.

Mary & Jim Lewis

Christmas Assistance Program

The total amount contributed to this year's program was \$2041.01. We were able to serve 13 families (17 adults and 23 children).

Each family received a beautiful fruit and candy bowl and a basket of food which contained either a ham or turkey, dinner rolls, cookies, and many cans of vegetables and other non-perishable food items to complete their dinners. Two families received gift certificates to purchase their special foods. A bible or special spiritual book was included with the gifts of toys, such as, trains, cars and trucks, legos, puzzles, games, footballs, action figures, dolls, jewelry, watches, purses, music CD's, educational items, books, and many plush animals. We also provided new clothing, such as, coats, knit hats, gloves and scarves, bath robes, slippers, and night gowns. Bed linens and pillows also were welcome additions. Some will be able to dress up in their new dress, shirts and ties, blouses, sweat jackets and pants, socks, and tennis shoes. We were also able to include gift bags of cosmetic items, tooth brushes and toothpaste, Christmas cups filled with packages of hot chocolate and a variety of tea, and a few personal things too.

Three families received Christmas trees with decorations. A young boy was surprised with a new bike; while his sister's wish for a scooter was also fulfilled. Another child received his bean bag chair, and a mother who had recently moved into an empty house received furniture, and kitchen items, such as a blender, dishes, pots and pans. Her wish for her two children was also realized in a brand new TV/VCR set.

Spiderman and batman, skateboards with helmets, a doll house and many Dora items, popular this year, were included in our gifts packages.

We wish to offer thanks to many faithful friends who helped in so many ways this year to make for another successful effort to help these special families. Thanks are owed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish led by Ann Wheeler and to the Baltimore County Department of Social Services who supplied the names of several clients. Again, we are most grateful to

Northminster Church and the Sykes Toy Project and their many volunteers for again donating so many nice toys for our children. We are indebted still another year to Easy Movers and owners, Joe and Joyce Geipe, who supplied us with 30 strong boxes and 2 rolls of strong tape to transport the food to our families.

Tracy and Al Smith deserve much credit for the hours of service and the excellent job they did packing and sealing the food baskets and storing the food at their home, including turkeys and hams. We are grateful to them, their children, and their two dogs, who put up with the extra excitement and activity this project brought to their home.

A sincere and deeply grateful thank you to all who donated money allowing us to purchase all of the many items listed above for our families. The Council provided a generous start-up budget supplemented by the profits from the Breakfast with Santa project so ably run by Quentin Sedney, Al Smith, and their generous volunteers. Sincere thanks also to those who donated and delivered to the Smith's house hams and turkeys and many bags of food items, and to those who provided some special gifts for individual family members that they "adopted."

We are also grateful to all who helped D shop for all the goodies for the children, especially Barbara Ryan and Kathy Ment. And finally, we owe much to our strong and patient delivery people: Bob Wagner, Steve Stephen, Mickey Yachera, and Joe and Marty Ryan. So far no reports of strained backs.

Without God's blessing and the support and help of people like you, the outcome of our project would not be outstanding each and every year. We estimate that about 150 hours plus are spent on this project each year, but it is always a sheer pleasure especially for D who likes shopping for others.

May God bless each of you abundantly!

Gratefully,
D and Jim Ryan

Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest Winners

Congratulations to our three winners in the Knights of Columbus, Keep Christ in Christmas coloring contest. The winners were Katelyn Nellies (Grade 1-3) from Seton Catholic Home School, Edwin Diaz (Grades 4-6) from Lindale Middle School and Shannon Coyne (Grades 7-8) from Sacred Heart School.

Each of our winners will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Honorable Mention awards go out to Brooke Nixon from Sacred Heart School, Andrew Nellies from Seton Catholic Home School and Meghan Coyne from Sacred Heart School. Participants may pick up their entries from the Parish Office until January 22, 2007.

Thank you to our participants and to our three judges, Father Sylvester, Sister Jude and Deacon Dan Goulet.

Dave Coyne

catechism

P Ash Wednesday, this year is on February 21st, and is the beginning of the 40 days of Lent which is our time to prepare for Easter. It is based on the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert eating and drinking nothing. This is the time we Catholics are to use to prepare ourselves for Easter by following the fasting and abstinence required by the Church beginning with Ash Wednesday. And even though our secular world doesn't look too kindly on penance and suffering, we can also stay away from something we like and offer whatever discomfort we feel up to Jesus. These actions are called the Cardinal Virtue of Temperance, which don't fit too well with the mantras of the secular world in which we live. We should also receive the Sacrament of Penance.

A few Catechism paragraphs are shown below which deal with Lent and Temperance.

540 Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

2043 The fourth precept ("You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church") ensures the times of ascesis¹ and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

1809 Temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable. The temperate person directs the sensitive appetites toward what is good and maintains a healthy discretion: "Do not follow your inclination and strength, walking according to the desires of your heart." Temperance is often praised in the Old Testament: "Do not follow your base desires, but restrain your appetites." In the New Testament it is called "moderation" or "sobriety." We ought "to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world."

To live well is nothing other than to love God with all one's heart, with all one's soul and with all one's efforts; from this it comes about that love is kept whole and uncorrupted (through temperance). No misfortune can disturb it (and this is fortitude). It obeys only [God] (and this is justice), and is careful in discerning things, so as not to be surprised by deceit or trickery (and this is prudence).

¹ ascesis - rigorous self-denial and active self-restraint

Long Term Care Trends

- \$205 per day is the national average for a nursing home now.
- \$197 per day is the average for nursing home care the Baltimore Metropolitan area.
- 92% of informal caregivers are women.
- It takes 3-4 years on average to drain a couple's assets to qualify for Medicaid (welfare health program).
- Alzheimer's disease is the #1 growing area of long term care need.
- Over 65% of nursing homes are occupied with women.
- Long term care insurance is sometimes the only thing that can keep you out of a nursing home (thanks to the home health care option).
- Traditional health insurance and Medicare do not cover long term care needs or costs.

Call me for information on how to affordably cover your long term care needs.

TOM WHITE, FICF, CSA
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P.S. Business owners and self-employed people may be able to deduct their premiums on their federal tax return.

Social Security Numbers

Brothers,

Due to several concerns raised by council members over the last few months, I have purged from the Council records the social security numbers for all members that we currently have on file -- since the council database is an un-encrypted and unsecured system.

However, the Supreme Council will most likely continue to maintain SSNs on their files, especially for Insurance Members. If you would like to attempt to get them to drop record of your SSN, you should write them directly at (please note, your attempt may not be successful!!):

Knights of Columbus
Member Records
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510

Fraternally,
Joe Maher, Jr. FS, PGK, FDD

February Anniversaries

Years	Brother Knight
2	Mark Grebosky Joe Hynson Dave Josselyn
10	PGK David Cutler
11	Gary Seiler
13	Msgr. Lloyd Aiken Dave Butler Chamin Tarcis (9 years continuous)
14	Louis Squicciarini
22	Ed Hogan James Kordonski
23	Terrence Almon John Kmiecik Bill Ment Jerry Sellman
27	Fr. Charles Reipe
29	John Horak
47	PGK Mel Serio
52	Sam Collett
54	Bill Trautwein

Christmas Party Report

I am pleased to announce that this past year's Christmas party was a tremendous success. It is not because of anything special that I did, but rather by the number of guests in attendance. I counted 84!!!!!! People prior to Fr. Aiken and Fr. Kim arriving.

We honored our 4 sisters of Saint Joseph for all that they do each and every day at Sacred Heart.

The West Room was filled with good people sharing the Christmas spirit, and it looked as if everyone had a good time.

My special thanks to brothers Craig Roe and Paul Flanagan for all that they did to make the evening successful.

I would ask that we turn out again next year in large numbers, for this is the one true measure of a successful event.

I'll look forward to seeing everyone at our Valentine's mass on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Regards,
Stan LaSov
Christmas chairman

The K of C: Good News for Catholic Schools

Much is being made among elected officials here in the United States about the need for bipartisanship, and we couldn't agree more. It's encouraging to read, then, that the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution praising Catholic schools "for their ongoing contributions to education and for the key role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for this nation."

The vote was 428-0 in favor of the resolution, which was passed on Jan. 23, a week before the start of Catholic Schools Week on Jan. 28.

The Knights of Columbus has long believed what this year's Catholic Schools Week theme trumpets: "Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education." That's why at every level of our Order we do everything we can to grow and strengthen our Catholic schools. In 2005, for example, Knights locally reported raising \$6.6 million for Catholic schools and providing an additional \$5.7 million in scholarships, many of them to Catholic schools.

From reports received by Columbia magazine, we know that Knights are active in parish schools: painting classrooms, wiring them for Internet access, serving as crossing guards and so much more.

We currently have several programs that councils can conduct in Catholic schools: the Columbian Squires, our free throw competition, our substance abuse awareness poster contest and our Catholic citizenship essay program. There are others your council might consider, such as screening our award winning films on the vocation to the priesthood or religious life for women for middle-schoolers and teenagers, or distributing vocations prayer cards to younger students.

The partnership between Knights and Catholic schools is strong. Let's make it even stronger.

Vivat Jesus!
Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Maryland State Council Tours

[Bus Trip To Supreme Headquarters](#)

March 2, 2007 to March 4, 2007

Click on the link above or see the State Council website:
<http://www.kofc-md.org/state/tours.htm>

