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Worthy Brothers;

For those who were unable to attend the installation, here is an extract of my comments:

“Our new State Deputy Edgar Haynes’ theme for his term is Living our Faith. We have been living this theme and doing this is what has made us a great council. When we support the St Vincent de Paul Society, we help feed the poor and we have helped St Vincent de Paul to keep the poor warm in the winter by raising money to support the fuel assistance program. We help take care of the mentally handicapped through the Tootsie Roll drive and support of the John Archer festival. This council provided assistance to abused women and children when we conducted our cell phone collection. These cell phones were either repaired and issued to them so they had a way to call for help in an emergency or the phones’ precious metal was recycled with the funds raised used to support the shelters. We helped improve Habitat for Humanity’s ability to build housing for needy families when we assisted them in the purchase of a new equipment trailer they needed to get equipment to their building site. The council continually helps several research efforts, such the Parkinson’s Disease, Juvenile Diabetes, and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, to find a cure and save lives. We help strengthen the faith of our youth through the scholarship funds we provide the Religious Education program here and the financial support we provide our sister parish, Mary Our Queen, in Haiti. These are just a few of the ways as Knights that we live our faith.

There are two other things we need to strive to attain this year. We are in striking distance of reaching the membership level to be a Division A council. We start the year with 209 brothers, a mere 16 members from have the council reach 225 and Division A. Our goal is to reach and surpass this level. To do this we all need to get out there and recruit new members. Last year, we recruited over 20 new members, so I believe we should not have any problems getting the 16 we need if we all do our part.

A key thing we have to keep in mind is that reaching that level is not enough. We need to develop programs and activities that will engage all of our members. One of the things we need to be aware of is the danger that large organizations can fall into the trap of only doing programs that appeal to a small percentage of their membership. These organizations may have a large number of brothers but only a very small group that participate in activities, and this small group gets burned out.

We need to look for new and exciting programs and activities, activities that will engage our membership to get actively participating. If we can develop programs that fulfill the need brothers have to serve their community and have fun at the same time, we will have a council that individuals will want to belong to. This will then encourage even more brothers to look at us and what we do.... I hope that with your prayers and support, we will continue to be an active, vibrant council. One that will make other Catholic men say, “I want to be a Knight of Columbus”

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Special Note	<i>From the Financial Secretary</i>
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Moving? Changing your phone number(s) or your e-mail address? Lately many members have forgotten to let the Financial Secretary know about these important changes. Please help us keep our records current so you can continue to get important council information by reporting these changes to the Financial Secretary. E-mails to briocnorr@comcast.net or phone calls to 410-679-9591 are gladly accepted.

(MEMBERSHIP REPORT WILL RESUME NEXT MONTH)

Associate Chaplain's Message

DEACONS CORNER

Last month we focused on the community and our efforts to build a community of people who could come together and share themselves with the other people who come to church.

While the theory and ideal, as well as efforts on the parish level like we mentioned last month, promote the sense of belonging within the church, some Catholics today still fail to feel that they do belong to a welcoming, caring, community oriented church.

This is probably due to a few things that we inherited from past generations. If you go back to the year 1570 when the ritual book for Mass was published, it continued on the practice of a clergy dominated worship service that originated in the middle ages. Even though the lay people were presumed to be present at the liturgy, it was the priest who performed almost every function. The role of the people in the pews was to simply watch, listen, believe and pray. They were only observers to what was going on at

the Mass. I think that these years of silence may have created a comfortable habit for most people. Sunday worship became a time for individual silent prayer and adoration, even while surrounded by other people.

Beginning in the early 1900's, the Church officially encouraged congregational singing, and a little more active participation at many of the liturgical functions. As you can imagine, many of the lay people found this a little bit foreign to their customs. I would also imagine that many became uncomfortable or even resisted leaving their more privatized practice during worship. Mass to many was strictly a vertical element between them and God.

But if we go back to the Gospel scriptures which Jesus many times emphasized, we always hear Jesus telling us about not only the vertical element but also the horizontal element with our neighbor. Before Vatican II, Catholic worship stressed

the vertical element; and after Vatican II, Catholic worship emphasized the horizontal or communal element. It's very important that we have a proper awareness and maintain a correct balance.

I think we all realize that as we come to Mass we all struggle with our weaknesses and our inclination toward thinking about just ourselves. We come preoccupied with our own world and our own concerns and find it difficult to be open to those around us. Perhaps we find it more comfortable sitting in the back of church and not close to anybody else. We want to pray in silence & not sing with others and may even resist offering a sign of peace. There has been a tremendous growth in the community dimension and parish life but for all the reasons we have just mentioned it's an ongoing challenge. We can only pray that we can meet that challenge and pass on to the next generation our community spirit

Deacon Dick Stine

Insurance

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What You Should Know About Mortgage Insurance

Have you purchased a new house recently? Congratulations! On a more sobering note, this is one of the biggest purchases you'll ever make – and probably came with a sizable mortgage. There's no question that such a large obligation should be factored into your life insurance planning. The real question is which type of policy would best meet your needs. "Mortgage insurance" is actually a form of decreasing-term insurance. The face amount decreases as your principal balance decreases. If you die, the balance of your mortgage will be paid off.

You can also purchase individual term life insurance with a decreasing benefit, and the Knights of Columbus offers this type of policy. Your beneficiaries could choose *not* to pay off the mortgage balance, and instead use the death benefit for some other purpose (education, retirement

savings, etc.)

Never rule out permanent life insurance for mortgage protection. The fact is, many people move frequently during their adult years, often to more expensive housing. Owing a mortgage becomes a permanent obligation that doesn't diminish – and may, in fact, increase. A permanent policy would be a wise buy in such situation.

Buying a house is a hectic time. I can help make it a little bit less stressful by outlining your mortgage insurance options for you.

Call me anytime.



3-Month Planner

Thu	3	1 st Degree Certification/Practice, Kidluff Hall	7:30pm
Sat	5	4 th Degree Installation: Mass, Installation, Dinner, Kilduff	5:00pm
Sun	6	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	7	Council meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon	14	Council Officers meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Sun	20	Parish Picnic – Mass 11:00am APG Maryland Blvd	11:00am
Mon	21	1 st Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	21	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	24	2 nd Degree Exemplification, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	25	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
SEPTEMBER			
Sun	3	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	4	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sun	10	Pancake Breakfast, Kilduff Hall	6:00am-12:30pm
Mon	11	Officers Meeting Knights Hall	7:30pm
Sun	17	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:00pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting & Social Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	18	KoC Ladies Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
OCTOBER			
Sun	1	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	2	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sat	7	Columbus Day Ball	TBD
Sat	7	Light the Night Walk, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	TBD
Mon	9	Officers Meeting Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	13	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sun	15	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	16	1 st Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	16	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

Programs Update

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My Brothers All,

On the weekend of July 7, 8, and 9, we hosted a Knights of Columbus booth at the Arts & Crafts Show at Timonium Fairgrounds. Thanks to Tom Scaruzzi for obtaining a complimentary booth for us at the show! We jump started our car raffle efforts selling \$167 in tickets, and we also collected \$33 dollars towards our Tootsie Roll campaign! Many thanks to all of those who hosted the booth that weekend: Bill Hengemihle and his grandson, Joe Bova, Steve Herpel, Dan Trout, Lee Eder, Dan Samis, Bill Orlosky, Tom Pahutski, Phyllis Pahutski, and their friend June.

By the time you read this article, we will be having the Jerry Meany Memorial Fishing Trip on Saturday, July 29th at the Fishin Barrel. We will leave the Knights

Hall at 8:00am and return at 12:30pm for lunch. On Sunday, the 30th, we will have our 3rd Annual Leo Berdnt Memorial Horseshoe Tournament. The time is 12:00pm to 5:00pm at the Knights Hall, and the cost is \$5 per person, \$10 per team. Proceeds are going to benefit the Parkinson's Foundation.

We have a lot of new exciting ideas being discussed for this fraternal year, including a tour of the Herr's potato chip factory, more needed food drives for SVDP, a dart and/or pool tournament, and a life skills workshop for our youth. Many thanks to our activities directors for their great ideas and enthusiasm for this fraternal year: If you have an idea for a Council activity please contact: Ed Petrovic (Church), Mike Brown (Youth), Tom Pahutski (Family), Mike Novak (Council), and Dan Briggs (Community).

District Deputy Report

Ed Colvin, District Deputy

Greetings Brothers,

We're into the beginning of the new fraternal year and I have been to each of the council's in the District. I was a pleasure to attend and install the new officer's of your council's. I congratulate everyone.

Our Worthy State Deputy has sent a letter outlining the State's Membership Program for this year. Each Grand Knight should have received this most important letter. I can't stress too much how important **Retention** is to the life of every council. Every council should have a Retention Committee in place. The members should be at the very least, Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Trustee's. One additional member should be the member who proposed the gentleman to the Order. He may

have some special insight as to the member's situation.

I hope to continue the work of my predecessor FDD Bob Hoguet in trying to promote fraternity among the council's of District 2. Along this vein, there will be a Horseshoe Tournament at Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council on July 30th, Chicken Dinner and State Jousting Tournament at St. Mary's in Pylesville on September 3rd,

**Service Program Personnel Report Due at
Supreme by August 1st
Financial Secretary and Tax Seminar at Fr.
O'Neill Council on August 19th
Membership and Program Seminar at
Cardinal Gibbons Council on August 22nd**

Family Bingo



Family Bingo is held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. We always have room for a few more players. We also have a need for EARLY kitchen help. Please let Bill Hengemihle know if you can help out in any way with this important fund raising activity. And be sure to tell your friends that the \$500 fill the card jackpot is awarded every Bingo night!!

Want to get your newsletter earlier and save the Council some real money?? TRY EMAIL

The direct address for the Council (through the SFDS website) is <http://stfrancisabingdon.org/kofc/>. You can view the Newsletter on the site and you can also elect to have the newsletter sent to you each month via email instead of through the mail. Mailing 200 newsletters costs the council almost \$1000 a year! Give it a try!

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

K of C Ladies

Debbie Sosna, President

Way to go Debbie – great job on your first meeting as our President!

Beth Taneyhill provided a brief presentation to the group to share with us how the money donated to the Religious Education is allocated. Much needed audio equipment has been purchased. This is a worthy cause which we plan to continue to support. A check for \$1000 was presented to Beth at the meeting.

The Ladies Auxiliary will donate \$250 to the SVDP Society to provide School Supplies for the fall.

Thank you Mary Celeste Eder for offering to Chair the Bake Sale for the Parish Craft Bazaar which will be held on November 18th and 19th

The Basket Bingo, scheduled for this October 6th, is right around the corner. This year we will tie into the event the observation of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with 25 % of the proceeds going to the Susan Komen Fund. Mary Celeste Eder has offered to chair this event. Please start getting those donations and sign up to volunteer on the various sub-committees such as set-up/clean up/kitchen/etc. Let's make this best one yet!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 21st. See you there!