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Worthy Brothers,

March is the time when we as a council start looking at who will lead the council in the next fraternal year. We plan to hold the elections for our officers in May, but to do that we have to have our slate of officers by March 15th so that we can publish the slate in our April Newsletter.

I have asked Brother Bill Hengemihle to chair the development of our slate of officers. If you have ever thought of running for one of officer positions, now is the time for you to let Bill, one of our Past Grand Knights, or myself know that you are interested in running. All officer positions, except Trustee One Year and Trustee Two Year, are open to anyone who wants to run for that position. All third degree members are eligible to run for office.

If you want to be involved but do not want to be an officer, there will be some openings in the Activity Director positions. As of this newsletter, we will be looking for a new Church Activity Director and a new Community Activity Director. Those who might be interested in these challenging leadership positions can talk with Ed Petrovic, Dan Briggs, or myself as to what duties these individuals have.

On another subject, there are three dates that we all need to put on our calendars. On **March 17th** is the annual **St Patrick's Day Dance**. The proceeds of the dance will benefit the parish's General Fund. Tickets cost \$25. Contact Debbie Sosna or Kitty Hoguet for more information or purchase of tickets. Strap on your bib as the annual **Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on **April 21st**. This delicious event tickets purchased in advance costs \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, and tickets purchase at the door are \$9 and \$5 respectively. Contact Connie Piotrowski or Carol Roddy for more information or purchase of tickets. Finally, for the ladies, our Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a **Jewelry Bingo** on **May 5**. Our own brother Tom Scaruzzi, Midnight Jewels, is presenting the jewelry. Tickets to this event costs \$20. Contact Mary Celeste Eder for more information or purchase of tickets.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Samis - Grand Knight

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<h2>Membership</h2>	<i>From Bill Hengemihle</i> 410-569-5253
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For the record.....as of 2/1/07
Honorary Life/Hon.....8
Founders Award (5)..... -2

Total Membership.....212
Fr. McGivney Award (15)... ..-1
Surge With Service.....66%

The council mourns the passing of third degree member Albert Jackson, may God rest his soul.

On March 19th our first degree team will be judged by state officials. We will need to have candidates for this degree. Please arrange to get your prospects ready for this exemplification. Time is of the essence

Associate Chaplain's Message

When you read this article we will be right in the first weeks of Lent and I thought it would be appropriate to think about something that maybe would help you in your walk of faith thought the rest of the year. I was reading the new edition of the Catholic Catechism for adults and ran across something called the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are mentioned in Isaiah 11: 1-2. Isaiah was describing the coming of the Messiah and the gifts that he would have for all to recognize. I think that these would help us on our journey if we also could enable those gifts in our own lives.

The Gift of Wisdom. Wisdom is different from being smart. This gift moves our vision to the future and gives us perspective and helps us to see things with the eyes of God. We know that Good Friday will be followed by Easter and the sufferings of our own will be in the light of God's plan for us.

The Gift of Understanding. That means to get to the bottom of things. Open up your bible and use a commentary with it to better understand God's plan for you and this world.

The Gift of Counsel or Right Judgment. That's a gift we all could use in making right choices. Everyday of our lives we all have to make choices from the time we get out of bed till the time we go back to bed. What we need to do is to seek God's advice through prayer and not rushing into choices that may not be what God wants for us.

The Gift of Courage. That's the gift that helps us to face danger and overcome fear with the confidence that God is with us. That gift is best used in times of illness when we can say God is my strength and savior. I don't fear because I know you are at my side.

The Gift of Knowledge. We all know lots of things from making a living to making a sandwich, but do we know what is important and what's not? Do we know Jesus? Are we following in his footsteps? Do we know what it takes to be a Christian?

The Gift of Reverence. It doesn't mean to be silent and solemn. It means knowing God and loving him above all else. During lent our journey brings us close to the foot of the Cross. It lets us see our relationship to God and this reverence helps us to show our gratitude that he took upon himself the sins of the world because of his love for us.

The Gift of Fear of the Lord. That means the wonder and awe in god's presence. During this season look around you to see and be amazed at God's creation. A baby's face, a flower in bloom, a loved one's company. Stand back some day during Lent and look up in the sky and just say "WOW".

Insurance

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The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications from members only. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our highly rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the life of the member's minor children. This right must be exercised within one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they have adequate insurance protection.

I have no greater responsibility.



3-Month Planner

MARCH

Thu	1	Scholarship Applications Due	!!!
Sun	4	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	5	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Tue	7	Habitat for Humanity Training (Knights Hall)	7:00pm
Fri	9	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Fri	9-11	Malvern Retreat, King of Prussia PA	TBD
Mon	12	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	15	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Sat	17	St. Patrick's Day	!!!
Sat	17	Meditation Area Construction (KofC Church Activity)	9:00am
Sun	18	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Sun	18	Founder's Day Mass & Reception (State) – Nat'l Cathedral	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	24	Habitat for Humanity Work Day	TBD
Sat	31	4 th Degree Exemplification - Hagerstown	8:00am

APRIL

Sun	1	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	2	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sun	8	Easter Sunday	!!!
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
Sun	15	Convention Registration Forms Due (Princess Royale OC)	!!!
Sun	15	Youth Job Interview / Resume Seminar, Kilduff Hall	1:30pm
Mon	16	1 st Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	16	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	19	Second Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of Grace	TBD
Thu	19	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Sun	22	Youth Job Fair, Kilduff Hall	2:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

MAY

Sun	6	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	7	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sun	13	Mother's Day (KofC Marigold Program)	!!!
Mon	14	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	17	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Fri	18-20	109 th State Convention, Princess Royale OC	!!!
Sun	20	Donut Sunday, Kilduff Hall	7:30am-12:30pm
Mon	21	1 st Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	21	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	25	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

Programs Update

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My Brothers All,

On January 26, some of our brothers and their wives worked at the Homeless Shelter in Edgewood. Brother Lee Eder stayed overnight to watch over and assist. Tom and Phyllis Pahutski, Mike and Janet Novak, and Rich Sosna prepared breakfast for everyone that morning. On Saturday February 3rd, the Knights and SFDS Youth Ministry held a family and youth ice skating event at Ice World, where the cost of admission was to bring food goods. Over eight cases of non-perishable foods were collected for SVDP! Many thanks to Tom Pahutski, Phyllis Pahutski and Diane Lewis for this wonderful winter event! Our Kid's Bingo was Saturday February 17th, with an iPod grand prize, and many other prizes throughout the evening. Proceeds from the Kid's Bingo are being donated to Juvenile Diabetes. Thanks to Mike Brown for his coordination of the event, and to the Ladies Auxiliary for donating the iPod! Our second annual Knights pancake breakfast (with bacon!) was Sunday February 11th. Lee Eder and Mike Brown reported over \$1200 in donations and an attendance of 286 people. Thank you to the 22 Knights, 4 Ladies, and 2 kids who worked very hard at this pancake breakfast! Also, our council submitted our Catholic Teacher of the Year entry...the team of middle school religious education teachers at Saint Francis de Sales (SFDS) Parish for their continued support and customized curriculum for the middle school grades.

For 2007, I encourage all of our brothers to volunteer for our activities. We have a lot of new members that have participated in our traditional activities, and a lot of new ideas from existing members that have expanded our programs. Try to volunteer for one more activity than you usually do, and maybe in an area that you have not participated before. For our new members, explore all of our programs, and get involved. Attending council meetings as well as the contact information and 3-month planner in this newsletter can be your guide to participation!

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 Saturday March 17th at 9:00am.

Family (Tom Pahutski 410.569.0005) – Tom is considering some future family activities. Please contact Tom to support our upcoming activities.

Youth (Mike Brown 410.538.7447) – For April, we will have two separate events focused on employment opportunities for our youth. Sunday April 15th at 1:30pm will be an Interview and Resume Writing Seminar at Kilduff Hall. Sunday April 22nd at 2:00pm will be a Job Fair for ages 15-20 with participation by local businesses in the Harford County area.

Council (Mike Novak 410.515.6867) – Mike is considering a March Madness evening for an upcoming meeting. Please contact Mike for additional ideas!

Community (Dan Briggs 443.299.8446) – Our future community plans include participation with Habitat for Humanity. Over a year ago, our council made a monetary donation to Habitat upon which the council sponsored a work trailer with a full size KofC #11372 logo posted on the trailer. Now we have the opportunity to work together as team with Habitat this spring. We will have a training session on Wednesday March 7th, and host the actual work day on a Saturday March 24th. We need as many volunteers as possible for this fantastic community activity! Contact Dan today to volunteer!

Ravens (Lee Eder 410.538.4433) – The Raven's stand is one of our major council fund raising activities and is open during the Ravens preseason and regular season.

Bingo (Bob Hoguet 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 Hoguet and Bill Hengemihle for all of their efforts! Volunteers are always needed to work at Bingo. Contact Bob today to volunteer!

Malvern Retreat (Bob Hoguet 443.512.8829) - The Malvern Retreat will be March 9 through 11. Please contact Bob Hoguet if you would like to attend this traditional men's retreat and spiritual experience.

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 Spring Blitz is off and running. The council's in the District have much work to do. Remember, if a Star is to be in your future, membership numbers are essential. The District is making every opportunity available in order that your council makes it's numbers. Degrees are being held on the following dates:

February 26th – 2nd Degree at Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council 11372 in Abingdon.

March 16th – 3rd Degree at Cardinal Gibbons Council 2521 in Fullerton.

March 19th – 1st Degree at Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council 11372 in Abingdon.

March 16th – 1st Degree at Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council 11372 in Abingdon.

March 19th – 2nd Degree at Our Lady of Grace Council 9815 in Parkton.

Vivat Jesus,

DD Ed Colvin

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K of C Ladies

Debbie Sosna
President

Spring will be here before we know it. And what a busy time it will be !

Our **Eater Project** will involve donations to the Citizens Nursing Home in Havre de Grace. We approved \$500 to be donated for this project.

March 17, 2007: SFDS Parish St Patrick's Day Dance. We have been asked by the Fundraisers to consider donation for the Wheel.

March 31, 2007: 4th Degree in Hagerstown

The Ladies are asked to bring a hand made gift to be shared as a door prize if attending.

April 21, 2007: SFDS Spaghetti Dinner – We will be donating \$200 to the Fundraisers to purchase desserts for the event

May 5, 2007: K of C Ladies Jewelry Bingo featuring the jewelry of Tom Scaruzzi, Plans are under way – Tickets will be \$20 for the event. Doors open at 5:30 and bingo starts at 7:00pm. There will be 15 regular games with the possibility of 1-2 special games. We are selling 200 Club tickets (total 200 tickets at \$10 each) to help with jewelry costs. If you would like to get involved please contact committee chairs, Connie Piotrowski or Mary Celeste Eder.

Committee Volunteers needed for the following committees:

First Communion Cards
RCIA Cards
Nominations
Bake Sale

Please consider if you could volunteer your time and talents. We will discuss further at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held Monday 3/19/07 See you there.