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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As we begin the year, I would like to remind everyone about one of the items discussed at the last Officers meeting on December 12th.

As you all know, we are beginning a new year for the Bingo. As a reminder, this is the lifeblood of the Council's budget. Apparently, we are getting some great response to the need for help during the Bingo, but we are still in need of help with the set-up. If you are interested in helping with set-up and take down, please contact Brother Bill Hengemihle. He'll instruct you as to what is needed in that capacity.

As for the help at the actual Bingo, thanks so much for your participation. However, we'll still need that help as we move forward in 2006. Please contact Brother Mike Georgulas in you would like to help as well. The more the merrier.

In addition, regarding Bingo, I would like to see if someone could volunteer and make sure that an ad is placed in the Aegis every week and that the Bingo

is advertised on a continuous basis throughout the year. This is not a big time requirement. If you are interested, please contact me at 410-679-9725.

As a final thought for this month, soon we will welcome in a new Pastor. I know this goes without saying, but the vital role that we play in helping the church will be even more important once the new Pastor comes to reside. Let's continue to support our new leader of the church community as we have Fr. Mike and Fr. Tom for so many years.

Each time I walk into a meeting or event that we are either putting on ourselves or helping with, I feel so proud. I hope you all feel the same. That feeling of pride is what I would love our new Pastor to have as well. I know that Fr. Mike feels that way. You can see it in his smile.

Mary, watch over us.

Mike Mall  
Grand Knight/Brother

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## Membership

**Bill Hengemihle, Director**  
410-569-5253

**For the record...12/19/05**

Total Membership	203
Honorary Life/Hon	8
Fr. McGivney Award	15%
Founders Award (5)	40%
Surge With Service	33%

At the first degree held on December 19th, 2005 brother Todd Parish became a first-degree knight. Brother Danny Briggs sponsored Todd. Todd is a member of the parish choir and plays the guitar at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please welcome our newest

transfer Bill Bankert, Jr. -- another father and son team in the council.

**BUILDING A BETTER  
WORLD - ONE  
COUNCIL AT A  
TIME!!!!**

## Message from our Chaplain

Dear Friends,

Last month I devoted this column to an article in *America* magazine entitled *Parent Power*. It was written by Joseph A. Califano, the chairman and president of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. The core of what I shared last week is that 10.6 million high schoolers (almost 2/3 of all high schoolers) and 2.4 million middle schoolers (more than ¼ of all middle schoolers) are attending schools where drugs are used, kept or sold. Mr. Califano states that our schools and our government have largely failed to reduce the availability of drugs. The role of parents is, therefore, critical.

The good news, based on research, is that strong, positive family



relationships are a powerful deterrent to teen smoking, drinking and drug use. Here is the significant finding that I hope we all think about: frequent family dinners are a simple yet powerful way to influence teen behavior. Teens who have family dinners less often than three times a week are much more likely to smoke, drink and use drugs than those who have five family dinners a week. Family dinners create an environment where teens can talk with their parents about problems, where family tension is reduced and where parents can express pride in their teens. Frequent family dinners are a simple but powerful way to influence teen behavior. Only 13% of teens who have frequent family dinners have tried marijuana, compared with 35% of

teens who have dinner with their parents no more than twice a week.

Additionally, teens who attend weekly religious services – or who say that religion is an important part of their lives – are at half the risk of smoking, drinking or using drugs as are those who do not attend such services. Obviously, it is unlikely that 12- to 17-year-olds will go to church without their parents. It goes without saying that this is also true for younger children.

Parents have a great deal of power in curbing substance abuse, more than the laws of government or the rules of schools. I pray we will use this power.

*Monsignor Michael Schleupner*

## Deacon's Corner

Well here we are on our way into a brand new year. Maybe we've made a few resolutions on changing things in our life. I hope that one of those resolutions is an effort to really know what it means to find God in our lives. We've presented many articles throughout the old year about what it means, and we'll continue on this year, with more information about our faith and our church.

When you go to church is the reason you go so that you can find God? Many young children are taught that church is where God lives. That's probably a good explanation for a young child but did you know that isn't the only place to find God. If you are not expecting to find God everywhere, we just might be missing the opportunities for spiritual growth.

### Find God in our Lives...

Begin to look at the relationships you have, the work that you do, the money that you earn to support your family and also use to contribute to the world to help in serving the kingdom. Look at those difficult relationships that all of us have. It's very easy to love others when everything is going well but when there is mistrust or hurt feelings it's doesn't feel like God is there. But it's exactly at those times when God is moving, leading us to healing, trust, and cooperation. Don't we all like to be heroes? Sad to say there are times when we fail in life sometimes seriously. That's when we find God for strength and mercy to start again. When we open ourselves up to God's grace and forgiveness, we become better people. What about

those times of loneliness? Rather than trying to fill the emptiness with entertainment & indulging, we can sit still and find God in the emptiness. It takes patience to hear that small voice of God in those lonely times but if we listen close we will be filled with the love that fully satisfies.

Can you find God in pleasure and having fun? It almost seems wrong, but Jesus tells us that he has come to give life and give it abundantly. Pleasure is a place to find God. We can find it in nature, in playing, in loving one another, and in the knowledge that we are loved by God. There are many places to find God if we just be aware that God is everywhere if we just open ourselves up to His presence.

*Deacon Dick Stine*



# 3-Month Planner

JANUARY			
Sun	1	New Years Day	All Day
Mon	2	Council meeting, Knights Hall	8 p.m.
Mon	9	Council Officers meeting, Knights Hall	7:30 p.m.
Fri	13	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.
Sat	14	Council Holiday Party, Bayou Restaurant	6:30 p.m. - ?
Sun	15	Second Degree Team Practice	1:30a.m. – 3 p.m
Mon	16	Council Mtg /Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00 p.m.
Mon	16	KC Ladies Mtg, Knights Hall	8:00 p.m.
Sat	21	Second Degree Team Practice	10 a.m. – 12 p.m
Sun	22	Fr Mike's Farewell/Volunteer Appreciation	12 pm – 7:30pm
Mon	23	March for Life, Washington, DC	?
Thur	26	Second Degree, Judging Degree, Kilduff Hall	8 p.m.
Fri	27	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.
FEBRUARY			
Sun	5	Council Pancake Breakfast, Kilduff Hall	6:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Mon	6	Council meeting, Knights Hall	8 p.m.
Fri	10	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.
Sat	11	Ravens, Tootsie Roll, and Bingo Teams Party, Kilduff Hall	6:30 p.m.
Mon	13	Council Officers meeting, Knights Hall	7:30 p.m.
Sat	18	Kids Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:30 p.m.
Mon	20	Council Mtg /1 <sup>st</sup> Degree (Judging)/Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00 p.m.
Mon	20	Ladies Aux Mtg, Knights Hall	8:00 p.m.
Fri	24	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.
MARCH			
Sun	5	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30 am -12:30pm
Mon	6	Council meeting, Knights Hall	8 p.m.
Fri	10	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.
Mon	13	Council Officers meeting, Knights Hall	7:30 p.m.
Sat	18	St. Patrick's Day Dance, Kilduff Hall	6:30 pm – 11pm
Mon	20	Council Mtg /1 <sup>st</sup> Degree/Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00 p.m.
Mon	20	Ladies Aux Mtg, Knights Hall	8:00 p.m.
Fri	24	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.

Please submit items for the newsletter

By the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to:

Diane and Ray Traube

(410) 569-0591

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## RAVENS VENDING

By this reading we will have frozen out the Ravens vending. Many thanks to all who helped raise these needed funds. Lee and Mike really made this program a great success.

# Programs Update

**Dan Samis, Program Director**  
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Worthy Brothers,

December started with a **Jewelry Show and Wine Tasting** on Friday, Dec 2, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, Dec 3, noon to 7 p.m. This was a very successful event. We raised \$550, which we donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society. We all had the chance to get a special gift for the one we love and to taste some great wines. I want to thank Brother Tom Scaruzzi, who is the President-CEO of Midnight Jewels, for conducting Jewelry Show and Shannon Alexander of Tollgate Liquors for the great tasting wines.

We held our annual **Kids Christmas Party** on Saturday Dec 10 at Kilduff Hall from 11:30 – 2:30. This was a tremendous success – some say the best Kids Christmas party we ever had. I want to give a big thank you to Dan Trout for setting this party up and special thanks to Father Mike for his reading of “The Right Family Christmas”. All right - the kids and

adults really enjoyed this new party activity.

We also had a very successful children’s “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. We awarded first, second, and honorable mentions in three categories. Overall we had 36 posters submitted to us for the contest.

We will start January with our **annual Holiday Party on January 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Bayou Restaurant on Route 40. We will have a DJ for Entertainment this year. Our DJ will be Brother Ray Sanchez. The event will start at 7 p.m. till ???. The cost will be \$30 per person. Sign up early, as there will be only 200 seats available. **Contact Jay Castillo, 410-515-4963, or Dan Samis, 410-569-3423,** for more information or for tickets.

The March for Life in Washington, DC will take place on Monday, January 23. Contact Rich Sosna, 410-

We will have a **Second Degree** on Thursday **January 26<sup>th</sup>** at 8 p.m. in Kilduff Hall. First Degree Knights should contact **Brian O’Connor, 410-679-9591,** if they wish to take this degree. There will be two practices for this degree. The first practice is on Sunday January 15 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and the second practice is Saturday, January 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. Both practices will be in Kilduff Hall. The Second Degree Team will be judged at this degree, so please attend to provide your support to the degree recipients and the degree team

As all ways, I ask you to support each of our activity directors programs. Let any one of the activity directors know about your ideas on activities we could do. Thank you for the support you have provided.

*Dan Samis*

## District Deputy Report

**Bob Hoguet, District Deputy**

Remember when we were all worried about Y2K – six years ago? Time moves very fast, and we need to make the most of it.

As we enter this new year, I hope each of you will be active in your council and find the joy that comes from working with your brothers. Every council activity is an opportunity to help others, and we should particularly focus on those activities which support our priests. These men of God work tirelessly and can truly use our support and friendship.



Speaking of activities, the Fraternal Survey report is due by the end of January. Please be certain to fill it out to document the number of hours of volunteer service you have done in the past year. The form can be found on the State website at [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org).

Finally, I remind each council of the upcoming degree dates: 2cd Degree- January 26 at Fr. Wolfe council; 3rd

Degree – March 17 at Cardinal Gibbons Council; 4th Degree – March 25th at Hagerstown

I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a wonderful, healthy, and happy 2006.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Hoguet

## Insurance

*Ed O'Keefe, Insurance Agent*  
(410) 569-6141

### Seven Resolutions for the New Year

1. **Schedule a visit with your Knights of Columbus field agent.** First things first: Life insurance protects your family if something should happen to you. Before you do anything else, be sure that your family is protected – come what may. As your field agent I will happily provide you with a no-obligation family needs analysis. Please give me a call!
2. **Don't spend more than you earn.** We expect the government to balance the budget, but what about our own finances? Living within your means is actually more important than earning a big income to gaining a sense of security and personal satisfaction.
3. **Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures.** Without self-discipline, you'll

- never be able to save for the future. If you can't figure out where your money goes, save the receipts for every purchase you make during a month.
4. **Take advantage of all savings options available to you.** Everybody likes ways to cut taxes - and you probably have one or more savings options that can cut your taxes for you.  
(P.S. Ask your Knights of Columbus agent about tax-deferred annuities, IRAs and Roth IRAs in the U.S. and RRSPs in Canada.)
  5. **Adopt a long-term perspective.** Beware of get-rich-quick schemes - few of them work. Instead, patience is the more productive approach - and it requires less of your daily energy. A long-term outlook is even more crucial if your financial goals (higher education for children, retirement) are well in the future.
  6. **Trim down your high interest debt as fast as**

7. **Be prepared for unexpected expenditures.** When these occur, it certainly helps to have some money in reserve. Some examples of these expenses might include a tax bill, vehicle repairs or purchases, moving costs, unanticipated home repairs - maybe even a discretionary purchase, such as that big-screen television.

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## **K of C Ladies**

**Connie Colvin, President**  
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Ladies,

Our December meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Thanks to all of you who dropped off your bags of food for St. Vincent de Paul. Will provide an update to you next month!

Our next meeting is Monday, January 16th at 8 p.m. Hope to see you there!

***Wishes for a  
Safe, Healthy  
and Happy New  
Year!***



### SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Maryland State Council sponsors several scholarship programs for students starting their college years as well as students entering Catholic High Schools. The application period is from November 1, 2005 to March 1, 2006. Information and applications may be obtained by writing to: Maryland State Council

Knights of Columbus  
10815 Stang Road  
Owings Mills, Md. 21117-4607

or by calling Romeo Gauthier, PSD at 410-374-3202

or go to <http://www.kofc-md.org/pages/committees/scholarship/scholar.htm>