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Worthy Brothers,

I am requesting your support of the annual Maryland State Charity Fund Drive. The money raised by this drive is used to provide financial assistance to individuals in temporary urgent need. Some of these donations have been used to aid the following:

- * 27yr. old woman, 3 children, in car accident, off work about 1 yr., went back to work 2 jobs. Lived on savings & insurance. Father received head injury on the job, now lives with her & helps with children. Charity Fund paid rents and utilities.
- * 45 yr old Knight received serious neck injury while swimming. Temporarily paralyzed. Immediate operation successful. Had a set back, re-operated for slipped disc. Fund paid mortgages & car payment.
- * PGK, PFN, has M.S., completely confined to wheelchair. Needed ramp and small landing attached to house. Charity Fund paid part of project.
- * 83 yr old Knight, has cancer & serious heart condition, under going treatments, active in Council, serves as bartender at functions. Charity Fund paid utilities & health insurance.

All of the above are prime examples of why we all need to support the Charity Fund. These funds continue to help brother knights and their families during emergency situations. Unfortunately, not many Knights contribute to the fund. If every member contributed at least one penny a day to the fund (\$3.65) the fund would go to where it could help even more people than it is able to do now. I urge all of you to support this worthwhile charity.

All funds donated to the Charity Fund are tax deductible. Contributions can be made through the enclosed pre-addressed donation envelopes or designated donation thru the Unity Way Campaigns in Maryland and the Washington Capital Area.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Samis - Grand Knight

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

For the record.....as of 10/15/07
Honorary Life/Hon.....8
Founders Award (5).....1

Total Membership.....221
Fr. McGivney Award (11)... ..1
Surge With Service.....33%

Congratulations to Ike Ifeacho and Steve Foehrkolb who received the 1st degree of our order on Monday October 15th 2007. Please make them feel welcome in our council. We are now only four members shy of division A status

Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers,

I want to thank Al Guarino for an outstanding job leading the **Car Raffle** effort this year. We sold over 1,700 tickets and took in more than \$1,000. This beat our estimated income by over \$150. I'm sorry to report that no one in our council won the vehicle or the television. Mr. Shipferling, who bought his ticket from a Cardinal Gibbons council member, won the vehicle. Mr. Leek, who bought his ticket from a St. Ignatius Council member, won the television. Overall, the state sold over 195,000 tickets, which is an increase of over 35,000 from last year.

Bill Orlosky has accepted the position of lead in the kitchen for our fourth Friday of the month **Bingo**. This is a critical position in our Bingo Program, so thank him for stepping forward to take on this responsibility.

The next time you see Brother **Brian O'Connor**, congratulate him as he has been accepted into the Deaconate Program. Brian is beginning a four-year process to be ordained as a Deacon in our faith.

In this newsletter, you will be receiving a letter from me requesting your support of the **Maryland State Council Charity Fund**. This fund is used to support our Brothers and Sister who are in need of financial assistance. Please give serious consideration to donating to the fund.

Finally, I want to thank Brothers Tom Pahutski and Mike Novak for the outstanding leadership they provided for the **Tootsie Roll Program** this year. The final numbers are not in as of the writing of this article, but it will be provided next month. I also want to thank all of the Brother Knights and their Ladies and family members that help out this year. Without your support, we could not conduct this program.

Along with our Council, the Mason-Dixon Council also won Star Council recognition. The State Deputy wants to make one presentation to both councils. It will be either here at a Mason Dixon Council Social meeting. If it is at Mason-Dixon, I am wondering how many of you would like to attend the presentation. Please let me know if you would be willing to consider making the trip if we cannot get the presentation made here. I will provide more information as to where and when the date and location are set.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Samis - Grand Knight

Associate Chaplain's Message

In the last few articles we have been looking at the many problems that we have to face in this world and the many difficulties that all of us have in trying to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We all fail on occasion but there is pardon and peace when we reconcile ourselves with God. When Jesus left this world he also provided us with a means to strengthen ourselves against the weaknesses that we have.

There are many scripture passages that show us that even the Apostles showed their weaknesses on occasion. An example is found in Matthew's Gospel when Peter saw Jesus walking on the water & Jesus invited Peter to come to him. But Peter became frightened of the waves and wind and began to sink. Jesus rebuked him for his weakness of faith. There's an old saying that as we walk down life's path, may we never hear the wind, may we never see the waves, but may we always keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus Christ. I think we all know the weakness of our human condition and the constant struggle that we face in our attempts to walk faithfully in the footsteps of Jesus. Jesus mentioned many times, that we would experience daily conflict and he urged us to pray for the strength to come out victorious. He said that if we wish to be his follower, we must deny our very selves and take up our cross each day. He warned Peter to be on guard and to pray not be put to the test. The spirit is willing but our nature is weak. But the good news is that God promises to give us all the help that we need to overcome our weaknesses. St. Paul tells us that the Lord will not test us beyond our strength. Along with the test, God will give us a way out of it so that we may be able to endure it. Remember that even Paul begged the Lord three times for deliverance from some burden, some thorn in the flesh. And what was the Lord's response? My grace is enough for you, for in weakness, power reaches perfection. It was then that Paul shifted his attitude and says that he will boast of his weaknesses instead, so that the power of Christ may rest upon him, for when he is powerless it is then that he is strong.

Jesus taught certain truths that we are to believe and pointed out a guided path through life that we are to follow. He also established special means which give us sufficient grace that makes us strong despite our weakness. The Church calls these unique instruments of grace the seven sacraments which are outward signs to give us grace. We will continue on after the Christmas season with these signs to enrich our faith.

Deacon Dick Stine

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IRA, IRA rollover 401k rollover 403(b) rollover 457 plan rollovers
Thrift savings rollovers Keough, SEP rollovers Roth rollovers

Non-Qualified Funds:

Savings accounts C.D.'s Money market accounts
Bonds, T. bills Mutual funds Stocks

Call me today so we can discuss your situation.

District Deputy Report

Ed Colvin, District Deputy

Greetings Brothers,

Grand Knights, thank your chairmen for getting their reports in on time. As you know, these reports will be read by many people and this is the best way to blow your council's horn. Getting the word out about what you do is very important. It makes me proud to see so many worthy activities being presented by the district council's.

Membership continues to be at the forefront. Without new active members, where would we be? Congratulations to our NEW Brother Knights who took their First Degree last night at Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council. Kudos to the First Degree Team for an excellent performance. **REMEMBER**, there is a Third Degree scheduled for November 9th at Long Green Valley Council. I would like to see all the Second Degree Knight's from the district there.

Mason-Dixon Council will be holding a Turkey Shoot on November 18th at St. Mary's Church in Pylesville. Registration begins at 12:00 PM (Noon). Come out and have a good time, good food and good fraternity. You might go home with that Thanksgiving Turkey.

Vivat Jesus

District Deputy Ed Colvin

Knights of Columbus Ladies Debbie Sosna – President

The Craft Bazaar Bake Sale is just around the corner – November 17 and 18th. Please consider a donation of baked goods or cookies. This bake sale has been very successful the past two years and the funds we raise are necessary to help support the projects and events which support our parish and community. Please call Diane Traube at 410-569-0591 if you can help

Program Director's Report

My Brothers All,

Please consider volunteering for our charity programs (Church, Family, Community, Council, Youth) as well as our fund raising programs (Bingo, Ravens, Car Raffle, etc.) throughout the fraternal year. A few hours a month from each brother can go a long way towards the overall contributions and donations provided by our council!

Al Guarino led our car raffle program this year with spectacular results - \$1700 in raffle tickets sold! Dave Anthony and Bill Orlosky led a roadside cleanup of Box Hill South Parkway on September 22. We had several brothers attend our council poker party on September 21. The Knights donated \$300 to the youth for their trip to the National Youth Catholic Conference. Rich Sosna and Joe Vichot are coordinating a pro-life letter writing campaign. Stay tuned for more details!

Ken Reed recently surveyed our Bingo guests to gain feedback regarding game play and types. The following results are based on 43 returns out of 75 sampled:

What games should be added? Quickie (31), Progressive (24), Letter Games W/M/S/Z (5), Diamond (1), Kite (1), N/O (1), 1/N (1), Pick your number (1), Bonus Ball Game (1). What games should be dropped? B&O (4), Top & Bottom (3), Postage Stamp (2), Letter T (2). Other suggestions include jackpot consolidation prize should be raised to \$200, add postage stamp to regular bingo, and many other enlightening recommendations.

Church (Gerry Gingras 410.838.5692) – Our Memorial Mass for this fraternal year will be November 3rd 9:30am in the Stone Chapel, followed by a brunch at Vitaly's. Please mark your calendars and contact Gerry to RSVP to this event!

Family (Bill Elliott 410.838.9893) – Our Children's Christmas party will be Saturday, December 8th. Please mark your calendars and contact Bill to volunteer or participate at this family event!

Youth (Keith Marchiano 410.569.7253) – Keith is planning our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest for the Christmas season. The poster contest is open to children in various age groups, concluded by awards and recognition to all who participated. Contact Keith today for more details!

Council (Mike Novak 410.515.6867) – Mark your calendars for the Atlantic City Bus Trip, Saturday November 10th, leaving the Knights Hall at 9:00am. A council Holiday Party, with possible pot-luck format is being planned for January 21st, with details to follow.

Community (Dave Anthony 443.307.3245) – Habitat for Humanity work day is Saturday October 27th, 7:30am – 3:00pm in Havre de Grace. We will car pool from the Knight Hall at approximately 7:00am. Several Light the Night walks to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society are scheduled across Maryland during October this year, and Harford County is having its event (2-3 miles total) at the Cal Ripken Sr. Stadium on October 27, 2007. First, people can volunteer to help with site setup (balloons, tables, chairs, food, etc.) Second, the event calls for walkers. Please contact Dave if you would to volunteer or participate at this event!

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 sign up 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. Bill Orlosky has volunteered to backup Ken Reed as an alternate to lead our Bingo events! Please call Ken to volunteer for bingo!

Car Raffle (Al Guarino 443.255.8999) – Please congratulate and extend a very warm thank you to Al Guarino for directing this year's car raffle which resulted in over \$1,700 in tickets sold!

Tootsie Roll (Tom Pahutski 410.569.0005, Mike Novak 410.515.6867) – The numbers are still a little early, but Tom and Mike with all the help they received from our council brothers and ladies have collected approximately \$4,500!

Public Affairs Director (Bob Roddy 410.569.0710) – Please welcome Bob Roddy as our worthy Public Affairs Director, appointed by our Worthy Grand Knight, Dan Samis.

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

NOVEMBER

Thu	1	Registration for Convention Begins	9:00am
Sat	3	Memorial Mass, Stone Chapel	9:30am
Mon	5	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Thu	8	2 nd Degree, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	9	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Fri	9	3 rd Degree, District 2, Long Green Valley	7:00pm
Sat	10	Atlantic City Bus Trip – Knights Hall	9:00am
Sun	11	KoC at Ravens/Cincinnati (4:15pm game), Knights Hall	11:00am
Sun	11	State Memorial Mass – St. Bartholomew, Manchester	TBD
Mon	12	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	15	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Sat, Sun	17-18	Holiday Craft Bazaar – Kilduff Hall	8:00am-6:00pm
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
Thu	22	Thanksgiving Day	!!!
Fri	23	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Thu	29	2 nd Degree, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm

DECEMBER

Mon	3	KoC at Ravens/NewEngland (8:30pm game), Knights Hall	3:00pm
Mon	3	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sat	8	Children's Christmas Party, Kilduff Hall	11:00am
Sun	9	KoC at Ravens/Indy (8:15pm game), Knights Hall	2:30pm
Mon	10	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	14	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon	17	1 st Degree, Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	17	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	20	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Tue	25	Christmas Day	!!!
Fri	28	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sun	30	KoC at Ravens/Pittsburgh (1pm game), Knights Hall	7:30am

JANUARY

Tue	1	New Year's Day	!!!
Mon	7	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon	14	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	17	4 th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Mon	21	Council Mtg, Social or Holiday Party?, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	21	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	25	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm



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