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Dear Brothers,

The days are getting shorter. The leaves are turning wonderful shades of yellow and red. There's a bit of a chill in the air, and the Steelers are on primetime (couldn't resist). That means only one thing...autumn. As we begin to work our way into the end of the year, let's take a moment first and look back. We've just completed two major initiatives in the car raffle and the Tootsie Roll Drive. I want to thank our Brother Knights, Ray Bloom and Bob Roddy, for spearheading these projects. I also want to thank those of you who sold tickets and/or gave your time to collect for the children of John Archer School. As we look ahead, please mark your calendars for the Trunk or Treat Event on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Second Degree Exemplification on November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Light the Night Event and the Christmas Craft Bazaar. Knights will be helping out with all of these events. Why not lend a hand? Have some fun, work with your Brother Knights and help the parish. What better way is there to enjoy the fall season? Just check the calendar for dates and times.

November is also a great time to start thinking about your Christmas card list. Brother Lee Eder has been kind enough to take the lead on our Christmas Card sale. There are several styles to choose from....all of which revolve around the true meaning of the holiday...the birth of our Savior. Please support Lee and buy a box or two.

In closing, my wife Chrissie and I want to wish you all a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. Enjoy the time with your family and friends and the love and happiness of the holiday. You all deserve it!!!!

Bill Elliott – Grand Knight

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Bill Hengemihle</b> <b>410-569-5253</b>
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<b>For The Record</b>	<b>10.161.08</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Honorary Life/Hon.....6</b>		<b>Fr. McGivney Award (11).....0%</b>	
<b>Founders Award (6).....0%</b>		<b>Surge With Service.....33%</b>	

**15 YEAR MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL.** To celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> year, for the entire year, all new members will not be charged the normal \$10.00 initiation fee. In addition, should the new member bring in a new member, the council will pay \$30.00 toward the sponsoring members dues. This could be a benefit of \$40.00 for each new member. Talk to the membership chairman about details. We need new members now!!! Reminder, **A CASE ON IRON CITY BEER**, to whoever sponsors the most new members this year

## *Program Director's Report*

*Dan Briggs*

My Brother Knights!

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving, and very soon the Christmas season, will be upon us. This is a time of year when we as an organization will be called on often. From providing for others who have less, to parking and the organization of large events at the parish, we as brother Knights must answer the call. I know we will do this as we have done so many times before. I am thankful for all that the Knights and their families do to make our program so special.

Tom Scaruzzi – Council – Contact – 443-510-8615 or [tscaruzzi@comcast.net](mailto:tscaruzzi@comcast.net)

Tom is working to prepare two activities in the coming quarter! The first activity that will be coming your way is a trip to Atlantic City. This trip has been very well received in the past and should prove to be a lot of fun for anyone who wants to participate! The next event, sometime in December, will be our annual holiday party. The twist this year....it will be during the holiday season in December! No dates have been finalized for either of these events but we will get this info to you as it is available.

Keith Marchiano – Youth – Contact 410-568-7253 or [kmarch52@verizon.net](mailto:kmarch52@verizon.net)

Trunk or treat! Perhaps not what you may hear on Halloween. Keith will host a trunk or treat event at St. Francis De Sales on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00PM to 11:00PM. Keith will need help from brother to help with parking and making food for the kids! Contact Keith if you have questions about how you can help!

Mike Brown – Church – Contact – 410-538-7447 or [mikeobrown@msn.com](mailto:mikeobrown@msn.com)

Mike will be coordinating the Memorial Mass for our council in just a little over a month. The date will be later this year so please mark the change on your calendars. The date for the Memorial Mass this year will be November 15<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the Stone Chapel at 9:00AM. If you know of any widows of brothers in the area who we may not have contact info for please let Mike Brown or Dan Briggs know.

Godwin Ilonoh – Family – Contact 301-455-6534 or [Goddyilonoh@yahoo.com](mailto:Goddyilonoh@yahoo.com)

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE! Well not really, however it is getting close! Godwin will be hosting the Children's Christmas Party and you can expect more information soon.

Steve O'Connor – Community – Contact 410-679-9591 or [SoCal9@yahoo.com](mailto:SoCal9@yahoo.com)

Steve's last event was Light the Night at the equestrian center. At the time that this newsletter was written final figures were not available. (I will include them in the December Newsletter) Next on Steve's agenda....The Polar Bear Plunge....I am cold already.

## Insurance

*Ed O'Keefe, Insurance Agent*  
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### FRATERNAL BENEFITS

The late Will Rogers once said, "I'm not so much interested in the rate of return on my money as I am the return of my money." Understood in the context of this time period this was a real issue. There is another saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." Such is the case today.

Today's market environment is challenging for even the most seasoned investor. The ups and downs are frequent and can be intimidating. If you are at a station in life where you need to make sure your capital is preserved ... consider the Knights of Columbus. Why?

One can judge the Knights of Columbus by our values and integrity ... all of our assets must conform to a Christian litmus test. One can also judge us by what the rating agencies say about us. We are one of only five out of 1800 insurance companies in North America with the top rating from A.M. Best, Standard and Poor's and the IMSA certification for customer satisfaction.

I think the evidence that is most compelling to do business with the Knights of Columbus though is that Standard and Poor's has said that, "The Knights of Columbus is the #1 capitalized insurance company in North America." It really doesn't get any safer than that. See me for a great return both on your money and of your money. Even Will Rogers would appreciate that!

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## *Deacon's Report*

*Deacon Jim Sullivan*

### An Attitude of Gratitude

Leon had just finished quite a meal at the big silver diner. Actually he felt a little guilty because he was really full. He was carrying a white plastic bag heavy with a Styrofoam container. The container held enough food for yet another meal. As Leon approached his car he noticed a man sitting on the curb. The man was obviously hungry and probably homeless. Leon felt compassion for the fellow and offered him a \$5.00 bill. The man accepted the note and said thanks. He commented that he really was hungry and would use the money for food. Leon thought about the white bag he held, it contained his favorite meal, spaghetti and meat balls with rich tomato sauce. He had to struggle a bit, but finally offered it to the homeless person. The man's eyes became as wide as saucers, his favorite was spaghetti and meatballs too! Then a strange thing happened. The homeless man give Leon his five dollars back and said thank you for the meal, there's a guy two blocks from here, he really could use a bit of help, maybe you could give him this five dollars. I've got the spaghetti and meatballs, but that poor guy has nothing. Leon was stunned. He took back his money, said thank you to the stranger, and went to seek the poorest of the poor. The men both were practicing Christian charity!

My dear friends God has given us so much to be grateful for: our families, our friends, the land we live in and, most importantly, our faith and the call to be Knights of Columbus. Let us try *every* day to practice charity! It can change the world and it can change us too!

Peace and All Good!

Ladies' Meeting Hi-Lites

October 20, 2008

The K of C Ladies will again donate Meal – in – A- Bag to St. Vincent de Paul for Thanksgiving. Please bring bag of food to next meeting, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Items that can be included are: instant potatoes, canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, biscuit mix, graham cracker crust and instant pudding or anything else that you would like to include to make a Thanksgiving meal. Fifty \$10.00 gift cards are going to be given along with bags of food. So our goal is fifty bags of food.

The Ladies are donating a gift basket to be raffled at the Craft Fair in November. Some suggestions for filling the basket are: flavored coffees, teas, cocoa; home-made cookies or candy, holiday tea towels, potholders, coffee mugs. If you would like to donate something, please bring item to our meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Another project we are working on is the Christmas Shoe Box. Items being collected are personal hygiene products, knit hats, scarves, & gloves, writing supplies & nonperishable foods. These items are being collected at the Worship Center or can be brought to our meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like, you can fill a shoe box and gift wrap for Christmas and bring that to our meeting.

**District Deputy Message November 2008****REACHING FOR THE STARS**

REPORT AS OF 10/01/08

<b>Council No</b>	<b>New Members</b>	<b>Dropped Members</b>	<b>Member ship Increase</b>	<b>Net Insurance Increase</b>
<b>8736</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>9815</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>10100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>11372</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>District Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

**Star District Goals 21 New Members; 11 Insurance Members**

As of the time of this article the District 1<sup>st</sup> degree had not been held. From the preliminary reports on prospective candidates it is my hope the membership numbers will show an improvement versus the slight down turn this month. We are already 1/3 of the way into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year. Let us not be like the Ravens and the Steelers and try to pull out a victory in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter because that way you can't count on it working. Let's get at least half way or better to our Star goals by the end of the 2008 year.

Again while the event will not occur until after the newsletter deadline I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the District horseshoe tournament. I wish to thank all those who helped and participated in this event. As of this time it appears the District Soccer shoot-out will occur on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at District 7 recreation field in Northern Baltimore County. Specifics will be e-mailed to your GK prior to the event.

This month we have an election. Catholic Men are said the key to this year's election. We as knight need to vote Pro-Life and to urge our fellow Catholics to vote pro-life. How a person treats the pre-born is a magnifying glass into their character and a window to their soul. You can make a difference this election in speaking in favor of pro-life issues and candidates and voting pro-life

Finally, don't forget this month we remember our departed brother knights at the council Memorial Masses. Please join you brother Knights, their families and the widows of our departed brothers at these Masses. But remember we should be remembering our widows every month not just in November. Please offer them assistance and invite them to be a part in all council activities throughout the year. The State has a wonderful widows program if interested contact John Zelinski the State Widows Chairman.

Jesus I trust in you!!!!

Brian O'Connor

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**CAR RAFFLE WINNERS!!!**

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Worthies:

At our recent Columbus Day Ball Our Worthy State Chaplain, Fr.Donald drew the winning tickets for our Incentive Car Raffle. And now....drum roll please....the winners are:

The winner of the TV is: **Josephine Muhler**  
**Cottage Lamp Ct.**  
**Baltimore, MD 21234**  
**Winning ticket sold by Council #5058**

The winner of the car is: **Pat Russell**  
**1000 E. Belvedere Ave.**  
**Baltimore, MD 21212**  
**Winning Ticket sold by: Coluncil #4714**

Congratulations to the winners and all of the councils who took advantage of this amazing fund raising activity. Please make your plans now to participate next year.

Vivat Jesus!  
Your Incentive Car Raffle Team  
Steve Ransdell  
Bill Van Horn



# NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson sends out a special message. Nice to know when times are uncertain that you can safely depend on the Knight's of Columbus Insurance Program.

## Statement on Financial Services Markets and the Knights of Columbus

10/1/2008

by **Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson**

The upheaval in the financial markets in recent days has caused a great deal of concern virtually everywhere, among financial services professionals, regulators and consumers alike. Every major financial institution has been affected by the turmoil because of the complexity of our economy, and we are no exception.



But I can report to you that there is no reason to be concerned about the value of your Knights of Columbus annuity or life insurance. Because of the very conservative approach we take to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has been far smaller than for many other organizations and the industry as a whole. By avoiding investments in the complex and speculative vehicles that are at the root of today's problems, we greatly reduced the impact of the crisis on our operations. Instead, we have consistently relied upon high quality investments. Nevertheless, some of them have suffered losses. Yet the wisdom of that approach has been proven sound.

What Standard & Poor's said of us in August when they reaffirmed our AAA rating for the 16th consecutive year remains true today. Our "liquidity is viewed as extremely strong, reflecting an asset portfolio that consists primarily of high-quality, investment grade bonds." S&P also stated that our "investment portfolio has very strong credit quality" and our capital adequacy is "among the strongest in the industry." This is the case today. Our capitalization is, and remains, "extremely strong."

Our surplus stood at more than \$1.7 billion on June 30 of this year, and it continues to provide an unusually large cushion of protection against turmoil of the sort we have seen in recent weeks.

While a final determination of the impact of the continuing financial crisis on our year-end financial statements cannot be calculated until early January, we are confident that our surplus will remain extremely strong and that our surplus ratio will continue to remain in excess of historic industry levels.

One crucial area continues to set us completely apart from those firms that have incurred enormous debt. We have no debt on our balance sheet. Our strong cash flows make it unnecessary for us to borrow funds at all.

As a result, our financial condition remains extremely strong, and you can be certain that you are fully protected by one of the strongest and most reliable insurance programs in the world.



# THREE MONTH PLANNER

November			
Sat	1	Trunk or Treat	6:00pm
Mon	3	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sat	8	Ladies Yard Sale Rain Makeup Day	7:00am
Mon	10	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	14	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	5:00pm
Sat	15	Memorial Mass	9:00am
Sat	15	Navy/Notre Dame	12:00pm
Mon	17	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	17	Ladies Aux Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	20	Second Degree, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sun	23	Ravens Game (Flex Schedule)	1:00pm
Sun	23	Christmas Bazaar	9:00am
Mon	24	Charity Corp Meeting	7:30pm
Fri	28	Bingo, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
December			
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sun	7	Ravens Game (Flex)	1:00pm
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	13	Children's Christmas Party	11:00am
Sun	14	Ravens Game (Flex)	1:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	15	Ladies Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Thu	18	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting	8:00pm
Thu	25	Christmas Parking	TBD
Sun	28	Ravens Game (Flex)	1:00pm
January			
Mon	5	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	9	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	12	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	15	4 Degree Meeting	8:00pm
Mon	19	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	23	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	24	Polar Bear Plunge, Sandy Point State Park	8:00am
Sun	25	Pancake Breakfast 2, Kilduff Hall	6:30am



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