



# Knights Works



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You often hear jokes about bingo games in a Catholic context and there is often a touch of the truth in many of the jokes. Bingo has become a uniquely Catholic social and fund raising activity. Here at St. Francis the Knights run a twice a month family bingo in Kilduff Hall on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

We believe strongly in the family bingo concept. We could probably raise greater funds if we ran it more as a business operation but that's not what our council is all about.

We get lots of families with grandparents and children and even teenagers are often included. We serve food and many kinds of refreshments. We give away door prizes. We talk and joke with our players and often know them by name. In plain words we and our guests have a good time and at the same time raise some money for our Council and Parish (We split the profits 50/50.)

No experience required. No permanent commitment necessary. You want to work one Friday a month or once every two months or you just want to give it a try? That's fine with us.

So if you think you might like to join us, please call Ken Reed at 410-569-5589.

Come out and join your brothers for a fun evening and be part of our single largest fund raising activity.

<b>Membership</b>	<i>From Bill Hengemihle</i> <b>410-569-5253</b>
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For the record.....as of 1/ 15/08  
Honorary Life/Hon.....8  
Founders Award (5).....0

Total Membership.....222  
Fr. McGivney Award (11)... ..4  
Surge With Service.....66%

We have several applicants for the first degree on February 18<sup>th</sup>. We need at least four more candidates. Please make an effort to get your prospect at this degree. Our team will be judged in the statewide contest for the performance of this degree.

# Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers,

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Valentine's Day is always a special day in our home because that is the day I proposed to Donna. I would never have been a complete person without her. It is also a special day because up until that day I thought I would never find someone I would ever marry – I was 38 the year we were married. Every Valentine's Day I say a special prayer to our Lord thanking him for bringing Donna into my life.

Valentine's Day should be a special day in all of our lives because of the lady we all fell in love with and decided to spend the rest of our lives with. We all need to show our wives just how much we love them and how important they are to us. Do not let the day slip by without telling her how much you love her.

On another subject, this month we will have two degree ceremonials. We will have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on Monday, February 18, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on Thursday, February 28. If you have any prospects of getting someone to join our council, now is the time to get them to sign the Form 100 and for them to take their degree. If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight, now is the time for you to take your 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. We would love to have a large showing at both ceremonials.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree team will be judged at the February 18<sup>th</sup> ceremonial, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree team will be judged at the February 28<sup>th</sup> ceremonial. Please attend both ceremonials and provide all of the candidates and Degree Teams with your support. Let us show the judges just how great a council we are.

Finally, I want to invite all you who have wanted to get into a leadership role in the council that this year is your opportunity. We will be holding elections in May or June; our target is for the last meeting in May. Our council will have several empty chairs this year since I will not be up for re-election, and our Recorder will be vacant because Mike Novak will be nominated to be our Financial Secretary. We will also need a new Program Director, Family Activity Director, and Council Activity Director. Therefore, a minimum of five new individuals need to join the leadership team. If you are interested about any of the positions, see any of our Past Grand Knights or myself and we will let you know what is involved.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Samis - Grand Knight

# District Deputy Report

District Deputy Ed Colvin

Greetings Brothers,

As I write this, I am amazed that January is over. Where did it go? Into the past with all that we accomplished in 2007. That's right! Those activities that were held last year are your past, your Council's heritage. It is easy to be proud of the council's in our District. But, our work is not yet done. We have 5 months to complete OUR mission. Every Council should be keeping a commitment to bring eligible Catholic Gentlemen into our Order. If each Brother Knight would bring 1 new member to our ranks, imagine how this District would grow.

Thanks to the Grand Knight's for submitting your activity reports on time. I'll see you down the ocean. Once again, we are going to have a District Hospitality Room at the convention. Due to the special nature of this convention, we will be pumping up the activities in the hospitality room. I will be looking to the councils for donations and ideas. We are blessed to have some great party planners and decorators in the district. We will put our heads together and have a great room for our friend and brother Dick Siejack and his lovely wife Pat.

Special thanks to those of you that came to the Mid-Term Meeting. Especially the Deputy Grand Knight's. This meeting was for you.

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

Vivat Jesus

## Insurance

Ed O'Keefe, Insurance Agent  
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### “Do You Own a Business?”

Most businesses in the U.S. are small family-run sole proprietorships or partnerships. In many cases, the owner is the business. The owner runs the day-to-day operations and is the person who has developed the contacts that bring in the business.

The problem is when a business owner dies. Since he was the business, chances are bleak to sell the business as a going concern. The surviving widow and children most likely can't run the business, so the income stream stops!

At the K of C ... we have a business continuation program. At your death, we continue sending your family a set monthly income for anywhere from 10 to 30 years. You name the amount. Some brother knights have set up monthly incomes of \$4,000 a month and some all the way up to \$15,000 a month. It depends on what lifestyle you want to continue for your family.

Let's discuss your situation. Let the K of C "buy" your business.

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## Associate Chaplain

Deacon Dick Stine

*This year we'll look briefly at those gifts of grace called the Sacraments, to better understand what it means to be Catholic and most important what these special graces bring to our lives. Baptism is the first stage of initiation into the Church community of believing Christians. Why do Christians baptize their children and what does this occasion mean when families gather together to celebrate this Sacrament? It's amazing how many young families want to have their babies baptized, yet don't fully understand what their responsibilities are in passing on the faith to their children. Some consider it just a tradition that is a part of their family. We've always done it.*

*We should understand that baptism isn't something just for the baby and family. It's not like waving a magic wand over the child. It's the beginning of new life for this child of God.*

*Baptism is important for building up the body of Christ. It brings believers together for the purpose of welcoming this newborn person into the community of believers. Baptism perpetuates the responsibility of passing on the faith to the next generation that Jesus gave us.. The parents and sponsors of this newborn all make promises to teach the child about God's love and to make this newborn baby aware of the teachings of the Church that have been passed down to us through the Apostles. The Church's understanding of baptism has grown through the years and that it is important to fill the void in this child with the grace of the Holy Spirit to help this child overcome the sinful condition of this world which we call original sin. On occasion the family may want to include a Christian witness of another Christian faith along with a Catholic godparent in the celebration of baptism. It's important to know that adults who are wanting to become Catholic and are truly baptized in other Christian communities do not have to be baptized again but instead simply recite a profession of faith in their new spiritual home. There are many beautiful symbols in this celebration that bring to mind the meanings of baptism.*

*A lighted candle to remind us that we are the light of Christ and to keep that light always alive within us. Water to remind us that we are cleansed of sin, but also that we are buried with Christ and rise to new life in baptism. A white garment to give an outward sign of our Christian dignity. We have oils as a symbol of strength and sharing in the royal and prophetic priesthood. Our baptism is the very beginning of a new walk in our spiritual life.*

## 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! Utilize the program details and contact list below, in addition to the 3-month calendar, as a guide to your participation!

Directly from Worthy Youth Activity Director Keith Marchiano – “We had over 60 youth participate in this year’s contest! We also had some very talented youth turn in drawings which made judging this year very hard. Here are the winners:

**Grade 1-3**, 1<sup>st</sup> place Callum Maclellan \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Scott Nowaskey \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Peter Stanley \$25, Hon. Mention Ethan Schammel \$10

**Grades 4-6**, 1<sup>st</sup> place Emily Walker \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Gabriella Samra \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Austin Wilcox \$25

**Grades 7-8**, 1<sup>st</sup> place Erin Cullinan \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Melissa Johns \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Wendy Ambrozewicz \$25, Hon. Mention Holly Cook \$10

We gave away \$450 for some well deserving youth. All the youth will hopefully remember why we celebrate Christmas.”

**Church (Gerry Gingras 410.838.5692)** – We are posting a signup to attend the annual Malvern Retreat in March. Please contact Rich Sosna or Gerry Gingras today for more details!

**Family (Bill Elliott 410.838.9893)** – The Family Ice Skating Party will be held on Saturday, March 29th (not February as I previously thought) from 5:45 to 7:45 pm at Ice World in Abingdon. Admission will be a donation of a non-perishable food item. Skates will be available for rent at the site. More details will follow!

**Youth (Keith Marchiano 410.569.7253)** – Keith is planning a winter activity in addition to the Kids Bingo in April. Please contact Keith today for ideas and to offer your support!

**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 will be rescheduled for a future day to be announced! Thanks to all the brothers and their spouses for your support!

**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.

**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. 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 contact Bob Roddy with programs or activities that can be shared with the State Council and Supreme.

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

## 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 <sup>st</sup> 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
Sat	29	Family Ice Skating, Ice World Abingdon	5:45pm

## APRIL

Sat	5	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, Hagerstown	9:00am
Sat	5	Kid's Bingo, Kilduff Hall	5:00pm
Sun	6	Charity Bullroast, Richlyn Ballroom	2:00pm
Mon	7	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Sun	13	KofC Pancake Breakfast, Kilduff Hall	6:30am
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



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