



# The Voyager



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## Grand Knight's Report

I hope all of you had a very joyous Christmas. A new year is upon us and is a time to look at our accomplishments during 2006 and to look ahead to an exciting 2007.

Our Knight of the Month is Craig Roe. The Keep Christ in Christmas card sales program was a success thanks to Craig's hard work. This has become an important fundraiser for the council and Craig did an outstanding job again this year. The Family of the Month is the Sedney family. Breakfast with Santa was once again run by Quentin Sedney and his entire family plays a key role. This involves not only the pre-work, food preparation and serving but also the set-up and even included Megan Sedney as one of Santa's elves. This event once again raised a substantial amount of funds for the Christmas assistance program.

Special thanks this month to Stan LaSov and Craig Roe for organizing our council Christmas party that was held on December 20. We had a large number of Knights and their families in attendance and everyone enjoyed some good food, drink and fellowship.

January 6 is the mid-term meeting for all Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights. We are now halfway through this council year so we will be looking ahead to identify candidates for the officer positions for next year. You will definitely get more out of your Knight's experience by assuming an officer or chairmanship position. Please let me know if you are interested

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## Council Calendar

(Check [www.kofc5208.org](http://www.kofc5208.org) for a more detailed calendar)

### January

- 1** Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
The Mother of God
- 6** Mid-term Meeting
- 22** March for Life
- tba** Free Throw Contest

### February

- 14** St. Valentines Day
- 21** Ash Wednesday
- 24** Father / Daughter Dance

## Chaplain's Report

**The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us!** What a fantastic event! What a marvelous expression of God's love for all of humanity and for each of us personally! As soon as the Virgin Mary had given her consent, the Angel Gabriel departed; and the Son of God became present in her womb.

Among the beliefs of Catholic Christians that non-believers find the most incomprehensible are our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and our belief in the *Incarnation* (the becoming flesh) of the Son of God. Yet these beliefs are central to our Christian faith. And, in the case of the Incarnation (which includes the miracle of the virgin conception of Jesus by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb), which we celebrate at Christmas time, God's plan for our salvation reaches its climax. Thank God that we can believe, for our faith brings purpose and meaning to our lives.

The coming of our God in the person of Jesus has radically changed our very concept of God and his love for us, his creatures. In sharing our life, he invites us to share his life, the life of the Holy Trinity for all eternity. He also wants to change our lives and to change our world – from despair to hope, from darkness to light..

Jesus is rightly called the *Prince of Peace* and the *Sun of Justice*. He has come to inaugurate a new age, a time of peace when men and women and all of creation will be able to live in concord and peace, free from sin and the fear of death.

But just as the infant Jesus needed the care and protection of his parents and the protection of the animals' cave at his birth, he needs us to fulfill his work in this world. Just as he needed his disciples and sent them out two by two to bring healing and freedom from evil and sin and to announce the Good News of God's presence and his love in his time, so he needs us in our day to do the same for our troubled world.

As Knights, we have the special role to defend the faith, to speak up for what is right, to promote peace and harmony in our communities and the world, and to lift up the poor from their sufferings and their hopelessness. Unlike the knights of old, we no longer carry the weapons of violence to cause death, but the gentle message of God's love burning within us to bring life. Our work is the work of the incarnate Jesus - to bring the saving presence of our loving God into all parts of our troubled world.

From D and myself and our family to you and your families, a very Holy and Happy Christmas season and a New Year filled with God's blessings!

Fraternally,  
Deacon Jim Ryan  
Associate Chaplain

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in taking on one of these roles.

The annual March for Life is Monday, January 22. Sacred Heart will again sponsor buses to transport attendees to this event so please make every effort to participate. Pro-life supporters from all over the country descend on Washington, DC to help defend life. Our close proximity to our nation's capitol allows us the opportunity to easily participate without having to travel a long distance.

Although the date has not yet been set, our free throw shootout will be held in January. Craig Roe has volunteered to run this activity and will be in need of volunteers. Please plan on helping with this since this is an outstanding activity for the youth of our parish and community.

Planning has begun for this year's Father/Daughter dance, which will be held on the evening of Saturday, February 24 from 6:00 to 9:00. We are using a committee approach to organizing this year's dance and several Knights have already stepped into the various roles. Several of our fundraisers have fallen short of their budgeted amounts this council year so the Father/Daughter dance is critical to our financial health. Please plan on helping with the different tasks involved with organizing this.

I wish you all the best for the New Year.

Rick Siebert  
Grand Knight

## January Anniversaries

<b>1 Year</b>	Tim Murphy
<b>6 Years</b>	Lawrence Ekwutife
<b>7 Years</b>	Dave Coyne Steve Erlemeier John Skaro
<b>9 Years</b>	Fr. Chen
<b>11 Years</b>	Larry Hammond Marty Ryan Alan Skewers PGK Steve Topper
<b>12 Years</b>	Barry Dubit
<b>20 Years</b>	PGK Joe Maher Jr
<b>21 Years</b>	George Knoerlein Ralph McGarrell
<b>32 Years</b>	John Schler
<b>45 Years</b>	Frank McGuire (34 years continuous)
<b>47 Years</b>	John Zavovna (36 years continuous)
<b>50 Years</b>	Joe Trinite (30 years continuous)
<b>60 years</b>	Francis Blais

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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 Director's 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.

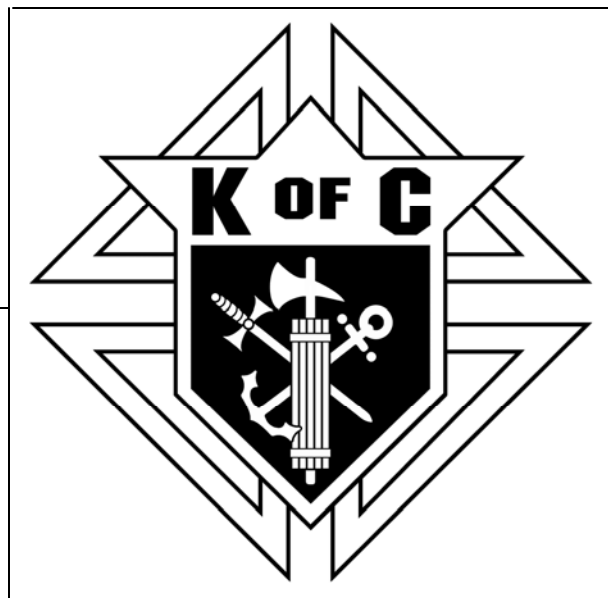
Plan to attend the "Right to Life" March in Washington, D.C. in January. If your church is not sponsoring a bus, please contact another local church and join with them in promoting this most worthy cause to save the lives of those who can't protect themselves.

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

Vivat Jesus,

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## Insuring a Child's Insurability

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Call me so we can discuss your situation.

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# Pro-Life Report

The month of the annual March for Life in Washington has finally arrived! Previous issues of the Voyager have of course publicized the provision of two buses from Sacred Heart, one for students of our Parish School, the other for the rest of us. With only a little over 50 seats available on "our" bus, we recommend to anyone considering going by bus contact Sue Surine of the Parish Respect Life Committee for a reservation. Sue's phone numbers are (410) 526-4593 and (410) 967-9085. If you have any questions we could answer either about the March or about the trip over and back, you are welcome to give us a call at (410) 374-1408. Our Council, by a generous contribution toward the cost of the bus, is helping to insure that no one is required to pay to go on it (although contributions from individuals are accepted). The pro-life witness which the March affords is, if anything, more important than ever in view of the discouraging election-results this fall. Hope to see you there!

## Pro-Life Prospects in Washington and Annapolis

Congress returns to Washington January 4. We are told that Nancy Pelosi, Speaker in the reconvened House of Representatives, has set, as one of her goals for the first 100 hours, legislation to fund embryo-killing research (which would be along the lines of the Castle-Degette Bill vetoed by the President in the term just ended. (As this is written, Democratic control of the Senate hangs by a thread, due to the unexpected illness of South Dakota Senator Johnson.) The Congressional picture will probably be clearer when the February Voyager issues.

The Maryland Legislature convenes for its 2007 Session on January 10. We anticipate that the Maryland Catholic

Conference will strongly oppose human cloning; the exact form its opposition will take is not yet clear as this is written. Our side in Annapolis may also mount an attempt to amend the Parental Notification Law to put some teeth in it (so that the abortionist would not be the one to decide whether the young client can safely undergo his procedure). Fiscal bills which must come before the Legislature may present an opportunity to steer State funding more toward adult stem-cell research and less toward embryonic research. (Which is to say that this is a battle which our side has not yet entirely lost.) The Maryland legislative picture will - as in the case of Congress - become clearer as we go into February. (Indeed this is even truer of the State Legislature because its whole 2007 is likely to be crammed into the first three months of the new year.)

## Pro-Life Vigils

Vigils such as those occurring monthly outside Greater Baltimore Medical Center and from St. Joseph's Fullerton, or our own held each week in nearby Owings Mills, give us a chance to give a grassroots witness throughout the year. As such, they are every bit as important as the much bigger and more spectacular Marches in Washington on January 22 or later in the winter in Annapolis. As one prominent pro-life speaker visiting Sacred Heart once put it, "We have grassroots support the other side can only dream of!"



Our very best wishes to all Voyager readers and contributors for a blessed and healthy 2007!

Mary & Jim Lewis

## Roster updates

### Transfer Out

Richard Losier transfer to Council #10881 Our Lady of the Chesapeake, Pasadena MD

### Member Death

Ed Voelker passed away on December 13, 2006. He was 83.

### Former Member Death

Jack Straley who joined our council but whose membership at some point in time was withdrawn for unknown reasons, died in Bloomery, WV on July 17, 2006. He was 78.

### E-mail Address Changes

Patrick Teta                      Mickey Yachera  
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## Prayer Requests

Please remember the souls of our recently departed brothers in your prayers:

Edward Voelker  
George Mehring

Both brothers died in December. Please pray also for their families as this is a particularly difficult time to loose a loved one.

## James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly

January 29 (5th Monday!)  
4th Degree Renewal of Obligations.  
Dress for the Evening is Tuxedo with Black Jacket  
A.R.C. - 8:00 pm

# Catechism

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This month we will revisit abortion, the taking of a life in the mother's womb, when that life is in most need of protection. This month, on January 22 there will again be a March for Life in Washington, the 34th annual march against Roe vs Wade. Our council is contributing to the cost for the bus to the march which is not always full. I think it would be a good idea to fill the bus to show our support for pro life and our fight against abortion which is called for by our faith and belief in God.

Here are some paragraphs from the Catechism on abortion, which is always a mortal sin.

**2270** Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.<sup>71</sup>

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.*<sup>72</sup>

*My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.*<sup>73</sup>

**2271** Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law:

*You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.*<sup>74</sup>

*God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.*<sup>75</sup>

**2272** Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. "A person who procures a completed abortion incurs excommunication *latae sententiae*,"<sup>76</sup> "by the very commission of the offense,"<sup>77</sup> and subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law.<sup>78</sup> The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society.

**2273** The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation:

*"The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents; nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state; they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death."*<sup>79</sup>

*"The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations of a state based on law are undermined. . . . As a consequence of the respect and protection which must be ensured for the unborn child from the moment of conception, the law must provide appropriate penal sanctions for every deliberate violation of the child's rights."*<sup>80</sup>



**2274** Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being.

*Prenatal diagnosis is morally licit, "if it respects the life and integrity of the embryo and the human fetus and is directed toward its safe guarding or healing as an individual. . . . It is gravely opposed to the moral law when this is done with the thought of possibly inducing an abortion, depending upon the results: a diagnosis must not be the equivalent of a death sentence."*<sup>81</sup>

**2275** "One must hold as licit procedures carried out on the human embryo which respect the life and integrity of the embryo and do not involve disproportionate risks for it, but are directed toward its healing the improvement of its condition of health, or its individual survival."<sup>82</sup>

"It is immoral to produce human embryos intended for exploitation as disposable biological material."<sup>83</sup>

"Certain attempts to *influence chromosomic or genetic inheritance* are not therapeutic but are aimed at producing human beings selected according to sex or other predetermined qualities. Such manipulations are contrary to the personal dignity of the human being and his integrity and identity"<sup>84</sup> which are unique and unrepeatable.

## Typhoon Durian Relief

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus on December 7<sup>th</sup> committed \$50,000 to help victims of Typhoon Durian, which struck the island of Luzon in the Philippines Nov. 30, and encouraged state and local councils of the Order and any concerned individual donor, to make contributions as well.

The powerful storm hit the Philippines with winds as high as 140 miles (225 kilometers) per hour, and caused landslides and flooding that destroyed or damaged at least 250,000 homes. More than 1,300 people are dead or missing in the wake of the storm, and aid is urgently needed for the survivors. The worst damage was done in the area around Mayon, a volcano in the province of Albay.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson noted that the Knights of Columbus has more than 200,000 members in the Philippines, many of whom have been working to help those affected by the storm.

“Just as U.S. and Canadian Knights rushed to help those in need after hurricanes Katrina and Rita last year, Filipino Knights are reaching out to their countrymen on Luzon who are suffering so much right now,” Anderson said.

“This contribution expresses our solidarity with them in their hour of need, and I am confident that Knights around the world will add their own contributions to this effort.”

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## First Degree Team

The First Degree, as many of you know, has been revised. Our degree team is in the process of learning the new script. Additionally new team members are in the process of learning their parts. It is of the utmost importance that our council have a vibrant degree team for numerous reasons; the most obvious of which is to bring in new members in order to make a more vibrant council.

Too many times members do not want to attend a degree night, when in fact it should be something we all look forward to: new members who will “lighten the load” to do the good works of our council.

Also I remind you of the spiritual significance of the 1<sup>st</sup> and subsequent degrees, this is what makes us Knights, otherwise we could be the Rotary Club Lions, or the Elk’s etc... But we are not, we are a Catholic organization and Father McGivney realized the importance of good ceremonials.

It also has been said that a council with a good degree team will also be a council that will have no trouble recruiting new members.

Please consider joining the degree team, we can never have too many back-ups. Please make every effort to come to a degree as the new members will have a better experience; then he will more likely help “lighten the load”.

Robert Cutler PGK  
Team Captain



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