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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!! In this chilly month of December, we stop to celebrate the birth of our Savior who humbled himself to be born in the manger. As we reflect on this glorious event in the Church calendar, it is important for us as Knights to remember the true meaning of the holiday... Keep Christ in Christmas. So often it seems that the gift-giving and commercialism have taken over the true wonder of December 25<sup>th</sup>. As Knights, we are called upon to set an example for those around us. We can be the first to "Keep Christ in Christmas" in our homes, at work and everywhere we go. This can be done through our words and deeds. It can be as simple as exercising charity, smiling at someone, exchanging a friendly greeting or just stopping during our busy day to thank our Lord for being born to Mary and living and dying to give us eternal life. What greater gift could he have given!

I hope you and yours can join us for our Council Christmas Party on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Tom Scaruzzi is putting together a great event for us and details are in the newsletter. Our KofC Christmas Party for the parish Youth is coming up too. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces or nephews for this wonderful event and let Goddy Ilonoh know if you can lend a hand. These events give us a chance to celebrate this joyous time together.

I also want to take a moment and thank all of the Brothers who attended our Memorial Mass in November. It was a solemn but beautiful Mass in honor of those who have been called to the Lord before us. A very special "Thank You" goes out to Mike Brown for organizing this event. As I think about our Council and the wonderful things you all do for Church, Parish and Family, I am amazed at the generosity you show; in your time, your talents and your efforts. Whether it is giving up a Sunday of football to work the Ravens games, sacrificing Friday Knights to help with Bingo or being there for any of our many events, the true spirit of Christmas is alive and well in our Brothers and the Ladies all year long.

Chrissie and I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As Tiny Tim so astutely observed, "God Bless Us, Every One!"

**P.S. – See Lee Eder to get your K of C Christmas Cards (and thank him for leading this effort for us!)**

Bill Elliott – Grand Knight

## Membership

**Bill Hengemihle**  
**410-569-5253**

<b>For The Record</b>	<b>11.14.08</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Honorary Life/Hon.....6</b>		<b>Fr. McGivney Award (11).....1%</b>	
<b>Founders Award (6).....0%</b>		<b>Surge With Service.....33%</b>	



Our membership lost a great friend in Jack Myer. Jack was a knight for 52 years. Please remember him in your prayers. Please welcome new members John Elliott and Mark Lieu. Also we report the reinstatement of Elmer Walker and the transfer in of Joe Stradauskas. Please welcome these members when given the opportunity.

Reminder, **A CASE ON IRON CITY BEER**, to whoever sponsors the most new members this year. Our Grand Knight is the current leader.

My Brother Knights!!

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good....Knight.....I could not resist. Now that you have stopped rolling your eyes, I hope you and your families enjoy this very special time of the year. Below you will see the many programs in which our council continues to excel! Please help our council and support these brothers in our endeavors.

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

It's the holiday season so lets have a holiday party! Tom has planned an excellent party to be held on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant. The evening will begin at 7:00PM and will include live music and dancing. Attached to the newsletter will be a flyer with more details. Come on out and celebrate the season.

Keith Marchiano - Youth - Contact 410-568-7253 or kmarch52

Keep Christ in Christmas! The theme of our annual Christmas poster contest for students in elementary and middle school. Students are to draw and color a picture with this theme in mind. Prizes are available for winning pictures. Please contact Keith for more information!

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

Thanks to all who attended the November memorial mass and brunch. Brother and family gathered to remember those who have gone to eternal life with the Lord. Thanks to Mike for planning such an important and special event.

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

Come on out with your kids and enjoy the Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party. We will need help for set up beginning at 11:00AM and then the party will begin at Noon. You can tell your kids to expect a visit from a very Jolly Santa Claus.

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

Next on Steve's agenda....The Polar Bear Plunge....I am cold already. This is a January event and more information will follow in subsequent newsletters.

Have a Merry Christmas Brother and a Happy New year!



## Insurance

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### *"The Vocation of Fatherhood"*

The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. One thing Fr. McGivney felt very strongly about was that Catholic men had a duty and an obligation to take care of their families and when they couldn't, due to illness or death, he wanted an organization in place that could help the widow and surviving children. It is no coincidence that our First Degree is based upon charity and we've heard many times that "charity starts at home."

Your Council Benefits Advisor is a man who is a representative of Fr. McGivney's vision. His sole purpose in the K of C structure is to fulfill that part of Fr. McGivney's concern about our families. Fr. McGivney believed that the family was the basic structure of both society and the moral underpinning for civilization as a whole. With so much on the line in Fr. McGivney's eyes, is it any wonder that he placed such emphasis on the care and concern of our families if something would happen to us as fathers?

Yes, fatherhood is a vocation ... a very demanding but rewarding one. I invite you to experience the peace of mind that only comes from proper planning both as a member of the Knights of Columbus and as a father!

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## *Deacon's Report*

*Deacon Jim Sullivan*

### Those Darn Demons!

Jesus contends with many issues, people and all kinds of creatures while he is with us on earth. One of the many things Jesus deals with are demons. During the time of Jesus, if someone had seizures, fits or anything similar, they were thought to be possessed by demons. An exorcist was needed to drive out the demons possessing the person. We know today that those demons most likely were epilepsy, mental illness or strokes. In any case, Jesus is the person who can drive out those demons.

Today's exorcists are doctors and nurses who care for people and prescribe and administer drugs to help them with their illnesses. In Mark's gospel the author uses the healing power of Jesus to prove to his readers that Jesus is the true Messiah. Jesus has power over everything, even those demons who belong to a world beyond Earth. Luke's gospel takes a slightly different view. The author of Luke's gospel, although basing his tale on Mark, portrays Jesus as the healer and benefactor of those who are ill. In either case, we find Jesus helping and healing those who are in need.

In light of these gospels, we need to ask ourselves what or who are the demons in our own lives. What do we struggle with everyday that keeps us from loving and caring for each other? The demons of our modern world are many and varied. Perhaps for us a demon is to overeat. Maybe we abuse alcohol or prescription drugs. Our demons may come to us through no fault of our own, handed to us by life itself.

The challenge of the gospels is to make sure that we allow Jesus to show us our demons and to be our healer in dealing with them. It is not easy to contend with modern-day demons. Trust in God and trust in the healing power of Jesus can help us to grapple with the difficulties of our lives. It is dependence on God that helped the people of Jesus' time. It is dependence on God that can help us today.

Peace and All Good,

Deacon Jim

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

REPORT AS OF 11/13/08

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	5	0	5	1
9815	1	0	1	0
10100	6	0	6	2
11372	3	2	1	-2
District Total	15	0	13	1

Star District Goals 21 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

**On Behalf of Anne, Charlotte, Norm & myself we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and prosperous New Year.** We ask that as you travel and/or celebrate this festive time of the year that you do so carefully, safely and with Our Lord and your Guardian Angels at your side.

As you can see by the numbers above at the ½ way point of the year the District has reached 62% of its membership goal but are well short of the district insurance goals (9%). Insurance is one of the more fantastic benefits of our order. They have many products available including annuities, so if you haven't availed yourself of these benefits please call your Insurance Advisor and find out what's available. It appears we had some very good success with the blitz campaigns and as I understand there are still a few councils that have some additional prospects. I want to thank all of those councils and knights who have contributed to the success so far and remind you that there is much more work to be done so keep up the good work. If you have a new member and cannot wait until the next 1<sup>st</sup> degree in the district call me and well arrange to get them there degree at another council rather than losing that new member.

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree at Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Candidates should be at Kilduff Hall by 7:30 PM. Please call Mike Novak the Financial Secretary of 11372 and tell him how many candidates you will be bringing so they may properly prepare for them. It is statistically proven that each degree a member takes the greater are the chances of retaining that member; so bring as many members as are eligible. I have been told there is a large back log of 1<sup>st</sup> degree members needing to take this degree.

Congratulations to Councils 9815 and 10100 for their participation in the District soccer shoot-out. Each council has representatives in the State finals on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Jesus I trust in you!!!!

Brian O'Connor, District Deputy

# HOG STUFF!

## IT'S TIME FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY



WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

WHERE: GIOVANNIS

CONTACT WHOM? TOM SCARUZZI AT MONDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING

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Need to Cool Down After The Christmas Party?

Tired of Winter After Christmas Is Over?

We have the perfect activity for you!

*The Polar Bear Plunge!*

Sponsored by The Maryland State  
Police.

A previous plunge showing  
Governor Bob Ehrlich and  
Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele

Now doesn't that look like fun?

January 24<sup>th</sup> Sandy Point State Park  
Contact Steve O'Connor





# THREE MONTH PLANNER

<b>December</b>			
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Wed	3	Second Degree, Kilduff 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
Fri	19	Council Christmas Party! Giovanni's Restaurant	7:00pm
Thu	25	Christmas Parking	TBD
Sun	28	Ravens Game (Flex)	1:00pm
<b>January</b>			
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
<b>February</b>			
Mon	2	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Tue	3	Ice Skating Party	6:00pm
Sat	7	Kids Bingo, Kilduff Hall	7:00pm
Mon	9	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	13	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	16	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm



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