



# The Voyager



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Newsletter of Immaculate Lady Council 5208, Glyndon, Maryland

Vivat Jesus

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## Chaplain's Report...

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I trust everyone has been having, and will continue to have, a safe and enjoyable Christmas season. I keep reminding my children that the season begins on Christmas and goes for 12 days (or at least that is what I was taught). You can't tell by the radio stations and Walmart – they begin around Halloween and end the 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:01am.

I hope everyone who came to the Christmas Party had a great time. The school choir was outstanding and the food was terrific (I was even able to get 2 brownies before they were gone). Not including the choir I counted 115 people in attendance. The choir and their parents added another 41 people. Hopefully we'll be able to continue having them in future years as well. Dave Coyne had plenty of help in choosing the winners for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. And we even had a surprise visit from PGK Bob Filan and his wife. Please thank PGK Stan LaSov and his wife Bobbie, Craig Roe, and Paul Flanagan for organizing this event.

Al Smith was able to collect donations from the party and the Breakfast with Santa to help 13 families have an enjoyable Christmas this year. I want to thank everyone for their continued support of the Christmas Assistance program. This was started by Jim Ryan and his wife many years ago and has become an integral part of the holiday support network in the area.

Coming up in 2008 are a great number of things that you and your families will enjoy. We have the events which have been successful for years – Father/Daughter Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, etc., and we will include a few new ones as well – a council golf tournament and (hopefully) the reinstatement of the Mother's Day Breakfast and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree/Past Grand Knight Banquet. Our first order of business for 2008 will be a 1<sup>st</sup> degree at our first meeting on the Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a change from the previous schedule and replaces the degree previously scheduled on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

In a time of uncertainty about many things, in a very troubled time, we enter into a new year. The problems we face in our nation, in our church, in our

Order, in Immaculate Lady Council, can seem overwhelming. But as our Holy Father reminds us so eloquently in his new encyclical, *Spe Salvi*, (*We are Saved by Hope*), discouragement and despair are not in the cards for the Christian, nor for a Knight of Columbus. Instead, our faith in Jesus and God's promise of salvation fill us with a hope that changes our view of reality. We know that God's loving plan will triumph over evil and suffering in His good time; and like Mary, our special patron and model, we are part of that plan to bring God's love into our world.

In the meantime, we patiently await the fulfillment of that hope. But our waiting and our patience is not to be passive, for we are called to live our lives actively with enthusiasm in His service, just as Our Lady did before us.

This year should represent a new beginning in our efforts to truly live out our faith in action. It will also be an election year, and that is important for our country and our world, since we are leaders in the world. As we approach the elections, we should be mindful of the guidance provided by our U.S. bishops in the document, *Forming Consciences on Faithful Citizenship*. We must weigh all of the issues against our deepest values and vote for those most likely to promote peace and justice in our land and throughout the world.

As Knights, we have numerous opportunities to take part in worthwhile activities or to support them by our prayers and our encouragement. As St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, has taught us, no good work is too small or insignificant in God's eyes. We are called to "do little things well *with great love*." And as Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta has said, "God calls us to be faithful, not successful." We can let God take care of the results of our good efforts to serve Him by serving the needs of the poor and the afflicted as best we can.

Grand Knight cont.

From our family to yours – continue having a blessed Christmas season and a safe and happy New Year!

Chaplain cont..

With the help of God’s grace and the encouragement of our mutual support as brother knights, let us approach 2008 with confident trust that Our God, Emmanuel, is with us in all things. We can count on Him; and we want Him to be able to count on us and on our best efforts to say *Yes* to Him as Mary did.

May God grant all of us and our families many graces and blessings in the new year; and may peace reign in our relationships with others and on the world scene. *Vivat Jesus* in our hearts and in our actions!

### Membership

1 Year	13 Years
Gregory Gill	Barry Dubit
2 Years	21 Years
Tim Murphy	PGK Joe Maher Jr.
7 Years	22 Years
Lawrence Ekwutife	George Knoerlein
	Ralph McGarrell
8 Years	46 Years
Dave Coyne	Frank McGuire (35 years continuous)
Steve Erlemeier	
John Skaro	48 Years
10 Years	John Zavoyna (37 years continuous)
Fr. Tianzhi Chen	
12 Years	51 Years
Larry Hammond	Joe Trinite (31 years continuous)
Marty Ryan	
Al Skewers	61 Years
PGK Steve Topper	Francis Blais

New E-mail Address:  
Werner Seibel: [wseibelphd@gmail.com](mailto:wseibelphd@gmail.com)

Member Death: John Griffin passed away on December 1st 2007. He was 71 years old and lived in Glyndon with his wife Margaret.

New Address:  
Mark Zavoyna  
8261 Del Haven Rd.

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## The Immaculate Lady Council #5208

### Elected Officers

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Trustee 1st Year	Tom O'Donnell, PGK	443.386.0354
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## PRO LIFE REPORT

*As we approach the most beautiful time of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone and their family's a peaceful, joyous and loving Christmas and a wonderful New Year.*

National

\*As you know we are approaching the New Year and the annual Pro-Life march in Washington D.C. is Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sacred Heart's Respect Life Committee will have two buses available for the event and are taking reservations now. The Knights have donated \$250.00 to the Respect Life Committee and they are very grateful to us for our help. I know that due to certain matters in our lives that some Knights will be unable to attend. But, I urge any Knight who can schedule the time to go, to do so. It's so important for us to show our support for the Pro-Life movement so that when the day comes when abortion and other related anti life movements in this country and around the world are no more that we can sing Joyously to God for turning our country on the path that leads back to Him.

I know that with the New Year many of us will have vacation time to schedule. Please, if you can, make one of your vacation day's just for this event and join us.

You can reserve a seat by calling Sue Surine at 410-526-4593

Or email her at [suesurine@yahoo.com](mailto:suesurine@yahoo.com)

\*In a recent breakthrough scientist have developed a way to make embryonic stem cells from human tissue. This is a gigantic step in both halting the use of embryos and eggs and in humanely fighting diseases and other illnesses. Although it's in its early stages everyone is very optimistic and hope to have fully developed this technique within the next 3 to 5 years.

Tim Murphy  
Pro Life Chairman

# catechism

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With the beginning of a new year we will go to the beginning of the Catechism which addresses our belief in God, which is the foundation of the Catholic Church and Christianity. God created us and the universe, He is Almighty, and He sent His only Son to become man so He could suffer for our sins and die and rise again, to open the gates of Heaven for us. We cannot even understand how great He is or how much He loves us. We must try to get to know Him better and grow in our Faith.

Here are a few paragraphs from the Catechism regarding our God.

**268** Of all the divine attributes, only God's omnipotence is named in the Creed: to confess this power has great bearing on our lives. We believe that his might is *universal*, for God who created everything also rules everything and can do everything. God's power is loving, for he is our Father, and *mysterious*, for only faith can discern it when it "is made perfect in weakness".<sup>103</sup>

**"He does whatever he pleases"**

**269** The Holy Scriptures repeatedly confess the universal power of God. He is called the "Mighty One of Jacob", the "LORD of hosts", the "strong and mighty" one. If God is almighty "in heaven and on earth", it is because he made them.<sup>105</sup> Nothing is impossible with God, who disposes his works according to his will.<sup>106</sup> He is the Lord of the universe, whose order he established and which remains wholly subject to him and at his disposal. He is master of history, governing hearts and events in keeping with his will: "It is always in your power to show great strength, and who can withstand the strength of your arm?"

**"You are merciful to all, for you can do all things"**



## Programs

### Breakfast with Santa – Report

I want to thank the large number of Knights who came out and helped with the Breakfast with Santa with year. Through your efforts the council was able to collect food enough to help 13 families, fully fund the \$1,000 donation to the Christmas Assistance program, and help 169 children see Santa.

Thanks to the helpers:

Chris Beiling	Osvaldo Del Toro	PGK Stan LaSov
Bill Buchanon	Frank Greeley	Frank Lee
PGK Stan Cochran	Phil Hashim	Jim Lewis
Dave Coyne	PGK John Hooper	Tom Pfeffer
Craig Roe	PGK Mel Serio	PDD/PGK Joe Maher
Werner Seibel	Al Smith	Chuck Pearson
Dave Walther		

(Forgive me if I forgot anyone)

Below are the details, but they do not do justice to all the work you each did (including putting up with my 'helping').

We served 383 people (214 adults, 169 children) and netted a profit of \$1,182.46.

The attendance was 24 more than last year and that was enough to have us run out of food for the first time in 9 years. (Next year I'll order an additional case of each item).

My count of food donations was 12 boxes. We also donated the remaining Santa gifts (42-page Christian Christmas activity books and candy canes) to local shelters.

### Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Coloring Contest

Thank you to all the children who submitted entries for our Keep Christ in Christmas coloring contest. The number of entries made for some difficult decisions for our judges.

The winners in the three grade categories are as follows:

Grades 1-3: Sandra Danielle R. Sacay (Woodholme Elementary)

Grades 4-6: Meghan Coyne (Sacred Heart School)

Grades 7-8: Shannon Coyne (Sacred Heart School)

Each winner received a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond. The Knights would like to thank our three judges, Deacon Jim Ryan, David Cutler and Michael Yachera for taking the time to judge all the entries. All Sacred Heart students who submitted entries will receive their drawings back through school and those students who do not attend Sacred Heart School can retrieve their drawings at the Parish Center.

## **Christmas Assistance Program**

As we write this, we are in the middle of putting together food and gift packages for the needy families assigned to us for Christmas 2007. As always, we have received generous support from so many. Next month, we hope to provide a report, but for now we just want to say Thank You to all of you who have contributed in so many different ways. Special thanks to Tracey and Al Smith who again this year have offered their home and their time to assemble the food packages for our families. And thanks to Grand Knight Quentin Sidney and Immaculate Lady Council for carrying on for another year this council tradition of quietly helping needy families to have an even more special Christmas celebration.

Sincerely,

Deacon Jim and D Ryan