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Brothers,

This month I want to discuss three things with you. First, I want to let you know that I have accepted a new position with a company that will require me to be traveling out of town for week at a time at least once a week. I will be teaching a class within my career industry. Unfortunately, this will mean that I may miss at least one meeting – business, officer, or social – once each month. Just as Mike Mall leaned on me to help him when he was Grand Knight, I will have to lean on Bill Elliott.

I promise to do everything I can to minimize the impact on the council. When possible I will move the officers' meeting to another night, but all other meetings will be held as scheduled. When I'm not available, Bill will chair the meetings. I do not foresee that there will be any impact to our activities.

Second, as we enter October it is time to remember and honor our order's name sake – Christopher Columbus. We need to remember that courage and daring that Columbus exhibited in his quest for a new route to India and the markets in Asia. He did not start out to find the new world, and there is a lot of controversy over who did first find it. However, because he did find it the European countries took notice and started colonizing the new world. In many cases, they came here looking for religious freedom. Our own state, Maryland, was founded as colony by Roman Catholics looking for place where they could live their faith in freedom.

Columbus' faith gave him the courage to take the risk to take that original voyage of exploration. He maintained his faith in face of the loss of faith of crew. We need to take this lesson to heart because of the times we live in may cause us to loss faith or question where we are going. When Columbus' crew lost faith and wanted to turn back, he had faith God would deliver them from their perilous situation. We need to keep faith that God will help us to find a path through our perilous time.

Third, we are in an election year. We may at times get tired of all the political commercials, etc.; however, good citizenship and patriotism require us to become fully informed of the issues being debated. It is our moral responsibility to know the issues, and to vote for the candidate we believe will best represent our views on the issues and will most effectively represent them at all levels of government. Keep in mind that if you do not vote, you are in effect voting for whoever does win. Please, do not let yourself be one of the individuals who fail to vote and then wishes they had because they do not like the individual who wins the election. Make sure you are heard by voting.

Dan Samis
Grand Knight

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Membership	<i>From Bill Hengemihle</i> 410-569-5253
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For the record.....as of 9/1/06.....	Total Membership.....208
Honorary Life/Hon.....7	Fr. McGivney Award (15).....0%
Founders Award (5).....0 %	Surge With Service.....0%

Our newest 1st degree Ladies member is Joseph Santafenere. Please make him feel welcome with the council. Jack Kreiner now needs one more member to earn the Silver Knight Award. Lets GO JACK...

We really need to step up the membership drive. Please call me if you think I can help you in getting that form 100 SIGNED.

Associate Chaplain's Message

DEACONS CORNER

As we continue on with these articles on what it means to be Catholic, we've covered many different aspects of our faith from the Church in Rome to our daily life as a community. What I'd like to look at in the next couple of articles is the way that we all seek to be guided in our daily lives in our family life and in our spiritual life.

Many of us, as we grew up, have had to begin to understand why we just can't do certain things. Like a bunch of kids playing around the neighborhood and one child remembers that his parents told him that he had to be home at a specific time. While all the other kids continued to play, this one child reluctantly explained to his friends that his parents told him that he had to be home by a certain time. After saying their good-byes, you could just picture the

negative expression on his face as he trudged home. There was a lot of disappointment because he couldn't stay out later and he was annoyed by the fact that his parents were curbing his freedom with strict regulations

But did you ever look at what the other kids were thinking at the time. Maybe a few of them thought to themselves "**I wish I had parents who cared that much**". As you know, we humans are a curious lot. On one level we resent any restrictions upon our freedom, but on a deeper plane we want rules or regulations for our lives. There are times when we insist on doing our own thing, but at another time complain about the lack of direction from those in authority. We jealously guard our choices, but then wish someone would give us some guidance to keep us from making bad decisions and

misusing our freedoms. We have to remember that in the beginning, God gave us free wills. While he still watches over us and is concerned for us, we always remain free to say yes or no, to choose right or wrong. There are many factors like family background, our surroundings and circumstances that may diminish the amount of freedom, but we still remain free to decide for good or for evil. When we understand this mystery of human freedom, that an all powerful and loving God allows us to use or abuse our world, it helps explain the problem of evil in this world and the one aspect of one human being's inhumanity to another.

Next month we will try to answer the question that many of us have asked. "**How could God do this to me?**"

Deacon Dick Stine

Insurance

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Roth IRAs: A Less Taxing Way to Save

Did you know that you can establish a Roth IRA through the Knights of Columbus? If you haven't set up a Roth IRA for this year, there's still time to take advantage of this great way to save for retirement.

You can now save up to \$3,000 per year, minus the amounts contributed to other IRAs. The limit is \$3,500 for people over 50. The total you can contribute also depends on your income, but you can do so regardless of whether you participate in a pension plan.

Although your contributions aren't deductible, the long-range benefits of a Roth IRA should be compared to those of a traditional IRA. For starters, many people earn too much for a traditional IRA to be a tax deduction. And with a Roth IRA you

avoid the age-70 ½ minimum distribution requirements that come with a traditional IRA.

You can establish a Roth IRA, and make your yearly contribution, up to the date you file your tax return for that year (excluding extensions). But annual contributions to a Roth IRA aren't required. All the interest you earn is federal income tax-free, provided you withdraw your funds under certain "qualified distribution" rules

If you'd like more information about Roth IRAs – or traditional IRAs - I can help. But do it soon. Saving as much as you can for retirement is always a wise move, and the earlier you start, the better. Call me today. for Life." Talk to me to find out more

THREE MONTH PLANNER**OCTOBER**

Sun	1	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Sun	1	KoC at Ravens/SanDiego (1pm), KoC Hall	8:30am
Mon	2	Council Meeting @ Bull on Beach Dinner (near Rt 22 HCC)	7:00pm
Wed	4	1 st Degree Practice, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	6	Ladies Basket Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	7	Columbus Day Ball, LaFontaine Blue	6:00pm
Sat	7	Light the Night Walk, Leukemia & Lymphona Society	5:00pm
Mon	9	Officers Meeting Knights Hall	7:30pm
Tue	10	College Night, Kilduff Hall	7:00pm
Fri	13	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sun	15	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Sun	15	KoC at Ravens/Carolina (1pm), KoC Hall	8:30am
Mon	16	1 st Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	16	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	19	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Sat	21	Oktoberfest, Kilduff Hall	6:30pm
Fri	27	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	28	KoC at Navy/ND (12pm), KoC Hall	8:00am

NOVEMBER

Wed	1	Begin Registration 109 th State Convention	n/a
Sat	4	Memorial Mass, Stone Chapel	8:30am
Sun	5	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Sun	5	KoC at Ravens/Cincinnati (1pm), KoC Hall	8:30am
Mon	6	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	10	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Fri	10	3 rd Degree Exemplification, Mason Dixon	7:00pm
Sat	11	Atlantic City Bus Trip	9am-9pm
Mon	13	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	16	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Sun	19	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Sun	19	KoC at Ravens/Atlanta (1pm), KoC Hall	8:30am
Mon	20	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	20	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	24	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sun	26	KoC at Ravens/Pittsburgh (1pm), KoC Hall	8:30am

DECEMBER

Sun	3	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	4	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Thu	7	2 nd Degree Exemplification, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	8	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	9	Childrens Christmas Party, Kilduff Hall	11:30am
Sat	9	State Christmas Party, Cardinal Gibbons Council	TBD
Mon	11	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Sun	17	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Sun	17	KoC at Ravens/Cleveland (1pm), KoC Hall	8:30am
Mon	18	1 st Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	21	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon	25	Christmas Day	!!!
Sun	31	KoC at Ravens/Buffalo (1pm), KoC Hall	8:30am

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My Brothers All,

We focused a lot of efforts in August and September for food drives for SVDP including the following: Bill Hengemihle and Frank Tumminello collected bulk can goods from Hanover Foods in Hanover PA, Dan Briggs held a community food drive and collection on August 19th, and Mike Novak and Deacon Jim coordinated a food collection from the Mill in Bel Air on September 20th. We also did our share of preparing food and meats at the Parish picnic on August 20th! Our first council pancake breakfast on September 10th had a good turnout thanks to the efforts of Bill Elliott and all of our volunteers! It just wouldn't be a Knights' event without collecting, preparing, or eating good food!

On Saturday September 16th, we had a parish cleanup day to trim, gather, and chip downed limbs and bushes on the parish property. Many thanks to Ed Petrovic and all the volunteers for their hard work in the rain! On Sunday evening, we had a family event of Putt-Putt thanks to coordination and scheduling from Tom Pahutski.

Here is what's ahead! Thanks again to all of the activity directors for organizing and coordinating our council activities. Please contact the respective activity director to participate!

Church (Ed Petrovic 410.679.4179) – October 2nd will be our 'Meet and Greet' Dinner with Fr. Chuck at the Bull on the Beach (Route 22 near HCC), 7:00pm. The price is \$20 per person and will consist of a buffet style dinner consisting of crab cakes, pit beef, steamed shrimp, and more! Contact Rich Sosna or Ed Petrovic for additional details.

Family (Tom Pahutski 410.569.0005) – The planning for our Childrens' Christmas Party is under way, and many volunteers are needed! If you can volunteer for this event, please contact Tom.

Youth (Mike Brown 410.538.7447) – October 10th will be our 'College Night' at 7:00pm to help prepare juniors, seniors, moms and dads for what to expect to prepare for college. This event has always proven to be beneficial to everyone! Contact Mike Brown and Bill Elliott for additional details.

Council (Mike Novak 410.515.6867) – Atlantic City! Atlantic City! November 11th will be our bus trip to Atlantic City! The cost is \$25 per person, contact Mike as soon as possible to register!

Community (Dan Briggs 443.299.8446) – The Knights have continued to sponsor the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society each October. Contact Dan Briggs if you can participate in the Light Night Walk on October 7th, or if you can sponsor someone to walk at the event.

Car Raffle – Chances are being sold on Donut Sundays and at Giant as times are available. Please contact Dan Briggs and Bill Hengemihle if you can volunteer some time to help our car raffle program!

Tootsie Roll – It is that time of year again! Mike Novak and Tom Pahutski have done a great job in coordinating a schedule of volunteers to sell Tootsie Rolls outside of Walmart in Abingdon. Our schedule will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, for the (5) weeks of September 25th through October 23rd. Please contact Mike and Tom to volunteer for this charitable effort!

Many thanks to all of our brothers, the ladies, their families, and our fellow parishioners for all the participation and volunteering for our programs!

**District Deputy
Report****Ed Colvin, District Deputy**

Greetings Brothers,

The word of the day is: **M-E-M-B-E-R-S-H-I-P**. Councils are in the midst of the Membership Blitz and I'm sure every council will be successful. If any assistance is needed, please contact me.

I hope everyone displayed the flag in memory of 9-11. It's a small way to show that we will "Never Forget".

Election day is just around the corner. I hope that we will have a strong support of the Voter Registration Program. We need to get more "Catholic Minded" voters to the polls. Did you know that only about 50% of Catholics are registered voters? We can help improve the number.

By the time you read this message, we will have reached the end of the First Quarter for Reports. Continue the good work and I'm sure a "Star" will be in your future.

Hope to see you at the Columbus Day Ball.

Vivat Jesus

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K of C Ladies

Debbie Sosna, President

Thank you to all the ladies for your help with the Youth Bake Sale. The youth group raised \$750 and sold out of all their goodies!

A very special thank you goes out to Blanche Stine for the beautiful Ladies Banner and to fellow Knight Ed Pavilista for the gorgeous Oak Stand. What a talented group! We will proudly display them at our future events.

Not much time left until our Annual Basket Bingo. The event will be held Friday evening, October 6th. Doors will open at 5:30pm with bingo to start at 7:00pm. Contact Mary Celeste Eder or Cindy Rock for tickets. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

There is still time to get those donations to make this the most successful year ever!! If you have not already done so, please consider donating or filling a basket. The Ladies would like to thank fellow Knight Tom Scaruzi who donated two pieces of jewelry for the event, with a retail value of \$800.

The holidays are just around the corner. We will again sponsor SVDP Society with gifts of food and gift cards, as we did last year for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our November meeting falls too late in the month to ensure SVDP enough time to distribute, so please bring your food items to our meeting in October.

REMINDER – The Ladies will be sponsoring the Bake Sale at the Parish Craft Bazaar to be held the weekend of November 18th and 19th.

Thank you to Deacon Sullivan who addressed the Ladies group at our September meeting. Given the tragic loss of David Roddy and the difficult times of many others, it was helpful to have Deacon Sullivan share his thoughts on loss and bereavement, and to give us the opportunity to share our thoughts and feelings.

Our next meeting will be held Monday 10/16/06. See you there.