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Worthy Brothers,

This will be a short note to all of you. Recently I was offered a new job, that I accepted, that will eliminate the need for me to be traveling every month. Therefore, I should be at all of our meetings.

I also want to congratulate Mike Mall and the entire council for receiving the Star Council award for last year. That was our twelfth Star Council award that we received. Mike could not have won the award without your active support in recruiting new members for the council and participating in our activities. The award belongs to the entire council and you all should be proud of earning it.

Speaking of membership, we still are down from our goal for the year. We will be having a First Degree on December 18, so, please encourage any Catholic man you know to consider to joining our council. We need 11 new members to meet our goal.

We have two children's events this month that I hope you will encourage in your family. We have the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and our annual Children's Christmas Party. See Dan Trout's column for more information.

Finally, I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Samis, GK

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<h2>Membership</h2>	<i>From Bill Hengemihle</i> 410-569-5253
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For the record.....as of 11/20/06	Total Membership.....214
Honorary Life/Hon.....7	Fr. McGivney Award (15)... ..-1
Founders Award (5).....0 %	Surge With Service.....33%

Congratulations to our new 2nd degree members Mark Wizewski, Joe Santafanere and William Kessler. It was unfortunate that the 3rd degree scheduled at Mason Dixon Council was canceled because of a lack of candidates. Merry Christmas brothers....All I want for Christmas is eleven candidates a HOPING!!!!!!

Associate Chaplain's Message

DEACONS CORNER

Well here we are again in the season of Advent and Christmas. There's always that expectation that we all feel, as this season once again brings many different reactions to many different people all over the world. The stores are decorated and we begin to plan how we will decorate our homes and places of business. There's an anticipation of waiting for the festive holidays to begin, where old friends are contacted once again and memories of the past linger in our minds. It's a time of waiting and getting ready.

I thought that we would take a break from my articles about **What it means to be a Catholic** and pass on to you a little story that I discovered about a very moving and popular piece of music that has a beautiful meaning to all people at this time of year. Joseph Mohr was born in Salzburg, Austria on December 11 1792. He became a priest in the German Evangelical church and when he was 26 years old he became the pastor of St. Nikolaus Church in a tiny village of

Oberndorf in the Tirolean Alps.

On the night of Christmas Eve he was called to the home of a woodcutter whose wife was in hard labor. As Father Mohr reached the cabin he found that the baby was already born and lying in a wooden cradle. After praying with the family and blessing the baby and mother, he went back through the heavy snow to his parsonage. He began thinking about Christmas and the services that he was going to conduct and remembered the birth of that baby and how it must have been for Mary and Jesus many years ago. The night was silent; the clear twinkling stars; and the snow had seemed almost holy to him. As soon as he reached home he sat down and wrote the words which he called "**Der Christ Nacht**". In the morning he showed the poem to Franz Gruber, the church organist and village schoolmaster, who set it to music. They sang that carol on Christmas day with Gruber playing the music on his guitar. After the services the music was placed on the organ, from where it evidently fell and disappeared. It wasn't discovered until the springtime

when the organ was being repaired. Over the years it became known as "**Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht**" and was a favorite in all the churches of Germany and Prussia. In 1832 it was sung by three little Austrian girls but it didn't become famous until 1854, when Emperor Wilhelm IV ordered it to be sung at all the church services throughout Prussia. Father Joseph Mohr died December 4, 1848, and Franz Gruber died June 7, 1863, not knowing that their words and music would become an everlasting carol for the Christmas season.

"**Silent Night, Holy Night**" followed the German immigrants to the United States as it spread to all parts of the world. The original Oberndorf church burned many years ago, but a new little church was built farther down in the valley. Each Christmas the carol is sung there, accompanied by guitar as in the days of Father Mohr and Franz Gruber

Deacon Dick Stine

Insurance

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DECEMBER: A Season for Giving

With the holidays rapidly approaching, now is a good time to sit down with your Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances - and your future plans. Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

- * Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die?
- * Provide a way for you to ensure that money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?
- * Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children!

Start early on some resolutions for the new year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection - come what may. With a Knights of Columbus life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead... and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking the appropriate steps now, you protect your loved ones against financial calamity in the event of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family - and, possibly, for you as well. I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



3-Month Planner

DECEMBER

Sun	3	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	4	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Thu	7	2 nd Degree Exemplification, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	8	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	9	KoC Childrens Christmas Party, Kilduff Hall	12:00pm
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

JANUARY

Mon	1	New Years Day	!!!
Mon	1	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	TBD
Sun	7	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	13/20	KoC Holiday Party, 13 th or 20 th to be determined	TBD
Mon	15	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	15	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	18	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Sat	13/20	KoC Holiday Party, 13 th or 20 th to be determined	TBD
Sun	21	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Fri	26	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

FEBRUARY

Sun	4	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	5	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	TBD
Fri	9	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	10	Second Degree Praticce, Kilduff Hall	9:00am
Sun	11	Pancake Breakfast, Kilduff Hall	6:00am-1:00pm
Mon	12	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm

Thu	15	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Sat	17	Second Degree Praticce, Kilduff Hall	9:00am
Sat	17	Kid's Bingo, Kilduff Hall	5:00pm
Sun	18	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	19	1 st Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	19	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	22	Second Degree Exemplification (J), Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	23	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

Programs Update

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My Brothers All,

Our core charity programs for the Knights of Columbus include activities for Church, Family, Youth, Community, and Council. Please be sure to thank each of the five activity directors, Ed, Tom, Mike B., Mike N., and Dan for all of their efforts for our council. These worthy activities could not be executed without the income generated from our fund raising programs including the Friday night Bingo, the Ravens games, and other programs. Many thanks also to Bob Hogue and Bill Hengemihle for their efforts with Bingo and to Lee Eder and Mike Brown for their continued support with our Ravens program.

We held our annual Memorial Mass on Saturday November 4. Over 55 family members, friends, and widows joined together for mass celebrated by Fr. Wible and Deacon Sullivan, and everyone later enjoyed brunch at Vitali's Restaurant. Our council bus trip to The Resorts Casino on Saturday November 11 was a great time for all 48 participants who took our chartered bus to Atlantic City. The bus trip also raised over \$200 for John Archer School. On Saturday November 18, we had a road side cleanup of our Knights sponsored road of Box Hill South Parkway in Abingdon. The Annual Craft Bazaar on Saturday the 18th and Sunday 19th was supported by our brother Knights for setup and the pit beef sandwiches. The Ladies sponsored a bake sale, and Tom Scaruzzi with Midnight Jewels, and fellow Knight, sponsored donations from his jewelry proceeds.

Church (Ed Petrovic 410.679.4179) – Contact Ed Petrovic to volunteer for future church activities!

Family (Tom Pahutski 410.569.0005) – Our annual Children's Christmas Party is Saturday December 9 at 12:00pm. Contact Tom to sign up you and your children today. If you can volunteer to help with this event, contact Tom as well; we will begin setup the morning of the party at 10:00am.

Youth (Mike Brown 410.538.7447) – Mike Brown is currently promoting our 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest. Contact Mike today to have your child participate in this program.

Council (Mike Novak 410.515.6867) – Our annual council Holiday Party is being planned for either Saturday January 13 or January 20. Please stay tuned more details.

Community (Dan Briggs 443.299.8446) – Our future community plans include participation with Habitat for Humanity. Contact Dan to volunteer for future community activities!

Ravens (Lee Eder 410.538.4433) – The Knights continue to work the Ravens home games to raise funds for our council. Many thanks to Lee Eder and Mike Brown for all of their efforts! Contact Lee today to volunteer for the next home game!

Bingo (Bob Hogue 443.512.8829) – Bingo is held every 2nd and 4th Friday at Kilduff Hall to raise funds for our council and the parish. Many thanks to Bob Hogue and Bill Hengemihle for all of their efforts! Volunteers are always needed to work at Bingo. Contact Bob today to volunteer!

Christmas Cards – Christmas cards are being sold after each mass. Please contact George Hemelt to volunteer and assist him with this 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!

Fraternally Yours,
Dan Trout

District Deputy Report

Ed Colvin, District Deputy

Greetings Brothers,

The chill of winter is upon us as we approach the Holy Season of Christmas. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. We are in the midst of the time of year most people think of giving to those less fortunate. We (Members of the Knights of Columbus) realize that those less fortunate remain so during the rest of the year. I pray this season each of you finds a way to help someone in need.

Membership continues to be at the forefront. There were many Form 100s and Inquiry Cards filled out during the recent Blitz. Keep working on these men and bring them into the Order.

Grand Knights; we are over halfway through the second quarter and you should be readying your Surge reports. Check them twice and find out which is naughty or nice.

Our Lady of Grace Council in Parkton is about to start a new Squires Circle. They are to be congratulated for this effort. This will prove to be a source of young men to bring into the council when they turn eighteen. Good Job Chris!

Connie and I wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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K of C Ladies

**Debbie Sosna
President**

Thank you to all the ladies for your help with the Craft Bazaar Bake Sale. Our gross profit was just over \$900. The ladies voted to match our 25% contribution to the church for a total donation of \$500, which will be allocated to the SVDP food pantry.

'Tis the season! We will again collect donations of food for SVDP for Christmas, as was done for Thanksgiving. It was decided that we would additionally provide \$400 in gift cards to SVDP for meat products.

The ladies have generously decided to again donate \$500 in gift cards to various stores which will be provided to SVDP for the teenage children at the holidays. Additionally, we have allocated \$350 towards adopting a family at Christmas.

At our January meeting, we will again be visited by a representative from Birthright. The ladies will be donating \$100 towards this worthwhile charity. Please bring baby gifts, supplies etc for our "Baby Shower". In addition, baby bottles are available to the ladies. The purpose of the bottles is to fill them with money, coins or checks to also be donated at the January meeting.

Plans are being made for our Jewelry Bingo on May 5, 2007. If you are interested being on the committee please contact Connie Piotrowski or Mary Celeste Eder. Details to follow.

Our next meeting will be held Monday 12/18/06. See you there.