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On February 22, 1900, the first Fourth Degree exemplification or degree ceremony was held in New York City. The Fourth Degree imparts a lesson on the virtue of patriotism. The primary purpose of this degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship. Today there are some 300,000 Fourth Degree Knights out of the total 1.6 million member Knights of Columbus.

Local units, called assemblies, draw their members from Knights of Columbus councils. The qualifications for membership in the Fourth Degree are: membership in the Knights for at least one year and being a Third Degree Knight.

A Fourth Degree Knight may become part of the assembly's color corps. These members are recognized widely by their distinctive attire of tuxedo, feathered hat (chapeau), cape and sword. These members regularly take part in civic events such as parades and wreath-laying ceremonies, and at ecclesial functions at Catholic churches. The various colored capes and chapeau feathers denote different officer positions within the Fourth Degree.

This years exemplification (inducting new members) will be held in Frederick on April 4th. If you think you might be interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight, contact Worthy Grand Knight Samis or Worthy Financial Secretary, Brian O'Connor.

Membership

Bill Hengemihle
410-569-5253

For the record..... of 2/20/08
Honorary Life/Hon.....8
Founders Award (5).....0

Total Membership.....221
Fr. McGivney Award (11)..... 7
Surge With Service.....66%

Congratulations to our three new members who received the honors of the first degree on February 18th. The new members are Larry Shannahan, Gary Arnold and Raymond Hamelberg. Please welcome these new members and encourage them to be active in our council. Four (4) new members still needed. April 21st is the new target date.

Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers;

I want to thank all of the Brothers who attended the 1st and 2nd Degree Ceremonials we had in February. You provided the two teams and all the candidates with great moral support. These were judged ceremonials. We will find out how we did at the State Convention.

This month we will celebrate Easter. This is time of reflection and renewal. Easter is the most important Holy Day in the Church Year. All of us are sinners. We should all reflect on how our Lord died so that we may be saved. Just as our Lord forgave the criminal who was crucified next to him, we need to forgive those may have offended or hurt us. It is also time for us to reflect on those we may have offended or hurt and to seek their forgiveness. Let us all take the steps needed to move on with a clean slate and a healthy attitude from seek and granting forgiveness.

In my column in February Newsletter I discussed the council elections in May. I have appointed four of our Past Grand Knights (Ray Traube, Bill Hengemihle, Mike Georgulas, and Rich Sosna) to form an election committee. These brothers will develop a proposed slate of officers for our 2008 – 2009 Fraternal Year. Any individual may run for any elective office. If you are interested in being a leader of our council, please contact them to let them know what position you are interested in running for. The elective officers are: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Trustee, and Inside and Outside Guards. The Election Committee will present their proposed slate of Officers at the March 17, 2008 meeting and it will be published in the April Newsletter. The election will take place at the May 19, 2008 meeting.

The Council will also be looking for some individuals to step up to fill some vacant appointive offices. These will include Family and Council Activities Directors, and Program Director. The new Grand Knight will appoint the individuals to these positions. Let any of the current officers know if you are interested in these positions. Contact me if you desire more information about the duties and responsibilities for any of the elective or appointed positions.

May you and your families have a Blessed Easter. Vivat Jesus,

Dan Samis - Grand Knight

District Deputy Report

Ed Colvin, District Deputy

As we journey through this Holy Season of Lent, let us remember to pray for our brothers and sisters who are in need. While we sometimes take for granted all that we have, we tend to overlook the needs of others. This is a good time to donate to our Parishes and help fill their food pantries.

Membership continues to be at the forefront for every council. I appreciate the council's involvement in the Spring Blitz. Grand Knight's, make sure to send me your numbers as I have to make a report to the State.

The State Convention is going to be here before we know it. Yesterday evening, February 19th, I met with State Secretary Richard Siejack and a group of men to begin planning the reception that will follow the final session of the convention on Sunday. The menu is set and the arrangement planned. This year, the reception will take place in the Atrium of the Princess Royale, beginning at about 1:00 PM. **The committee is asking for desserts.** Square cakes, brownies and cookies are requested. If your family could bring a dessert item, it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me to let me know what you will be bringing.

Congratulations to the 1st Degree Team at Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe for a great exemplification on February 18th, and welcome to our new Brother Knights.

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

Vivat Jesus.

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“Long Term Care Trends”

- 1) \$205 a day is the national average for a nursing home now.
- 2) \$197 a day is the average for the Baltimore Metropolitan area.
- 3) 92% of informal caregivers are women.
- 4) It takes 3-4 years on average to drain a couple's assets to qualify for Medicaid (welfare health program).
- 5) Alzheimers disease is the #1 growing area of long term care need.
- 6) Over 65% of nursing homes spaces are occupied by women.
- 7) Long term care insurance is sometimes the only thing that can keep you out of a nursing home (due to the home health care option).
- 8) Traditional health insurance and Medicare do not cover long term care needs or costs.

Call me for information on how to affordably
cover your long term care needs.

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Associate Chaplain

Deacon Dick Stine

This month we will talk about Confirmation and what we receive from this sacrament. We first have to go back to the Scriptures to see where this originated.

Jesus gave a promise to his Apostles that he would give them the courage that they needed to face any fears about carrying on the mission after he ascended into heaven. At Pentecost that promised was fulfilled. Those frightened disciples were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into fearless preachers of the Lord's victory over death. Confirmation is seen as that Pentecost event renewed today, as well as a complement to Baptism leading on to the Eucharist. In the early church those two sacraments were conferred together in one rite. We read about many instances in the Acts of the Apostles where the apostles were called upon to lay on their hands to those who were recently baptized. We might explain these two sacraments simply by saying that in Baptism we are made members of Christ's Body and in Confirmation we are given the power of God to bear fruit in our Christian life and to speak before the world boldly and to draw others into the Church. The sacrament is usually given at a time when the child starts to mature and is able to understand what their role and responsibilities are as a Christian.

Our entrance into the Christian life is not a sudden overnight experience but rather a process of gradual maturing. We have to mature spiritually, always seeking to grow in our faith and understanding our faith. The beauty of this sacrament is that the Holy Spirit is given to us in a way that gives us the strength to face up to our responsibilities and share the gospel with others. The Holy Spirit is the one who helps us to grow by strengthening those gifts that we received in Baptism and he is the one who brings them to maturity. Generally speaking, young people receive the sacrament in their mid-teens after one or two years in a preparation program which includes study, prayer, and projects of service to others. When adults are brought into the faith they are usually confirmed when they receive baptism or make a profession of faith. The local priest usually confirms in those cases. There is also a sponsor who ideally is the same person as the godparent for baptism. Their job is to help the one being confirmed to grow and mature in the Lord. Essentially the Rite consists of prayer invoking the Holy Spirit to come upon the person being confirmed. The candidate is then anointed on the forehead with the Oil of Chrism while the celebrant says "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Knights of Columbus Charity Bull Roast

On Sunday, April 6th 2008 Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council will sponsor a Charity Bull Roast at the Richlin Ball Room from 2 until 6 PM. All proceeds of the event will be donated to Saint Francis de Sales Church which will be used to help defray costs of the recent refurbishing of the parish Worship Center. Tickets are \$35.00 each. Live music, wheels, silent auction, raffles and a special appearance by Elvis.....Help spread the word and get your tickets as soon as possible. Email wjhengemihle@verizon.net or call Bill Hengemihle @410-569-5253.

Please forward to interested friends...

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!

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March Highlights

Malvern Retreat – March 7-9
Family Ice Skating – March 29
March Madness - TBA!!!

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.

Youth (Keith Marchiano 410.569.7253) – Our Kids Bingo will be April 5th. Please contact Keith today to participate or 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 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 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

MARCH

Mon	3	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00 pm
Fri-Sun	7-9	Malvern Retreat, Malvern PA	!!!
Mon	10	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30 pm
Fri	14	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00 pm
Mon	17	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00 pm
Mon	17	K of C Ladies Meeting, Religious Ed Bldg., Room 204	8:00 pm
Thu	20	4th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00 pm
Fri	28	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00 pm
Sat	29	Family Ice Skating, Ice World Abingdon	5:45 pm

APRIL

Sat	5	4 th Degree Exemplification, FREDERICK	9:00 am
Sat	5	Kid's Bingo, Kilduff Hall	5:00 pm
Sun	6	Charity Bullroast, Richlynn Ballroom	2:00 pm
Mon	7	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00 pm
Fri	11	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00 pm
Sun	13	KofC Pancake Breakfast, Kilduff Hall	6:30 am
Mon	14	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30 pm
Thu	17	4th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00 pm
Sun	20	Youth Job Prep, Kilduff Hall	2:00 pm
Mon	21	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00 pm
Mon	21	K of C Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00 pm
Fri	25	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00 pm
Sun	27	Youth Job Fair, Kilduff Hall	2:00 pm

MAY

Mon	5	Council Mtg, Kilduff Hall	8:00 pm
Fri	9	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00 pm
Mon	12	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30 pm
Thu	15	4th Degree Meeting, TBD	8:00 pm
Fri-Sun	16-18	110 th MD State Convention, Ocean City	!!!
Mon	19	Council Mtg, Social, Kilduff Hall	8:00 pm
Mon	19	K of C Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00 pm
Thu	22	2 nd Degree Exemplification, Mason Dixon	8:00 pm
Fri	23	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00 pm



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K of C Ladies

Debbie Sosna, President

What a great meeting the Ladies had this past Monday night! We welcomed 2 new members, Mary Tocci, and Pat Shannahan. With God's grace and an answer to all our prayers, we also welcomed Betty Gingras back to our group.

The Ladies held a baby shower for Birthright and donated many items to that organization. We also had the opportunity to take home baby bottles so we can bring them back next month, filled with coins to help moms who decided to carry their babies to term. Anyone who did not donate a baby item and wishes to do so can bring it to our March meeting.

The Ladies will be donating desserts to help with the Children's Bingo sponsored by the Knights on April 5th.

Our next meeting will be held on March 17th in Room 204 of the Religious Ed building. Wear your green and see you then. If you'd like to find out more about joining the KC Ladies, call Debbie at 410-569-9374.