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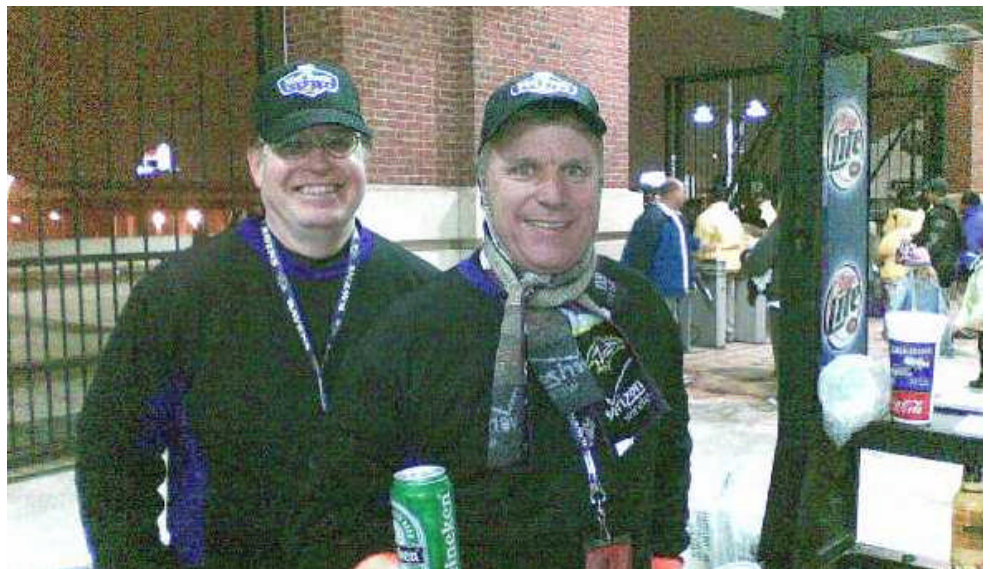
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If you haven't been to a Council meeting lately you may not be aware of one of our fund raising projects – our Ravens Stadium beer stand.

Below you will see two of our intrepid workers – WGK Dan Samis and Brother Greg Ward. They aren't actually looking at the camera. The Ravens cheerleaders are walking past – note their smiles in spite of the rather low temperatures.

So next season, come join us for a fun day at Raven's Stadium. Meet lots of interesting people and see the crazy fans up close. And help raise money for our worthy projects. Contact Brother Lee Eder for details.



<h2>Membership</h2>	<i>From Bill Hengemihle</i>
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For the record.....as of 12/17/07	Total Membership.....223
Honorary Life/Hon.....8	Fr. McGivney Award (11)... ..4
Founders Award (5).....0	Surge With Service.....33%

The membership feels a great loss in the passing of brother Al Gaurino. Al made a lasting impact on our council in the short time he was with us. Al was an instant friend to those he met at our parish. Please remember Al and his family in your prayers.

I really did get my Christmas wish thanks to the success of the hard working membership team. Three new members received the honors of the first degree on November 19th, 2007. Please welcome Greg Branch (Steve Herpel), Willie Wagoner (Alex Eder) and Nick Gladden (Mike Georgulas). Ike Ifeaco, Steve Foerkolb and Nick Gladden received the honors of the second degree on November 29, 2007. Congratulations brothers....

Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – I know I did.

December was a month in which we lost another Brother - Al Guarino. His passing was sudden and unexpected. I want to thank those of you who were able to make it to the viewing and the Funeral Mass.

What we all did not know was that Al was suffering from end stage liver disease – the doctor had told him he only had about two years to live. You would never have known it from his happy go lucky attitude. He always acted as if nothing was wrong.

Al reminds me of another Brother with a terminal illness - Roy Franta. Both men lived with an illness they knew would take them home to the Lord. In both cases, you never heard a complaining word, no woe is me attitude. They showed all of us how to live with terminal illness. The illness may have afflicted them, but neither let the illness control them. They both put their trust in the Lord, and went on living full lives.

We all need to look at how they handled their situation and to take to heart the lessons they both taught us. They should both be inspirations to all of us. In one of the worst situation you can find yourself, they showed us how to live and enjoy the time available. They didn't sit around waiting for the end, they seized whatever time they had and made the most of it. too. Both made sure they were productive and contributing to the church and community. While we will all miss both of them, but we should all be proud to have known them.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Samis - Grand Knight

Associate Chaplain's Message

Deacon Dick Stine

I hope everyone had a blessed and happy Christmas. Here we are beginning a new year, so maybe it would be beneficial as we continue, "What It Means To Be A Catholic", to start the year off with trying to understand a little bit about God's gifts to us as we struggle with the weakness of our human condition and the constant struggle we face in our attempts to walk faithfully in the footsteps of Christ. Jesus taught us certain truths that we are to believe, and he also showed us a path through life that we are to follow. He also established means to supply the grace that God has promised us, that power which makes us strong despite our weakness. The Catholic Church calls these unique instruments of grace the sacraments and explains that they are outward signs given to us by Christ to give grace. They are invisible signs of an invisible grace even though we visibly experience the water, bread, wine, oil, hands, and words. We also recognize God's presence that is given to us through these signs.

Jesus has given us these signs through the Church which has developed these Sacraments as powerful occasions of God's presence to us. We can find direct references to some of the sacraments in the scriptures, like Baptism and the Eucharist. And while all of them are not mentioned specifically in Scripture, the Church was empowered by Jesus to develop the sacraments for our benefit.

What this gift of grace means to us is that we can share in God's life, and it also helps us to fulfill our responsibilities as Christians. Three of those sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders are a spiritual effect which makes the receiver of this special grace a member of the Church, a confirmed Christian, or an ordained priest, deacon, or bishop. These are the three sacraments that cannot be repeated. They are received only once.

As we explore these sacraments in the months to follow we will briefly describe and try to show you how they match the major moments in our lives while they also respond to the need for preserving the human race and the Church.

Deacon Dick Stine

Insurance

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

"How Much are you Worth?"

Most men (and women) underestimate their "financial worth" to their families. In my experience as your council's benefits advisor I can tell you that most of our members (not all) drastically underestimate the amount of money it would take to replace their income.

For example ... how much life insurance would it take to replace a \$60,000 income? At 5% interest, it would take 1.2 million. $\$1,200,000 \times .05\% = \$60,000$ annual income

With K of C low cost term and permanent plans available to our members there's no reason a person can't afford this amount of coverage. \$1,000,000 isn't what it used to be! Lump sum thinking is dangerous. You can't look at the lump sum, but rather at what amount of income the lump sum could provide. Lots of brother knights own \$1,000,000 plus of life insurance with the Order. Please think about this issue and give me a call. Join the \$1,000,000 club ... you'll feel great once you do!

Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC
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District Deputy Report

Ed Colvin, District Deputy

Welcome to 2008! The year has changed, but our mission is the same. Service to Church, community and one another. Connie and I wish each of you and your families a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We pray that your Christmas was filled with joy.

It's time for Grand Knight's to be preparing and submitting Surge Reports. Grand Knights should try to bring them to the Mid Term Meeting on January 5th at Cardinal Gibbons. I hope to see the Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights there. This meeting is so very important for the DGK's who are going to move to the 1st chair after this year.

There will be a mandatory District Meeting in January. I will notify the Grand Knight's of the date and time.

Keep Membership at the forefront. Without new, active members we cannot thrive and be active in our communities. Everyone should be working to win the Silver Knight Award. If each of us brought in 2 members, just think how strong we would be.

"Through Our Works of Charity, We Manifest the Lord's Presence."

Vivat Jesus

Ed Colvin - District Deputy 2

Motion of Intent

At the December 17th meeting, the Trustees made a motion to donate \$500 to the St Vincent de Paul Society. These funds will be used to help needy families with energy bills, prescription bills, etc. The motion for approval or disapproval will be conducted at the first meeting in January. That meeting will take place on January 7, 2008. A majority of those present will decide the motion

March of Life

Join your brothers and participate in the K of C Fourth Annual **March for Life Walk** on January 12, 2008 at 1:15 pm. The March will originate at 8640 Belair Rd from the Baltimore County Credit Union and proceed to Saint Joseph's Church at 8420 Bel Air Rd. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm at St Joseph's by Bishop Mitchell Rozanski.

Please join your brothers for this short walk and show your support for all Pro-Life causes.. If you are interested or for more information, please contact Rich Sosna at 410-569-9374, or via email sosna@verizon.net.

Program Director's Report

My Brothers All,

Material accidentally not included from last month - Several of our brothers and families participated at the annual Light the Night Walk at Cal Ripken Stadium on October 27th. The walk and sponsorship raised funds to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Our Habitat for Humanity workday was rained out on October 27th, but we have tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, January 12th. Our annual Memorial mass was held on Saturday November 3, followed by brunch at Vitali's. Many thanks to Father Chuck for celebrating Mass for the 30 brothers, ladies, and family members that attended. There were a total of 46 people who attended the Atlantic City bus trip on November 10th. \$150 was raised for John Archer School!

Directly from Worthy DGK Bill Elliott - "On Saturday, December 8th, Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council of the Knights of Columbus hosted their annual Christmas party for the youth of St. Francis de Sales parish. There were about sixty youth in attendance as well as a number of adults. The party began with the magic and balloon show by Steve Gambrell, the Extreme Balloon Man. He used magic tricks and balloon making to tell stories about the Christmas season, all of which included good, Christian messages for the children to enjoy. He was followed by a meal consisting of kids' favorites: chicken nuggets, chips, pretzels, cheetos, tootsie rolls, cookies, cupcakes, soda, punch and some fruit for good measure. After everyone had eaten their fill, it was time for a festive story with a fun twist. Fr. Chuck recited the "Pass It Left/Right Story, with each child holding onto a gift at the very end. Thereafter, it was time for a visit from Jolly Old St. Nick. Each child received a toy from Santa, got a chance to fill him in on their wishes and posed for pictures to make Mom and Dad happy. By all accounts, fun was had by all.

"This party was the result of a lot of people donating their time and talents. I am indebted to the following brothers and their wives for their assistance: Dan and Donna Samis, Dan and Sarah Trout, Keith and Beth Marchiano, George and Theresa Hemelt, Ed and Bernie Pavlista, Rich and Debbie Sosna, Bob and Carol Roddy, Steve Herpel, Ed Petrovic, Mel Piotrowski, Bill Hengemihle, Jack Kreiner, Lee Eder and Bill Orlosky. I hope I am not leaving anyone out as there were a lot of people there to lend a hand! A very special thanks goes to John Zoltowski and Alex Eder who had the hard labor completed before we even arrived!! Several members of the youth group and Diane Lewis were a great help as well. It was a team effort, and I am profoundly grateful to all of these fine folks."

Keith Marchiano had 60 children participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest! The winners will be announced in the next newsletter for each of the following grades: 1-3, 4-6, and 7-8.

Church (Gerry Gingras 410.838.5692) – Projects planned to assist with renovating the Worship center include tile work and re-lamping. Contact Gerry Gingras today for more details!

Family (Bill Elliott 410.838.9893) – Our Children's Christmas continues to be a fantastic council tradition! Bill Elliott and Diane Lewis are planning our Ice Skating Party for February or March, stay tuned for details!

Youth (Keith Marchiano 410.569.7253) –Our "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest for the Christmas season had a record turn out this year! We will announce our winners in next month's newsletter!

Council (Mike Novak 410.515.6867) – Our March Madness party is being planned! Please contact Mike if you have any suggestions for the party!.

Community (Dave Anthony 443.307.3245) – Habitat for Humanity work day is rescheduled for Saturday January 12th, 8:00am– 3:00pm in Havre de Grace. We will car pool from the Knight Hall at approximately 7:30am. 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 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. Bill Orlosky has volunteered to backup Ken Reed as an alternate to lead our Bingo events! Please call Ken to volunteer for bingo!

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
Programs Director



3-Month Planner

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, 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 (Judged), Kilduff	8:00pm

MARCH

Mon	3	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
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
Thu	20	4th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00pm
Fri	28	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm



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