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With summer drawing to a close, Council activities are swinging into high gear.

If you haven't been around for council meetings or activities for a while it's easy to think that you aren't needed at council meetings or activities. **Nothing could be further from the truth!** We have 220 members and we cherish every one of them. We mean it when we call you "Brother Knight." With the loss of very active members like Mike Mall and Bob Hoguet to job relocations we have some big shoes to fill.

So if you have been busy and haven't been around for a while, drop into a meeting or attend a council activity. I promise you that you will be welcomed with open arms and a big smile.

We're on the way to our 14th Star Council!!!

Anthony Derlunes III, our first new member for this fraternal year was welcomed into Father Wolfe Council at a First Degree Ceremony on August 20th. This only leaves us with eleven more members to recruit. So if you know of a Catholic gentlemen who isn't a member, invite him to join us. He'll thank you for getting him into the greatest fraternal organization around.

And talk about enthusiastic new members, our newest member, known to all as TJ, worked at his first council activity assisting with the Parish Picnic the day **before** his first degree ceremony! Way to go, TJ!

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

For the record.....as of 8/16/07	Total Membership.....219
Honorary Life/Hon.....8	Fr. McGivney Award (11)... ..0
Founders Award (5).....0	Surge With Service.....0

57% of our members are now insurance members. This percentage has been moving up over the past several years. In 2001 for example only 42% percent of the membership had insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Insurance is solid part of financial strength. Make sure you are covered. Make an appointment with Ed O'Keefe to see how you stand on this important issue.

Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers,

I want to thank our own Ed Petrovic and John Zoltowski for the excellent leadership they performed in ensuring the 2007 Parish Picnic happened. Neither of these two individuals had planned to lead this effort, but in the end, they did and they did an excellent job.

I also want to thank all of the brothers who responded on such short notice to give of their time at the picnic. When the word went out that we needed help, you responded and demonstrated what a great council we have. Thank you for your support.

We will be holding our first pancake breakfast for this fraternal year on September 9, 2007. Brother Dan Trout will be leading this effort. We will not be holding another council meeting before this breakfast due to the Labor Day Weekend, so we will not have a signup sheet for you to sign up for this event. Please contact Dan if you can help at this event.

We are looking for two volunteers to step forward to help on two positions. Ken Reed, our Bingo Activity Director, needs someone to be his backup. He is not expecting this individual to be at every Bingo, but to know what to do so that if for any reason he is unable to attend a Bingo this person could fill in for him. This will not be a time consuming position. So if you are interested, please contact Ken.

I am looking for someone to volunteer to be our Public Relations Officers. This individual will be responsible for get the stories about our events out to the press, to the Columbian Magazine, the Aegis and Catholic Review newspapers, etc. Our council does some fantastic activities, but we are not getting the credit due to us because the story is not reaching a wide audience. This is position that someone could work at their own pace. Please contact me if you are interested in this position.

We will not be holding a meeting on September 3, 2007 because it is Labor Day. Our next meeting will be on September 17, 2007.

Labor Day is special for two reasons. It celebrates the workers of our country and the labor they gave in building our great country. We should all be saying a prayer of thanks for those unsung heroes of our country and our economy. Labor Day also marks the end of the summer period, and consequently our roads are heavily traveled. If you are celebrating the holiday away from home, have a great time, but please practice defensive driving and come back safely. Have a great holiday.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Samis - Grand Knight

Associate Chaplain's Message

This month we will follow up on forgiveness and look at how the Church has provided us a way to be reconciled with God. Every day you can read the newspaper and see how we live in a world that is filled with sin and grieve. It just might make us think about our own weaknesses and what we have to improve our relationship with God. Even though we might feel discouraged at times we have to keep in mind the promise that God's mercy for us outmatches our own mistakes. When Jesus started preaching in Galilee, his first message was to reform your lives and believe in the gospel. That message is the good news of forgiveness.

But we also have to remember that the message also carries a price tag. That price tag is our willingness to reform our lives and change our lives and turn away from those things that separate us from our loving father. The church teaches us that as soon as we sincerely repent and seek God's mercy, our sins are forgiven. The church encourages us to approach God through Jesus and ask for forgiveness. But normally there remains within us human beings, a feeling of guilt and a need to express verbally our wrongdoing and to experience actual forgiveness through some word or gesture. That's the reason Jesus gave us a sacrament to meet that need. The Church's sacrament of Reconciliation provides an excellent way for this. We call this sacrament Reconciliation because of the fact that this sacrament repairs our relationship with God and with others. Through this sacrament, repentant persons not only have the occasion to disclose their sins but actually experience the mercy of God who through words and the priest, forgives us our failings.

At the conclusion of this exchange between priest and penitent, the confessor extends his hands over us and grants us absolution. We should know that the priest understands that the secrecy of the confessional is sacred and that it is forbidden ever to tell anyone the sins of a person to anyone else. Since the Second Vatican Council, most Catholic churches in the United States now include rooms of Reconciliation which provide us with the option of confessing behind a partition or sitting face to face across from the priest. Next month we will continue on with this article of pardon and peace.

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. Election now will be at the September 17th meeting due to the First Degree held on August 21st.

Insurance

Ed O'Keefe, Insurance Agent
(410) 569-6141

"Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And if your life is as busy as mine, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. I'd like to make a personal plea that you not make that mistake. Before the summer is over, make an appointment to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus agent. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late. Call me today.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and we're proud of that. We're also concerned. Why? Because there are more than 1 million Knights of Columbus members who have no life insurance with us. I suspect that, for many of those 1 million members, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

District Deputy Report

Ed Colvin, District Deputy

Greetings Brothers,

Today I received a e-mail from Former District Deputy Bob Hoguet. He and Kitty are doing well. They have moved into their new home and have sold their old one here. Bob said they have found a Church, St. Bridget's. He said there is no Council at the Church and emphasized (Yet). He may yet get his name on a Council Charter. I expressed our best wishes and prayers to he and Kitty.

Membership should be at the forefront of every council. Together we will work to bring a Star to every council in the district. I will be scheduling a District Meeting and will contact the Grand Knights. Your Grand Knights should have received a mailing concerning the Membership Blitz scheduled for Oct 7/8.

Congratulations to NEW Faithful Navigator Pete Fritz and his officers on their installation. I understand it was a great event and I thank all who turned out to show their support.

Vivat Jesus,

DD Ed Colvin

K of C Ladies

**Debbie Sosna
President**

Jewelry Bingo Jewelry Bingo Jewelry Bingo Jewelry Bingo

The Kof C Ladies largest fundraiser this year is on October 5, 2007

The Ladies are holding a Jewelry Bingo this year in place of the Basket Bingo. Tickets are \$20.00. Come and support our fundraiser. This year 25 % of the profits will be donated to the SFDS Youth Group to support our young adults in the parish. There will be 15 games, plenty of door prizes and good food. For tickets call Debbie Sosna at 410-569-9374 or Cindy Rock at 410-538-7447. Ladies are being asked to help get door prize donations from local vendors and bring to the next meeting so acknowledgements will be included in the program.

The Craft Bazaar will be on Nov 17-18 and again the Ladies will have a bake sale. We will also be taking pre-orders for Christmas cookies that will sold by the pound. We will be offering Chocolate Chip cookies, Sugar cookies and Oatmeal Raisin cookies. We are looking for bakers for cookies and cakes to help make this a success.

Program Director's Report

My Brothers All,

Our parish picnic was August 19th at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Many thanks to the following volunteers: Ed Petrovic, John Zoltowski, Greg Ward, Bruce Tackett, Rich Sosna, Ray Traube, Bill Queale, Deacon Alex, Mike Nolan, Alex Eder, Lee Eder, Dan Trout, Al Guarino and plenty other ladies, brothers, and family members who I unfortunately can't remember! Everyone worked very hard in the rain to insure another successful and fun-filled parish picnic!

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) – We had our Iron Birds game on Saturday August 4th. Over 50 tickets were sold to lady and brother Knights and their families. Everyone enjoyed the game and received an official Iron Birds baseball cap for attending! Many thanks to Bob Roddy for chairing this family event for us again this year!

Youth (Keith Marchiano 410.569.7253) – “In July we had 2 youth activities. On Saturday, July 7th, the Knights of our council chaperoned the youth pool party at Box Hill. I would like to thank Nevin Marsh, Bill Orlosky, Tom Scaruzzi, David Anthony, Lee Eder, Mike Georgulas, Mike Brown, and Bill Hengemihle for their help. We provided 4 gift certificates for different events such as biggest splash and a beach ball relay. On July 21st we sponsored the annual Jerry Meany Fishing Barrel tournament. 11 youth and 10 adults came out for a fun day of fishing. Prizes were awarded to Jimmy Cosgrove for biggest fish, Nathan Cooper for most fish caught, and Devin Dvorak for the youngest to catch a fish. I would like to thank the following brothers for their help: Mike Brown, Dan Trout, Ed Petrovic, and John Zoltowski. We also had help from Cindy, Lady Knights, and Diane Lewis.”

Council (Mike Novak 410.515.6867) – Mike is planning several council activities including a Poker Party night in September and another bus trip to Atlantic City in November! Stay tuned for more details!

Community (Dave Anthony 443.307.3245) – Our first roadside cleanup will be Saturday September 22 at 8:00am. We will host a Habitat for Humanity training session on Monday October 1, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We need at least 10 volunteers to complete the training for a future work day in October/November. Contact Dave today to volunteer!

Ravens (Lee Eder 410.538.4433, Mike Brown 410.538.7447) – 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 2nd and 4th Friday at Kilduff Hall to raise funds for our council and the parish. We are searching for a Bingo chairperson that can be a backup to Ken Reed, and a person that can manage the gift table at each bingo event. Please call Ken to volunteer for bingo!

Car Raffle (Al Guarino 443.255.8999) – Our annual car raffle event is going strong thanks to Al Guarino. Al and other volunteers have been selling chances at Donut Sundays, the parish picnic, Giant Food, and the Abingdon library. Contact Al today to volunteer to sell chances to benefit our state and local councils! We still have the entire month of September to sell chances before the drawing at the Columbus Day Ball in October!

Public Affairs Director (new!) – Our Worthy Grand Knight, Dan Samis, has established a new director position for our council. Please contact Dan if you would like to learn more about our Public Affairs Director position.

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

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
Sun	16	KoC at Ravens/NYJets (4:15pm game), KofC Hall	11:00am
Mon	17	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	17	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	20	4 th Degree Meeting – Crab Night, Our Lady of Grace	8:00pm
Sat	22	Roadside Cleanup, Knights Hall	8:00am
Sun	23	KoC at Ravens/Arizona (1pm game), Knights Hall	7:30am
Fri	28	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

OCTOBER

Mon	1	Habitat for Humanity Training, Kilduff Hall	7:00pm
Mon	1	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	5	Ladies Jewelry Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sat	6	Columbus Day Ball, LaFontaine Blue	6:00pm
Sun	7	Columbus Day Parade, Baltimore	10:00am
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sun	14	KoC at Ravens/St.Louis (1pm game), Knights Hall	7:30am
Mon	15	1 st Degree, 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
Fri	26	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm

NOVEMBER

Sat	3	Memorial Mass, Stone Chapel	9:30am
Mon	5	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	9	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Fri	9	3 rd Degree, District 2, Long Green Valley	8:00pm
Sun	11	KoC at Ravens/Cincinnati (4:15pm game), Knights Hall	11:00am
Mon	12	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	15	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Sun	18	KoC at Ravens/Cleveland (1pm game), Knights Hall	7:30am
Mon	19	1 st Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	19	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	23	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm



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