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GK Phil Pfarr



Worthy Grand Knight Message

Congratulations on another great quarter. Together we conducted many activities and submitted 22 program reports to Supreme for the 2nd quarter, including the Community Roadside Clean up, the Council's Remembrance Service, the Bridges for Life Rally, the Outreach Families Breakfast with Santa, and the many events supported at St. Francis de Sales grounds just to name a few. We held a second Exemplification of the fiscal year in January at which we welcomed 2 new members to our council. Please join me in welcoming Neil Thompson and Victor Ortega to our council.

I want to continue praising all the Bingo and Pit Beef volunteers, especially the Eder family. Without these fundraisers we would not have been able to continue to do all the good works that we do and the support we provide. Thank you!

As always, we all need to ask two men to consider joining the Knights of Columbus and invite them to check us out by attending a council meeting and/or a council activity.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Victor Ortega



Worthy Associate Chaplain Message

From the Supreme Chaplain:

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Gospel for Feb. 25, Mk 9:7)

At Jesus baptism, we hear the voice of God instructing us very simply: "Listen to him." It is not enough to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. We must also be attentive to his teachings — communicated through sacred Scripture and sacred tradition — and respond by following him faithfully. This is the path of the true disciple who understands his own baptismal mission. May we follow this path faithfully throughout our lives.

This month, I challenge you to spend at least 10 minutes each day in prayerful silence, contemplating the presence of Jesus and listening for his voice.

How do you listen for the voice of Jesus? What steps can you take in your prayer life, your spiritual reading, your pious practices and your religious study to hear his voice more clearly?

DD Greg Ward, PGK



Worthy District Deputy Message

I bring you greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Christopher L. Powers whose motto calls us to "Cry the Gospel with Your Life!" Our Worthy State Deputy is highly encouraging everyone to:

- Register & attend the Supreme training webinars.
- Register & attend the Virtual Fraternal Benefits Nights.
- Watch the video series — The Mission of the Family.
- Connecting with other councils in your district and visit their activities and/or join efforts to conduct new activities.
- Help your council grow.
- Support your council's programs and events, your council needs your help!

Your visible actions will inspire men in your community to become new members.

Cry the Gospel with Your Life!

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What's Going-on in Our Council

"Generosity is the currency of compassion; every act of charity enriches the giver and the world simultaneously."

We are halfway thru this fraternal year and as we prepare ourselves and families for the Holy season of Lent let us find the time to continue our good works and be responsible with our commitments to Supreme, State, Church, and the community.

Below, I listed some of the recurrent programs and events that we need members to take a more active role as many of our most active members are now incapacitated or are no longer with us to support. I ask you consider helping or lead one activity or program, chose one you feel comfortable with and reach out to me for details. We also welcome new ideas.

Rosary Programs	Widows Program
Pilgrim Icon	Youth Programs
Food For Families	Lenten Chowder
Coats for Kids	Family Bingo
Family Prayer Night	Wreath Across America
Raffles/Ticketed events	Silver Rose
Keep Christ in Christmas	Kids Bingo
Mother's Day Marigold	Socials for Seniors
Support for People with Intellectually Disabilities	

Our Council's 30-year celebration at the 2nd Annual Helping Hand Gala, is quickly approaching, March 2nd, 2024, 6-10pm at Richlin Event Center, Edgewood, MD. See page 7 for details, get your tickets and help us by promoting and bringing attendees.

Congratulations to the 2nd quarter of year 2023-24 Families of the Month: the Olmeda-Flecha, the Lewis and the Eder families.

We recognized our 1st and 2nd quarter Knights of the Quarter at our Christmas Social on 18 December, congratulations to Bill Orlosky and Jim Hetmanski.

Keep abreast of upcoming events and opportunity to serve your community by checking our web calendar at <http://www.kofc11372.org/calendar> . Also, in our Facebook page "Knights of Columbus #11372 Father Wolfe Council". Look at the three months planner on page four (4) of this newsletter to find opportunities to be active within our council.

Remember that you are our most important asset in spreading the word about the activities of our council and the Knights of Columbus. Be seen, PARTICIPATE! Please contact me if you have any questions at all!

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Membership Report

Hello Brothers of the Fr. Wolfe Council!

I trust that all my brother Knights had a great holiday season, enjoyed their Christmas celebrations, and look forward to a joyous New Year. Additionally, I hope that many had an opportunity to join the choir and band ensemble prior to 10 pm mass. The music this season was exceptional and many of your brother Knights either sang in the choir or played instruments in the ensemble. Together with the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Christ at the mass, it was a great evening in which we ushered in the Christmas season!

We conducted a membership drive during the end of December 2023 at which we recruited one candidate. We currently have just under 245 members in our council. We welcomed in two new members in January, Niel Thompson and Victor Ortega. When you have a chance, introduce yourselves and welcome them.

We are working with several other candidates to encourage them to consider membership. However, we must work a little harder to enlist new members. If just 10 Knights in our council enlisted a new member, we will once again make Star Council this year. Remember, EVERY KNIGHT IS A MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON. We need your help. If you are sitting next to someone at mass who you do not know, introduce yourself, get their name, and ask if they are a Knight. If they are, welcome them to the next meeting or activity. If they are not a Knight, ask them to consider membership.

Your help is needed! Please help grow our council and our Catholic Faith.

Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus
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Edward O'Keefe

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Insurance Advisor Message

Happy Valentine's Day! I've been reading about different kinds of parties to throw to celebrate Valentine's Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. I guess Valentine's Day is another well-established holiday to celebrate and I'm also guessing that the greeting card industry is happy. (The candy companies and florists are right there with the greeting card industry.) From individual cards that adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates, the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections. The celebration of love is always popular. After all, isn't love what every holiday celebration is about? Whether it's a birthday, wedding anniversary, or holiday, it's all about love! Valentine's Day, though, sees love get a spotlight. We celebrate our love for another. Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he's not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children. With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons. Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the vagaries of life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect the family one loves. Even our retirement annuity products help the ones we love. With forward thinking and fiscal discipline, a retirement annuity helps spouses spend their retirement years knowing they can have a guaranteed lifetime income. Less worries for the ones we love. All the products we have available are centered around protection; protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Let's meet and discuss what you want. I'll give you a call or feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

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Council Activities Three Months Planner

DAY	DATE	FEB 2024	TIME
FRI	2	KofC Kids Bingo (Kilduff Hall)	5:30 PM
SUN	4	St. Joseph Prayer Service (SFDS Main Church)	9:30 AM
MON	5	KofC General Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:30 PM
FRI	9	Family Bingo Night @ Kilduff Hall	6:00 PM
MON	12	KofC Officers Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:00 PM
MON	19	KofC General Meeting, Social (Kilduff Hall)	7:30 PM
THU	22	Lenten Chowder Prep (Kilduff Hall)	9:00 AM
FRI	23	Lenten Chowder Cook & Sale (Kilduff Hall)	6:00 PM
		ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

DAY	DATE	MAR 2024	TIME
SAT	2	Helping Hand Charity Gala @ Richlin, Abingdon MD	6:00 PM
SUN	3	Pit Beef (Tentative)	9-12 AM
MON	4	KofC General Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:30 PM
THU	7	Lenten Chowder Prep (Kilduff Hall)	9:00 AM
FRI	8	Lenten Chowder Cook & Sale (Knights Hall)	6:00 PM
FRI	8	Family Bingo Night @ Kilduff Hall	6:00 PM
FRI-MON	8-11	St. Joseph in the Hills Retreat in Malvern, PA	ALL DAY
SUN	10	SFDS Pastorate Mission Prayer Service (Main Church)	7:00 PM
MON	11	KofC Officer Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:00 PM
MON	18	KofC General Meeting, Social (Kilduff Hall)	7:30 PM
THU	21	Lenten Chowder Prep (Kilduff Hall)	9:00 AM
FRI	22	Lenten Chowder Cook & Sale (Kilduff Hall)	2:00 PM
SAT	30	SFDS Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 AM
		ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

DAY	DATE	APR 2024	TIME
MON	1	KofC General Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:30 PM
SUN	7	Donut Socials/Baby Shower (Hosted by the Ladies)	ALL DAY
SUN	7	KofC Ladies 300 Raffle Drawing @ Donut Social	ALL DAY
SUN	7	KofC Ladies Choose Hope Baby Shower Fundraiser (Kilduff)	ALL DAY
MON	8	KofC Officer Meeting (Knights Hall)	7:00 PM
FRI	12	Family Bingo Night @ Kilduff Hall	6:00 PM
MON	15	KofC General Meeting, Social (Kilduff Hall)	7:30 PM
SUN	28	Support to Haiti Partnership Dinner Fundraiser (Kilduff)	6:00 PM
		ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE	



St. Joseph in the Hills
RETREAT

8th-11th
MARCH 2024

Looking for a way to reflect on God's presence in your life during Lent? Come join your fellow parishoners and Knights of Columbus members for a retreat at the St Joseph in the Hills Retreat House in Malvern, PA on March 8th-11th. Donation for the weekend is \$275 which includes two nights lodging in a private room, five meals, and access to 125 acres that allows visitors to reflect, pray, heal, and enter into a deeper relationship with God. This year's retreat director is Bishop Joseph Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

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100% of proceeds from the event will benefit varying-ability students at Harford Academy (formerly John Archer).
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Sponsorship Opportunities

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**Father Maurice J. Wolfe
Charity Corporation
Presents:**

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Richlin Ballroom

6-10pm

Helping Hands Charity Ball

Beer * Wine * Top Shelf Bar * Full Sit Down Dinner * DJ

Yes, I would like to provide hope and support to the most vulnerable families and people in crisis in our community by being an event sponsor at the following level (circle your choice):

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Community

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I am unable to sponsor, but please accept my \$100 gift as a friend to the program

* We are a 501c3 organization and will provide a tax deduction letter with our federal tax ID as part of your sponsorship. To be included in all pre-event marketing, please make contribution by December 29, 2023.

We have had a very successful first half of the year raising money to support SFdS Parish and the programs for the families at SFdS. We were able to contribute to many of our local charities because of the support from KoC group. We have been instrumental in supporting fellow members through prayer and hands on support. We are very actively helping with the Helping Hands Gala and enjoy working with the KoC Charity Corp and KoC Men on this wonderful charity event that supports our local community and scholarships.

We will conduct the following events/fundraisers to support our parish and local charities. We look forward to the support from the KoC Men and thank you ahead of time.

- \$300 Raffle and all proceed with going to the Legacy of Love II Capital Campaign for SFdS. Tickets are on Sale now please contact Angie Rebbert 410-459-1831. Drawing will be April 7, 2024 at the Donut Social, only 300 tickets being sold. 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$300.00, 3rd place \$200.00.

- Baby Shower for Choose Hope at the Donut Social in April, we will be collecting new baby items, maternity items and monetary contributions. Any contributions can be sent in ahead of time to Anne Mangones 443-752-3749.

- KoC Ladies Conrhole Event will take place on May 18, 2024. More details to follow, please contact ShellyLin German 443-690-1621 for tickets and donations.

Thank you and God Bless Everyone!

Brenda Wieczynski

President, Ladies Auxiliary

Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council #11372

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News from State Council

The 126th K of C MD State Convention

The convention will be at the Crowne Plaza, located at 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD, 21401.

- Convention golf tournament, the Preserve at Eisenhower will be on Thursday, May 2, 2024
- Convention check-in opens on Thursday, May 2 and closes May 4, 2023
- Convention business meetings begin Friday, May 3, and conclude Sunday, May 5, 2024

Register online for all convention activities and for a room at the Crowne Plaza on the MD State Convention Page, link below.

<https://kofc-md.org/126th-md-state-council-convention/>

Mass will be held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD and celebrated by Archbishop William Lori at 4:00PM.

The Maryland State Council is celebrating its 125th anniversary on April 13, 2024. The event will begin at 4 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, MD for the Vigil Mass for the Thir Sunday of Easter. A celebratory banquet will follow Mass at The White Rose, 21030 Point Lookout Road, Callaway, MD 20620. The cost of the dinner is \$75 per person. The dress is black tux or dark suit for the gentlemen and cocktail dress for the ladies. Please RSVP by March 18, 2024, by returning the completed RSVP form with your check to Jack Giacalone, link to the form is below.

https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/MD_125thAnniversarYlnvitation.pdf



Special Intentions

Keep in your prayers the following Brothers, Ladies, family members and friends:

Fam. of John P. Myers – RIP

Fam. of George J. Hemelt Jr. – RIP

Deacon Jim Sullivan

Greg and Wendy Ward

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Denise Walsh

Pray for our country's servicemembers serving around the world and first responders, especially the police officers. We pray that they may always be safe while protecting us in service to our country, State, and County's citizens. Pray for our local priests & deacons and that more personnel will enter the Catholic vocations. Prayers for women contemplating abortion and/or suffered a miscarriage, and for all people contemplating suicide.



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