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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Just last night I received a call from Ron White, our Maryland State Deputy, congratulating us on the achievement of Star Council. I can't tell you what a thrill it was to get that message. I would like to thank everyone for getting involved in making this happen, especially Brother Bill Hengemihle.

For those new to the Council, the Star Council is awarded to Councils that achieve a certain percentage of growth in membership. This is especially gratifying to our council because we needed to deduct the number of members of our council by 10 because for various reasons including relocation, etc. So our number, which is usually 10 became 20 very quick.

I was assured by the Past Grand Knights when I took this position that they would rally the troops to get that

award and indeed they have. But this doesn't come without the effort of EVERYONE in this council. Your spirit and enthusiasm in everything we do and the support your bring shows throughout the community and the church. People that see us are drawn to this enthusiasm and look to get involved themselves. That's how we achieve the numbers we do now and have for so many years in a row.

So, in closing, I can only ask that we keep this enthusiasm each and every day. It's important not only to our council, but to the charities and communities we help with our work.

I am very blessed to be the Grand Knight of this council and calls like the one from Ron White reminds me about that every day. Again, congratulations to everyone!

Mary, watch over us.

*Mike Mall  
Proud Grand Knight!*

## Membership

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

**For the record...02/20/06**

Total Membership	212
Honorary Life/Hon	7 Fr.
McGivney Awd(10)	100%
Founders Award (5)	100%
Surge With Service	66%

The council hit a home run at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. 7 gentlemen received the honors of the first degree and pushed our membership to an all time high of 212 members. This is 13 shy of the number needed to become a division "A" council.

Alex Eder and Tom Sc ar u z z i have distinguished themselves as having earned the "Shining Armor Award." Congratulations to Alex and Tom!

**BINGO:** Wanted: A few good bingo players, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday starting at 7:00 PM. If you have some friends who like the game, be sure to guide them to Kilduff Hall. We need to make a strong effort to get more players

for the games. Your suggestions are welcome to help us in this effort.

**WELCOME NEW FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS:**

- Jim Rollinger
- Ken Reed
- Keith Marchiano
- Steve Gorski
- Raymond Cooper
- Joe Fabiano
- Mark Wisniewski

Also welcome transfer member Marty Getz.

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## OUR COUNCIL HAS A WEBSITE!

It was a long time coming, but the council now has its own webpage! There's a **Knights** link on the left menu of the Parish website, and the direct address is <http://stfrancisabingdon.org/kofc/>.

Many thanks to Bill Leimbach for his expertise and his diligence in getting this site constructed and linking it to the Parish site. There's a link to the K of C Ladies page from the Council website as well.

Check it out and add it to your Favorites!! We welcome your feedback!

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## Associate Chaplain's Message

For any Christian person, it follows that we should be following the path of Christ in our lives all year long, but during Lent we especially bring to mind the journey through his death and resurrection. We die to ourselves so that we, like Jesus, might rise again to new life.

For the Church this time of Lent is a JOYFUL season, a positive time, a time for new life to appear and old attitudes to disappear. It's how we prepare for our Easter celebration.

The forty days of Lent are very symbolic of what we find in sacred scripture. Jesus spent forty days in the desert and then was tempted by the devil. That desert experience reminds us of the Israelites who were freed from Egyptian slavery and then wandered 40 years on their way to the Promised Land. This practice of preparing ourselves for Easter with prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penance seems to have started somewhere in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Lent will end before the liturgy of Holy Thursday, which begins Holy week, which we will talk about next month.

Lent is a reminder that our human condition has many failings even for

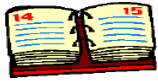
the best of us, but it also has a lot of potential to keep on the right track in our journey to God. There are many practices that we do in our tradition that help us to

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achieve these goals in life. One of them is **FASTING**. Fasting is mentioned many times in Scripture and it's a practice of self-discipline that has been used for centuries as an aid to concentration in prayer. At the same time we have to be careful to not abuse this practice. It could be used as an external sign without ever really having a conversion of heart. Jesus warns us in the Gospel against fasting to impress others. We also have abstinence which is when we abstain from the eating of meat. There are regulations to follow, but the important thing is that we do these practices with a sincere heart.

We also have the practice of giving up something so that we might focus on not becoming too self-centered on our own needs. With the over abundance of things in our lives, it's not too much to ask that we give up some of these things for a short period of time to focus on our spiritual needs. There are practices of Stations of the Cross, also praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. We also can try to attend daily Mass. It would also be a very good practice to dust off that Bible that's been sitting on your shelf, gathering dust, and open it to focus our attention to some of the Scriptures.

The season of Lent, like all the other liturgical seasons, speaks to the whole person by appealing not only to the intellect but also to our senses. Lent begins with ashes and calls us to repentance and prepares us to sing "**ALLELUIA**" with all of our hearts to our risen Lord at Easter.



# 3-Month Planner

MARCH			
Sat	4	Ice Skating Party, Ice World, Abingdon	5:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Sat	4	Food Drive Bag drop off, Knights Neighborhood	All Day
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.
Sat	11	Food Drive Collection, Kilduff Hall	9 a.m. to noon
Sun	12	Founder's Day Mass, Loyola College Chapel	
Mon	13	Council Officers meeting, Mike Mall's home	7:00 p.m.
Sat	18	St. Patrick's Day Dance, Kilduff Hall	6:30 pm – 11pm
Mon	20	Council Mtg /Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00 p.m.
Mon	20	KC Ladies Mtg, Knights Hall	8:00 p.m.
Fri	24	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.
Sat	25	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, Hagerstown, Md	All day
APRIL			
Sat	1	Parish Spaghetti Dinner, Kilduff Hall	3 p.m. – 7p.m.
Sun	2	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30 am -12:30pm
Mon	3	Council meeting, Knights Hall	8 p.m.
Sat	8	Spring Jewelry Show, Kilduff Hall	10a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sun	9	Palm Sunday	All Day
Mon	10	Council Officers meeting, Knights Hall	7:30 p.m.
Fri	14	Good Friday – <b>No Bingo</b>	All Day
Sun	16	Easter Sunday	All Day
Mon	17	Council Mtg /1 <sup>st</sup> Degree/Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00 p.m.
Mon	17	KC Ladies Mtg, Knights Hall	8:00 p.m.
Sun	23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Practice, Kilduff Hall	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Thur	27	2 <sup>ND</sup> Degree, Lady of Grace Council	8 p.m.
Fri	28	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.
Sat	29	John Archer Festival, John Archer School	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
MAY			
Mon	1	Council meeting, Knights Hall	8 p.m.
Sun	7	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30 am-12:30pm
Mon	8	Council Officers meeting, Knights Hall	7:30 p.m.
Fri	12	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.
Sun	14	Mother's Day	All Day
Mon	15	Council Mtg /Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00 p.m.
Mon	17	KC Ladies Mtg, Knights Hall	8:00 p.m.
Fri – Sun	19 – 21	Maryland State Council Convention, Ocean City, MD	All Day
Sun	21	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Fri	26	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6p.m.
Mon	29	Memorial Day	All Day

*Please submit items for the newsletter  
By the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to:*  
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## Programs Update

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Worthy Brothers,

February started off with a Pancake Breakfast on February 5<sup>th</sup> where we raised \$600 for the St Francis De Sales Fuel Fund. Thank you to all of the brothers who showed up to work this event. We also had a very successful Kid's Bingo. It is estimated that we raised over \$400 for the Juvenile Diabetes Fund. A whole host of people – brothers, ladies auxiliary, and youth in the Confirmation class – showed up to help out with this event. In addition, we squeaked in a roadside clean up just before the major snowstorm we had. We also want to thank our brothers who participated in this event. Finally, we held a First Degree and brought in seven brothers. This was our judging degree, so we want to thank everyone who showed up to support our new brothers and the degree team.

In March, we will have two events.

- The first event will be a **Family Ice-skating Party** at Ice World on March 4 starting at 5:45 p.m. The

financial cost for skating is being picked up by the Youth Group and our council. Your cost is two non-perishable food items per skater and \$3 to rent skates. So come out for a great time. For more information, contact Dan Trout at 410-515-0041.

- We will also be conducting our second annual food drive. This is the drive where on March 4 you give your neighbors a plastic bag with instructions on the type of non-perishable food items we need. The instructions tell them to fill the bag and then place the bag on their porch the morning of March 11. Then you just need to pick the bags up and bring them to Kilduff Hall. Dan Briggs will be there to receive the bags. You can contact Dan for more information and bags at 443-299-8446.

Please note that Fun-Raisers will be holding the annual St Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday March 18. You can contact Rich Sosna for tickets at 410-569-9374.

I also want to give you advance notice on two April events: The annual Spaghetti Dinner will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> – no fooling. Contact Connie Piotrowski for tickets at 410-515-7771. We are in the planning stage for a Spring Jewelry Show. The tentative date is for Saturday, April 8. More information will be forthcoming.

Finally, we now have a Council website! A link to the newsletter will enable you to read or print it at your leisure. Starting with this newsletter, I will provide the URL in my e-mail to those who receive the newsletter through your e-mail.

As always, I ask you to support each of our activity director's 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*

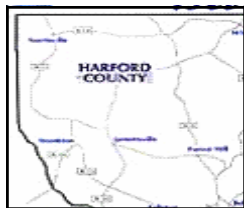
## District Deputy Report

**Bob Hoguet, District Deputy**

Brothers,

In March I'm already looking for winter to be over and the trees to start budding. It's a time for new growth and I hope that the same is true for your councils. New members and new ideas keep things fun and alive. Please take that step to invite someone to join us.

March is also the month that we remember our Founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The Mass this year is on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Loyola College Chapel. Why not try to put it in your calendar this year? Also I strongly encourage you to buy the book, *Parish Priest ; the biography of Fr.*



*Michael J. McGivney.* I am reading it and it is fascinating.

Two degrees are also being held this month. The Third Degree will be March 17<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal Gibbons Council. Financial secretaries should get the notices out to your second degree members. The Exemplification of the Fourth

Degree is being held at Hagerstown, MD on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please consider taking this final Patriotic degree. See a current fourth Degree member to complete the application form.

Everyone should now be thinking about the 108<sup>th</sup> convention in Ocean City from May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 21. There is also a Golf Tournament on May 18<sup>th</sup> if you

are interested. This is an election year for new State Officers and it will be a wild time. The district will again host a hospitality room, and will be doing some fund-raisers to help cover the costs. Please join us for those efforts.

Finally, I remind the councils that the Surge for Service reports for January through March are due to me by March 31. I must have them to take to the Spring meeting April 1.

Brothers, thank you for all that you do for the community, our priests, and the parish.

Vivat Jesus!

*Bob Hoguet*

## Insurance

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

Brothers,

Are you expecting a tax refund? Even if you're not, you certainly don't want to pay more in taxes than you have to. Yet, that's exactly what you can expect if you have savings that aren't in a tax-deferred account. Examples include bank savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

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## **K of C Ladies**

**Connie Colvin, President**  
**410-272-8391**

Here are the highlights from our 2/20/06 meeting:

- Our Easter activity will be to deliver gift bags for the residents of Citizens Nursing Home. Connie will purchase the items for the bags, and our March meeting will be dedicated to filling the bags.

The gift bags will be delivered on Holy Saturday, April 15th. We will be looking for several Ladies to volunteer to deliver them. Sign up will take place at our March meeting, or you can contact Connie Colvin.

- The Ladies will be assisting with the Religious Education Easter program. During the week of March 13th (3/13, 14, 15 and 16), the Ladies will be decorating

tables in Kilduff Hall — putting on tablecloths, centerpieces, etc. If you can help, please let Connie know.

- Nominations for 2006-2007 Officers. We are now accepting nominations for Officers for next year. Please submit your nominations to the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Diane Traube (410-569-0591; dtraube@comcast.net).

Our next meeting is Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!



### **An Old Irish Blessing**

May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours,  
wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours

