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If you haven't been to a Council meeting lately you may not be aware of one of our projects: Duffy the Lion.

Duffy is a stuffed, huggable, lion that, along with a CD and a book, is distributed to children who are patients in the hospital.

The aim of Duffy is to help children deal with their fears. For you see, Duffy, like his new child friend is suffering from an injury. When reading or listening to the CD telling about Duffy's feelings and experiences, it gives the child the opportunity to talk their own feelings and fears.

Father Wolfe Council is sponsoring this project for all of Harford County.

If you would like more information go to <http://www.couragelion.org>



Duffy the Lion

Membership	<i>From Bill Hengemihle</i>
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For the record.....as of 11/19/07	Total Membership.....224
Honorary Life/Hon.....8	Fr. McGivney Award (11)... ..1
Founders Award (5).....0	Surge With Service.....33%

Merry Christmas members!!! All I want for Christmas is a few completed form 100's. Not too much to ask but very much a reality. Enrolling ten new members in the next few months is the daunting goal before us. Lets get er dun...

Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving – I know I did. We all now will be looking forward to the Christmas Season and our Lord's Birthday. We all have favorite Christmas stories and memories. What is central to them all most likely the time we spent with our families and Church.

As a youth, I was an Alter Boy. I always tried to get to serve at the Midnight Mass – when it was actually held at Midnight. There was always something special about those services. The Choir was always at its best. The pastor always gave a very spiritual and uplifting sermon. The Church's congregation was excited and thankful for the special gift God gave us and the Church would be packed full.

In South Dakota where I grew up, there would be snow on the ground – a white blanket for the happy day. The entire family, 11 of us, would be together with my Grandmother, Aunt, and cousin from my Dad's side, and twice as many relatives from my Mom's side. All of us there to share the joy and wonder of the day. I know all of you have similar memories. I hope this year's Christmas will add another wonderful day in memories of Christmas past.

Some of the best memories I have of Christmas in this council is always our Children's Christmas Party. Attending one of these parties, you always recognize how special Christmas is when you see the excitement in the children's eyes. We will be holding our Children's Christmas Party on December 8. Bring your kids and have a wonderful time. The party is free to all the kids in the parish. You can also come out and help if you do or do not have any kids. I hope to see you and yours at the party.

I want to wish all of you the Happiest of Christmas and the Merriest New Year.

Dan Samis - Grand Knight

Associate Chaplain's Message

Deacon Dick Stine

Well here we are again in the season of Advent and Christmas. The stores are decorated and we begin to plan how we will decorate our homes and places of business. There's the anticipation of waiting for the festive holidays to begin, where old friends are contacted once again and memories of the past linger in our minds. It's a time of waiting and getting ready. The question is, what are we getting ready for? Is it the sound of Seasons Greetings that we hear at this time? Is it the ringing of bells at many store entrances, where we feel that tug in our hearts to reach out and give to those who have less or even nothing? What is it that we are waiting for?

I hope that we don't lose our focus on what this season is all about. At Mass listen to the Advent Sunday readings for the scriptural description that we should be focusing on. It begins with the end of Matthew's gospel with Jesus telling his disciples to stay awake and be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. Then we go to the beginning of Matthew's gospel with John the Baptist preparing the way. It continues on and ends with the last Sunday of Advent describing the birth of Jesus.

We as Christians should be living out our lives preparing ourselves for the second coming of Christ. We call this the Parousia. It is the Greek word for coming, or advent or arrival. It originally described the arrival of a king or high government official for an inspection of a village. But the early Christians used the word to describe the role that they envisioned for the risen Jesus at the Last Judgment and the events that surrounded it. For Paul and the early Christians, the second coming was a certainty. But since no one knows the exact time, our focus is on being prepared for it always. In this world of today with all of its problems, persecution, evil, and immorality, Christ is calling us to persevere in our faith.

The efforts that every one of us has to make, to make this world a better place to live in, are important, but their results won't compare with the transformation that Christ will bring when He returns. I know that most every day we pray for God's Kingdom to come - thy will be done here on earth - but how many of us are willing to let go of our own kingdom? Let's face it, we've worked hard to establish our own little private kingdom here on earth, and we want to protect and defend it. The Lord isn't asking us to give up everything and isolate ourselves from the world, but only to think about our choices today so that tomorrow we will be open to something that He might have in mind for us.

It would be nice if we could have a world where people find it easy to do good, but it seems that our world moves more and more in the opposite direction. It may be an impossible task to change the direction that this world is moving in but it is possible to change the direction that each individual is taking. We may not be able to change the darkness that we find in our world but we sure can be the light that will help to let others see the Kingdom that Jesus came to establish here on earth. Maybe one day our individual lights may be enough to extinguish the darkness of the world. This season let your light shine brightly.

Insurance

Ed O'Keefe, Insurance Agent
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"What Happened to my Husband's Pension?"

Most men work hard all their lives, build up a pension, retire and eventually die ... leaving a widow behind. It doesn't always work out like this, but this is the statistic norm.

Here's the problem:

while working you make	\$60,000
your company pension	\$30,000
your wife's survivor benefit	\$15,000

Survivor benefits for our wives only give them about 50% of your pension.

Your pension only gives you 50% of your working income.

So ... who's at risk here? That's right. Our ladies. They usually get a small survivor's benefit and their husband's social security. Not nearly enough with today's life expectancies and rising health care costs.

So what can you do? Call me. I can help you set up a painless plan to help supplement your wife's survivor benefit. Planning takes initiative and courage. It's easier to just "let it happen". But ... not planning will ultimately create a very undesirable situation. Having settled many death claims, I would very much like to see our ladies fully taken care of with the loving dignity that they deserve.

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District Deputy Report

Ed Colvin, District Deputy

The District Deputies Report will return next month

Preliminary Craft Fair Results

Final figures were not available at press time but preliminary results are that the Ladies of the Knights made over ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS from their bake sale and the Men of Father Wolfe Council made approximately NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLAARS from selling pit beef and pit ham.

That is OUTSTANDING! All the workers at the craft fair deserve a "well done" for their efforts during this two day event.

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

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	Council Mtg, Social, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	17	KoC Ladies Meeting, Room 204	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
Sat	12	Habitat for Humanity Workday (Knights Hall 7:30am)	8:00am
Mon	14	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	17	4th 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

FEBRUARY

Mon	4	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon	11	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	1 st Degree (Judged), Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	18	KoC Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	21	4th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Thu	28	2nd Degree, Kilduff	8:00pm



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