



# Knight Works



Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council 11372  
Abingdon, Maryland

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SUPREME KNIGHT	Carl Anderson		
STATE DEPUTY	Edgar B. Haynes	<b>THIRTEENTH STAR COUNCIL FOR FATHER WOLFE COUNCIL!</b>	
DISTRICT DEPUTY	Ed Colvin, PGK		

#### COUNCIL OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN.....Vacant  
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN.....Dcn. Dick Stine  
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GRAND KNIGHT..... Dan Samis  
DEP. GRAND KNIGHT..... William Elliott  
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GUARD..... Will Glassman  
GUARD..... Jim Dimaggio  
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2-YEAR TRUSTEE.....Ray Traube, PGK  
3-YEAR TRUSTEE.....Bill Hengemihle, PGK  
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PROGRAM.....Daniel Trout  
MEMBERSHIP.....Bill Hengemihle, PGK  
CHURCH ACTIVITIES.....Gerry Gingras  
FAMILY ACTIVITIES..... Keith Marchiano  
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.....Mike Novak  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.....Dave Anthony  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES..... Keith Marchiano  
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4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE  
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INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE  
AGENT.....Edward A. O'Keefe CLU,ChFC

**Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council 11372 has been notified that we have received the coveted designation of Star Council for the thirteenth consecutive year**

The current record for American councils (one council in Canada has achieved twenty six straight Star Council awards) is twenty five. We only need to receive Star Council twelve more times to tie the American record!

#### Installation of officers and reception a moving experience

Father Wolfe Council conducted their fourteenth installation of officers on July 14<sup>th</sup> after the 5 PM Mass. In a ceremony under the auspices of Father Chuck Wible, Grand Knight Dan Samis and his exemplary crew of officers were sworn in by District Deputy Ed Colvin.

Among many distinguished visitors were Past State Deputy and Supreme Director Ronald White and his wife Jacki, and State Secretary Richard Siejack and his wife Pat. The color corps of Archbishop John Carroll Assembly 2378 was in attendance.

At the reception immediately following the installation ceremony, members of the council, along with their wives and other distinguished guests dined on a chicken and ham dinner.

A visibly moved Grand Knight Dan Samis thanked the members of the council for their support over the past year. Grand Knight Samis also instituted a Roy Franta Volunteer of the Year Award for a deserving council member who consistently volunteers for those activities that keep the council running smoothly. This years recipients were Mel and Connie Piotrowski

State Secretary Richard Siejack and Supreme Director Ron White also praised the council during their remarks. Supreme Director White went on to say that Father Wolfe Council may be the best council in the state and is certainly one of the best two or three.

<b>Membership</b>	<i>From Bill Hengemihle</i>
	<b>410-569-5253</b>

For the record.....as of 8/1/07	Total Membership.....219
Honorary Life/Hon.....0	Fr. McGivney Award (15)... ..7
Founders Award (5).....0	Surge With Service.....0

**We did it!!!!!! 13 straight Star Council Awards. New members Bryan Culberston and Tom Trulli pushed us over the top. Your membership director came through and didn't have to make a trip to the cemetery after all. Thanks to all especially Dan Samis, Rich Sosna, Joe Vichot, George Hemelt and Stanley Wisnowski who came through on the Founders Award. We are starting over.....Let's go Wolfe and make it fourteen straight!!!!**

# Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers,

On behalf of the officers, I want to thank all of you who were able to attend the Installation of Officers Ceremony and Reception. You made quite a showing for the visiting State Secretary Dick Siejack and Supreme Director Ron White. They were highly impressed the large turn out and the friendliness of all of you. Both told me they wished they could clone our council and create 50 more just like us. This is a tribute to all of you.

At the reception, we instituted a new award – the Roy Franta Volunteer Award. The award was created to honor Roy Franta who volunteered to support most of the programs and activities the council performs. He was always one of the first to volunteer. He helped in all activities, giving of himself unselfishly. The award named in his honor is given by the Grand Knight to that individual or couple who best exemplifies our four principles – Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism through their volunteer work. The recipient of the first Roy Franta Volunteer Award is Mel and Connie Piotrowski. Please congratulate them the next time you see them.

Brothers, through your dedication and support, our council has earned its thirteenth in a row Star Council Award. This is simply amazing. It could not have been earned without the support of every member of the council. Congratulations goes to each and every one of you. I know with your support and energy we will be able to earn our fourteenth this year.

Where as the activities tend to take care of themselves, our hard work will involve recruiting new members. We will need to recruit 13 new members to qualify for Star Council. We will also have to increase our insurance members by 6. Our next 1<sup>st</sup> Degree will be on August 20<sup>th</sup>. So please get those form 100s and prospects into us as soon as possible so we can grow our membership.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Samis, Grand Knight

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## Associate Chaplain's Message

*This month we will follow up on forgiveness and look at some of the examples and words of forgiveness. It's probably best to start with some of the examples that Jesus gave us. All throughout his ministry he often spoke about forgiveness. He was very clear about it when he spoke to those who gathered round to listen to him. "If you forgive the faults of others, your heavenly father will forgive you your faults. If you do not forgive others, neither will your father forgive you". (Matt 6:14-15) That should give us something to think about.*

*But at the same time he repeatedly mentioned how anxious God is to forgive us. "I tell you, there will likewise be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent". (Luke 15:7) Probably the most dramatic example that he offered us as a model of forgiveness is during his three hours of agony on the cross, when he cried out to the Father "forgive them for they do not know what they are doing". (Luke 23:34)*

*The Church follows in the footsteps of Jesus in preaching about our need to forgive one another and to ask forgiveness from God and from each other. At the very beginning of the Mass the priest invites us to pause silently for a moment and consider our sinfulness and turn to the Lord in a spirit of repentance. We then express our contrition for those things that separate us from God and our neighbor.*

*At every Mass we as a community pray the Lord's Prayer which reminds us to "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". We soon follow that prayer with the exchange of peace to those around us. Some people shake hands, some kiss and embrace, saying peace be with you. This isn't just a friendly gesture, but a rite of reconciliation to prepare us as we approach the altar to receive the Lord. Before we are one with Christ in the consecrated bread and wine, we first have to be one with our sisters and brothers.*

*Throughout the Mass in the text of the prayers and also in the scriptural readings, the message of God's eagerness to forgive comes across loud and clear. Next month we will look at some of the causes of our alienation.*

*Deacon Dick Stine*

**CHARITY CORPORATION ELECTION NOTICE**

*The Father Maurice Wolfe Lodge Charity Corporation needs to elect two new directors to replace those retiring. Rich Sosna and Bill Hengimihle have stepped forward and volunteered Anyone else who wishes to run should contact Grand Knight Dan Samis. Elections will be held at the second meeting in August*

**Insurance**

*Ed O'Keefe, Insurance Agent  
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"I already have insurance at work."

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with an agent. That could be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to a salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, without a needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), it may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case, you can find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you can find yourself out of luck.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand. Please give me a call.

**District Deputy Report**

**Ed Colvin, District Deputy**

Greetings Brothers,

Congratulations to all the newly installed Council Officers and new appointee's. Everyone looked energized and ready for a banner year in District 2. Membership is the life blood of every council and to this end I offer a challenge: I challenge each council to make their quota by the State Fall Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Take every opportunity to offer membership in our great Order to every eligible man.

This year we will have the chance to see a wonderful new movie "Bella". It's a heartwarming movie that speaks to our belief, that every life is precious. I will be speaking with all the Grand Knight's about this in the very near future.

Connie and I wish each of you a wonderful new fraternal year.

**Service Program Personnel Report Due August 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
**Membership and Program Seminar at Cardinal Gibbons on August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Vivat Jesus,

DD Ed Colvin

**K of C Ladies**

**Debbie Sosna  
President**

The Ladies of the Knights held their first meeting of the 2007-2008 year on July 18<sup>th</sup>. There are some exciting events on the horizon and we are encouraging all Ladies to participate. St. Francis de Sales is holding their annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and the Ladies have been asked to volunteer to help serve the salads. Remember to wear your pink shirts!

Another exciting event will be the Jewelry Bingo. It will be held on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20 and will include 16-17 games of bingo a chance to win a special raffle The jewelry is beautiful hand crafted pieces by Midnight Jewels. We hope everyone will come out and support this major fundraiser.

There are many Ladies that have not been able to attend meetings in a while and we MISS YOU. Please consider coming to our next meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We especially want to greet any wife of new Knights in the Council.

## Program Director's Report

My Brothers All,

June 24<sup>th</sup> was our annual Leo Berndt Memorial Horseshoe Tournament. 1<sup>st</sup> place this year was once again Lee Eder and Mike Brown. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Steve Herpel and Cynthia Brown, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Mike Brown Jr. and Dan. Over \$121 was raised for charity! The youth pool party and Jerry Meany Memorial Fishing trip were hosted in July thanks to the efforts of Keith Marchiano and Diane Lewis. Stay tuned for more details in next month's newsletter.

Please welcome Bill Elliott as our new Family Activities Director and Dave Anthony as our new Community Activities Director! Please also welcome Al Garino as our Car Raffle chairman for this fraternal year!

The parish picnic will be August 19<sup>th</sup> at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. The Knights have volunteered to cook at this event, so please contact John Zoltowski if you can help that day!

**Church (Gerry Gingras 410.838.5692)** – Gerry is planning several church activities for our new fraternal year. Please stay tuned for future church activities!

**Family (Bill Elliott 410.838.9893)** – Please welcome Bill Elliott as our new Family Activities Director for FY07-08! Our Iron Birds Game is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Kids under 12 are free with a paying adult. The cost is \$11 per person and includes a ball cap. Please contact Bob Roddy (410.569.0710) or Bill Elliott to attend this family event!

**Youth (Keith Marchiano 410.569.7253)** – The youth car wash is Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am at SFDS. The mini-camp and overnigher is Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm. We need a few volunteers to assist with setup and cooking at these fun summer events for our youth!

**Council (Mike Novak 410.515.6867)** – Mike is planning several council activities for our new fraternal year. Please stay tuned for future council activities!

**Community (Dave Anthony 410.569.4327)** - Please welcome Dave Anthony as our new Youth Activities Director for FY07-08!

**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. Lee has prepared a volunteer schedule starting August through regular season in December. Please signup as soon as possible for a future Raven's game!

**Bingo (Ken Reed 410.569.5589)** – Bingo is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at Kilduff Hall to raise funds for our council and the parish. Ken and our entire council wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who have assisted and gave their time for our bingo and who continue to support this program. We will have a Bingo packet assembly night on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm in the Knights Hall. Please contact Ken to volunteer!

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

Fraternally Yours,  
Dan Trout



# 3-Month Planner

## AUGUST

Sat	4	Iron Birds Game, Ripken Stadium	7:00pm
Mon	6	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Tue	7	Bingo Packet Assembly, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	10	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	11	Youth Car Wash, SFDS	10:00am
Sat	11	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Installation	6:00pm
Mon	13	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Tue	14	Youth Mini-Camp and Overnighter (dinner)	5:30pm
Sat	19	Parish Picnic, APG	11:00am
Mon	20	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	20	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	24	Bingo Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

## SEPTEMBER

Mon	3	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sun	9	KofC Pancake Breakfast, Kilduff Hall	6:30am-12:30pm
Mon	10	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	14	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon	17	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	17	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	28	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

## OCTOBER

Mon	1	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon	15	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	15	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	26	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm



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