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Brothers,

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. This past year has gone by fast. It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating New Years 2006. I look forward to this year, as it will bring us new opportunities for our council and more chances to grow as individuals.

I want to extend an invitation to all of you to attend our Holiday Party at the Bayou Restaurant, in Havre de Grace on January 13th. It starts at 7 p.m. and will go to 11 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. Please come out, and enjoy yourselves and let us celebrate a new year together.

As we start this year, our key word is still MEMBERSHIP. We are still at least ten new members short of our yearly goal. Starting in February, we will have a 1st Degree in February, March, and April. The reason for so many degree ceremonies is that we had to add the March Degree so that our degree team can be judged for state competition. This will give three chances to meet our membership goal. If we can induct at least three new members a month, we should be close to meeting this goal. I yrge that you ask any practical Catholic gentleman you know to join us now.

Have a wonderful new year, and see you at our next council meeting,

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Samis, GK

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Membership	<i>From Bill Hengemihle</i>
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For the record.....as of 1/1/07
 Honorary Life/Hon.....7
 Founders Award (5).....1 %

Total Membership.....213
 Fr. McGivney Award (15)... ..1
 Surge With Service.....66%

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

Before the Christmas season we were looking into God's gift that gives us freedom 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 person's inhumanity to another. As a help in understanding God's plan, the Creator has given us two guides: our conscience and the Church.

What is our conscience? Well it isn't a book which contains marks indicating good or bad behavior. It also isn't some being inside of us giving orders or issuing warnings about what to do or what not to do. What conscience is, is a judgment of our minds about past, present or future behavior. What we say to ourselves is this is a good choice and I did or should make it. Or we can say this is a bad choice and I should not have made it or I should not follow it in the future.

Sometimes our conscience judgments flow over into our feelings but not all the time. We may feel guilty about a poor choice or feel good about a positive choice, but it's not something that's automatic. What conscience is, is essentially a judgment of our intellect. I think that the best way to really explain what our conscience is, is to quote from the Vatican II documents on the Church in the Modern world which is a good summary on the Church's teaching on the nature of our conscience. I quote. "Deep within our conscience we discover a law which we have not laid upon ourselves but which we must obey. It's voice, is ever calling us to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, tells us inwardly at the right moment: do this, shun that. For we have in our heart a law inscribed by God. Our conscience is our most secret core and our sanctuary. There we are alone with God whose voice echoes in our depths. By conscience, in a wonderful way, that law is made known which is fulfilled in the love of God and of one's neighbor. Through loyalty to conscience, Christians are joined to others in the search for truth and for the right solution to so many moral problems which arise both in the life of individuals and from social relationships. Hence the more a correct conscience prevails, the more do persons and groups turn aside from blind choice and try to be guided by the objective standards of moral conduct".

Next month we will look at how the Church helps us to form a good conscience and guides us to use good judgments.

Deacon Dick Stine

Insurance

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JANUARY: The Time for Resolutions

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 possible. Would you have bought that \$1,000 big-screen TV if the price were \$1,180? That's what you'd pay if you added the 18 percent annual interest typically charged by a store credit card. Even if you're loath to tap your savings account, you'll come out ahead by using it to liquidate a high-interest debt that's been hanging around for months...if not years.

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.



3-Month Planner

JANUARY

Mon	1	New Years Day	!!!
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	KoC Holiday Party, Bayou Restaurant Havre de Grace	7:00pm
Mon	15	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	15	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	18	4 th Degree Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sun	21	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Fri	26	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

FEBRUARY

Sat	3	Family Ice Skating – Ice World Abingdon	5:45-7:45pm
Sun	4	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	5	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	9	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	10	Second Degree Praticce, Kilduff Hall	9:00am
Sun	11	Knights 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 (doors open 6:30pm)	7:00pm
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

MARCH

Sun	4	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	5	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	9	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon	12	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	15	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Sat	17	St. Patrick's Day	!!!
Sun	18	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Sun	18	Founder's Day Mass & Reception (State) – TBD	TBD
Mon	19	1 st Degree (J), Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	19	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Wed	21	Ash Wednesday	!!!
Fri	23	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	31	4 th Degree Exemplification - Hagerstown	8:00am

Programs Update

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My Brothers All,

We held our annual Children's Christmas party on Saturday December 9th and over 75 kids attended (over 200 people total!) to see a Charlie Brown's Christmas, the Extreme Balloon Man, and Santa Claus! Many thanks to all the work and coordination by Tom Pahutski, and thanks to Bill Elliott, all of our brothers and ladies that made this council tradition possible!

We hosted our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for kids in grades K-8. Congratulations to our winners and all of our contestants:

1st - 3rd Grade Winners - 1st place Rachel Beyer, 2nd place Michelle Gurbisz, 3rd place Emma Marchiano, Honorable Mention Emma Sullivan and Nathan Beyer

4th - 6th Grade Winners - 1st place Kevin Mathis, 2nd place Amy Nowaskey, 3rd place Elizabeth Johns

7th - 8th Grade Winners - Wendy Ambrozewicz, 2nd place Melissa Johns

Many thanks to Mike Brown for coordinating this effort!

We sold \$700 in Christmas cards thanks to George Hemelt hosting a table after each mass during November and December. Thank you George!

Church (Ed Petrovic 410.679.4179) - Ed is planning to construct a 'meditation area' on the parish grounds including benches and an arbor. We will need volunteers for a future Saturday in March.

Family (Tom Pahutski 410.569.0005) - Our annual Family Ice Skating event will be Saturday February 3rd at Ice World Abingdon. The rink is open to us from 5:45pm to 7:45pm, which includes a skating instructor as well. Admission for entry is a non-perishable food donation for SVDP. Skate rentals should you need them are \$3.00 each. RSVP to Tom as soon as you can for this wonderful winter event!

Youth (Mike Brown 410.538.7447) - Our annual Kid's Bingo will be Saturday February 17th, doors opening at 6:30pm. There will be several prizes including a grand prize - an iPod for one lucky winner! RSVP to Mike today for this enjoyable kid's event!

Council (Mike Novak 410.515.6867) - Our annual council Holiday Party will be at the Bayou Restaurant on Saturday January 13th from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. The cost is \$30 per person, and \$60 per couple. We will have a buffet dinner with three different entrees, and a beer & wine cash bar. Space is limited to 200, so please RSVP to Mike as soon as you can!

Community (Dan Briggs 443.299.8446) - Our future community plans include participation with Habitat for Humanity. We are planning to have a training session for one evening, and host the actual work day on a Saturday in March. We need as many volunteers as possible for this fantastic community activity! Contact Dan today to volunteer!

Senior Citizen (Ken Reed / George Jones 410.569.5589) - The Knights of Columbus invite all senior citizens 60 years of age and over to participate in an essay contest. The theme is "What living our faith means to me?" For complete details call Ken Reed at 410.569.5589.

Ravens (Lee Eder 410.538.4433) - The Knights continue to work the Ravens home and playoff 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 Hoquet 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 Hoquet and Bill Hengemihle for all of their efforts! Volunteers are always needed to work at Bingo. Contact Bob today to volunteer!

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

Happy New Year! Connie and I pray that God blesses each of you and your families this coming year.

We are halfway through the fraternal year. Surge With Service reports are due NLT January 15th. The report forms are available on the State Website.

Continue your membership thrusts and I'm sure a Star will be in your council's future. We need to ramp up our membership activities and I will have an incentive to offer after the Mid Term Meeting on January 6th.

Councils should be recruiting 4th Degree Candidates for the Exemplification on March 31st in Hagerstown. Anyone interested making your 4th Degree should contact any Sir Knight in your council or contact Faithful Navigator Brian O'Connor 410-679-9591.

Vivat Jesus,

DD Ed Colvin

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**Debbie Sosna
President**

We hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas. It was so nice to be able to enjoy each others company for our December meeting. Thanks to all who brought goodies to share!

Don't miss 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.

SFDS will be sponsoring the Homeless Shelter the week of January 22 through January 29. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to help with this charitable ministry.

Our next meeting will be held Monday 1/15/06. We wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy New Year.