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Happy New Year!!!! As you read this, I hope you are winding down from a happy and festive Christmas. We had a number of events in December that I am sure were enjoyed by all. Goddy Ilonoh put together a great Christmas party for the parish youth, Tom Scaruzzi planned a great night out at Giovanni's and Ken Reed and his loyal bingo team members put on what has to be one of the most well-attended and successful bingos we have ever had! I want to thank the many Brothers and Ladies who took part in and helped out with these activities. A special thank you also goes out to our Ravens crews who sacrifice a lot of Sundays for us. You are all aces in my book.

As I look back at the past six months of my Grand Knight tenure, I see how truly blessed I have been. I couldn't ask for a better council, a better team of officers or a better group of activity directors than I have. Their dedication and willingness to help has been extraordinary and stands as testament to their value as Knights. You are the heart and souls of the Knights of Columbus...the best anywhere. I want to extend a very special thank you to our Membership Director, Bill Hengemihle, who was honored by the State Council for his excellence on the job at the Third Degree ceremony on December 13th. Thanks, Bill...I don't know what we would do without you.

In this past year, I also had the honor of watching my father become a Knight. It made me happy beyond words. I am so profoundly thankful for my wife Chrissie, my family and my many friends of the Knights and Ladies. As I look forward to the New Year, I am filled with excitement to see all of the wonderful things that we will do. One event that I am really looking forward to is the Polar Bear Plunge in late January. I have given my word to Steve O'Connor that I will remain in the water longer than any Ravens fans from our Council. So, bring it on my purple friends...a little challenge from your Black and Gold GK! Also, keep your calendars open for a very special 15th Anniversary celebration for our Council to help benefit our Charitable Corporation. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Chrissie and I wish you all the very best in the New Year and look forward to another year of fun and fellowship with the Knights of Columbus!!

Bill Elliott – Grand Knight

<h2>Membership</h2>	<i>Bill Hengemihle</i> 410-569-5253
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For The Record.....12.2.08	Total Membership.....227
Honorary Life/Hon.....6	Fr. McGivney Award (11).....1%
Founders Award (6).....0%	Surge With Service.....33%

Please welcome our new transfer into our council brother James Curtis. James won the 50/50 on his first visit to the council. Wow....lets see how this turns out.....Dues notices are out.....Lets get paid up so Mike Novak can relax a little.

Reminder, **A CASE ON IRON CITY BEER**, to whoever sponsors the most new members this year. Our grand knight (steeler trash) is the current leader and only brother who would actually drink Iron City Beer.

Program Director's Report

Dan Briggs

My Brother Knights!!

Happy New Year to my brothers all. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and are excited to begin a new year. I for one, am excited about all the events that our council has coming up in the near future and I really hope to see you at one of our activities. The activities executed by our activity directors are great ways to get new people involved in the Knights. Perhaps a good way to encourage a new member to make the commitment would be to invite them to one of our activities and let your brother Knights help close to deal! As it is with any of the programs our council works on, if you need help convincing a person to join the Knights please do not hesitate to ask.

Tom Scaruzzi – Council – Contact – 443-510-8615 or tscaruzzi@comcast.net

On the 19th of December Tom held the annual Christmas Party at Giovanni's restaurant in Edgewood MD. The party reached capacity quickly and a good time was had by all. With all the great events that Tom has brought us this year I am sure we are in for another great event in the coming months. Stay tuned for more information about our next council activity soon!

Keith Marchiano – Youth – Contact 410-568-7253 or kmarch52@verizon.net

With over 40 entrants in the Keep Christ in Christmas contest Keith had a very successful activity last quarter. He needs your help in facilitating another great activity. Saturdays February 7th, Keith will hold the annual Kids Bingo in Kilduff Hall at St. Francis. It is important to note that youth events are not limited to children of brother Knights. Invite the whole family to come out and have a good time. As it has in the past all proceeds will go to support research for Juvenile Diabetes. The prize for the Jackpot is still being decided, but in the past, jackpots have ranged from an Ipod Nano to a Nintendo Wii!

Mike Brown – Church – Contact – 410-538-7447 or mikeobrown@msn.com

A goal of activity director Mike Brown has been to encourage brothers and their families to practice their faith together. This idea will hopefully come to fruition in the coming months. With the season of Advent and Christmas behind us we look forward to the reflective time of Lent. Stay tuned for a fulfilling event from Mike to help guide us through this very important time of year.

Godwin Ilonoh – Family – Contact 301-455-6534 or Goddyilonoh@yahoo.com

Thanks to all who supported our council and parish families during Decembers Children's Christmas party. Over 90 kids attended and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended.

Steve O'Connor – Community – Contact 410-679-9591 or SoCal9@yahoo.com

Steve is pleased to announce that the third quarter activity will be the 2009 MSP Polar Bear Plunge. The event will take place on Saturday January 24, 2009 at Sandy Point State Park, and our council will be forming a team. At this point we are looking for members that are willing to be team members (guy that will go in the water), and handlers (support staff for the guy's crazy enough to go into the Chesapeake.) There will be two sign up sheets at this Monday's (Dec. 15) meeting for each group, and we would like to get at least 10 guys in each category to go down. We have already received 4 team members to go into the water, including our Worthy Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Chancellor and donations for this cause have already been made in their names. Remember, all the proceeds will benefit Maryland Special Olympics.

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"God's Special Children"

If you have a special needs child, grandchild, niece or nephew you might be interested in discussing what would happen to that child if something happened to the children's parents.

At the Knights of Columbus we have programs to promise that this child (or adult) will have adequate finances for their future care. There is no more compelling responsibility than this one - caring for those who will always be dependent for help.

Please call your council benefits advisor to discuss this critical issue if it applies to you.

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Deacon's Report

Deacon Jim Sullivan

Happy New Year!

Well, it's all over. Another holiday season has drawn to a close. The decorations are taken down (or are they)? The gifts are put away and its time to make those New Year resolutions. I'm going to lose 10 pounds, This is my last cigarette-for sure, I will really listen when my wife talks to me, I will try to have a closer relationship with God this year. Wait a minute, what was that? I already have a relationship with God. I go to Mass every Sunday, say a decade of the Rosary everyday, do lots of good work as a Knight and try my best to be a good person! What else am I supposed to do?

How about making our lives, your life, a life of prayer. Saint Paul encourages us to pray always. To pray always does not mean that we sit or kneel in church all day praying prayers someone else wrote. Praying always means being aware that God is with us every minute of every day. It means God has a hand in everything we see, touch and hear. Sometimes people twist God's creation for their own personal gain. If we learn to pray daily, God will give us the wisdom to see through the smoke of selfishness so we may more fully enjoy his work.

How do we do that? We ask God to help us to know him better. A holy card or other small religious symbol placed on a dresser or night stand could serve as a reminder to ask God to make his presence know to us in our everyday lives. When we see the picture or symbol perhaps we could say something like, A Lord, today could you remind me you are always with me and that together we can do great things. Oh, could you also remind me every so often to say a prayer? I want to have a closer relationship with you.

The rest is up to God and believe me, he works in ways that surprise us all! Let this be the year that we change and the year our relationship with God changes, too! We need only to ask. He's waiting to hear from us...by the way, losing 10 pounds couldn't hurt either!

Peace and All Good Things!

District Deputy Message January 2009
REACHING FOR THE STARS REPORT AS OF 12/15/08

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	7	0	7	1
9815	1	0	1	0
10100	6	0	6	2
11372	3	2	1	-1
District Total	17	2	15	2

Star District Goals 21 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

As you can see by the numbers above at the start the 2nd half of the year the District has reached 71% of its membership goal. We are however well short of the district insurance goals (18%). 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.

The GK's and DGK will be participating in the midterm meeting on January on January 3rd. There is a Baltimore March for Life on Saturday January 10th at 1:15 PM originating at the Baltimore County Credit Union Parking lot 8640 Belair Rd. and will end with a Mass by Bishop Madden at St Joseph's Church. Park at the church only!! The 2nd quarter reports are due at the District meeting on January 14th. The National March for Life will be Thursday January 22. KC will meet at the Mall at 12th St and Madison Drive NW starting at 12 Noon there will be a large KC Blue banner. You can take the Blue or the Orange Metro line and get off at the Smithsonian or Federal Triangle. There is also a bus available leaving from Dundalk Council at 7:30AM to get there in time for Mass at the Verizon Center call 410-529-2676

Congratulations all those knights in the District who made their 2nd degree and to the 3 knights 1 each from 9815, 10100 and 11372 who made their 3rd Degree in December. Also congratulations to Councils 9815; two of their soccer participants won the State finals.

We ARE called to Serve!!!!

SPECIAL PRO-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT

There are two Pro-Life events scheduled for our area in the month of January:

Baltimore's Fifth Annual Right to Life March is set for Baltimore on Saturday, January 10th at 1:15 pm. The March will originate at 8640 Belair Road (Baltimore County Credit Union) and proceed south on Bel Air Road to St Joseph's Church at 8420 Belair Road. There will be a Mass celebrated at 2:00 P.M. by Bishop Denis J Madden. For more information, please contact Rich Sosna at 410-569-9374., sosna@verizon.net

The Knights will also participate in the National Right to Life March held annually in Washington D.C. on January 22, 2008 at 12:00 Noon. The March will begin at 12th and Madison St and will continue for sev- eral blocks. For more information, please contact Rich Sosna at 410-569-9374 or sosna@verizon.net



THREE MONTH PLANNER

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
February			
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
March			
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

Ladies Report

Carol Roddy

November was a busy month for the Ladies. A Yard Sale on November 8th, netted the Ladies \$473.83. Co-Chairs Mary Celeste Eder and Karen Georgulas did a wonderful job, despite the rain. Once again, the Knights were on hand to assist with set-up, food, and clean-up. The Ladies were grateful for the help from Lee Eder, Mike Georgulas, Bob Roddy, Will Glassman and Ed Petrovic, and the generous food donation from the Knights. Diane Lewis provided the materials, and some of the Youth were on hand to provide fun activities for the children. The proceeds were given to Deacon Jim to be used by St Vincent de Paul.

Blanche Stine did a great job of coordinating the Christmas Shoe Box Project, a new project this year for the Ladies. Donations of small personal items (toothpaste, shaving cream, hand lotion, snacks, etc.) were put together in wrapped shoe boxes to be donated to seafarers who may be in Baltimore waters during the Christmas season.

As they have done for many years, the Ladies, once again, donated 50 Giant food cards and all the "extra trimmings" for Thanksgiving dinners. Deacon Jim Sullivan accepted on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul. (Thanks to Giant for the \$25 food card discount.)

As usual, the Ladies' bake sale table at the SFdS Craft Bazaar made a nice profit. Thanks to Meghan Georgulas, and her friends at Kleins, and Michele Betro for providing the cake and square domes in which the baked items were presented. Thanks Ladies.

The Ladies are in the process, as this goes to print, of putting together food and food cards for Christmas dinners for the SFdS parishioners. The Officers, Carol, Cindy, Martine, and Vi, want to thank all the Ladies and the Knights for everything they do to make the Ladies Auxiliary the successful organization it is. A blessed Christmas is wished to all and may 2009 bring only happiness into your lives.

Ice Skating For All Ages

Saturday, January 17, 2009

5:45pm to 7:45pm

Ice World in Abingdon, MD



This is a co-sponsored event by:

Fr. Wolfe Knights of Columbus
Council #11372



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St. Francis de Sales Youth Group



Cost \$3.00 for skate rental

PLUS 2 non perishable food items for SVDP Food Pantry

Items needed peanut butter, jelly, rice, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, tuna, canned meats, canned veggies, apple sauce, pancake mix & syrup

Instructor available from 6-7pm



RSVP to Diane Lewis, St. Francis de Sales Youth Group
410-676-5119 x115

2008 Parish Children's Christmas Party

Another successful Children's Christmas Party. After stuffing themselves with chicken nuggets, hot dogs, sodas and various other kinds of goodies, the children were entertained by a magic show, a presentation by Father Chuck and a visit from Santa Claus.

A scene from the magic show.



And some of the hard workers who made this possible. Kneeling is Godwin Ilonoh who organized this years festivities. Great job Godwin!



2008 Keep Christ in Christmas Contest

This year there were 40 entries in our "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest. The most entries ever. Special thanks to Keith Marchiano for organizing this years contest.

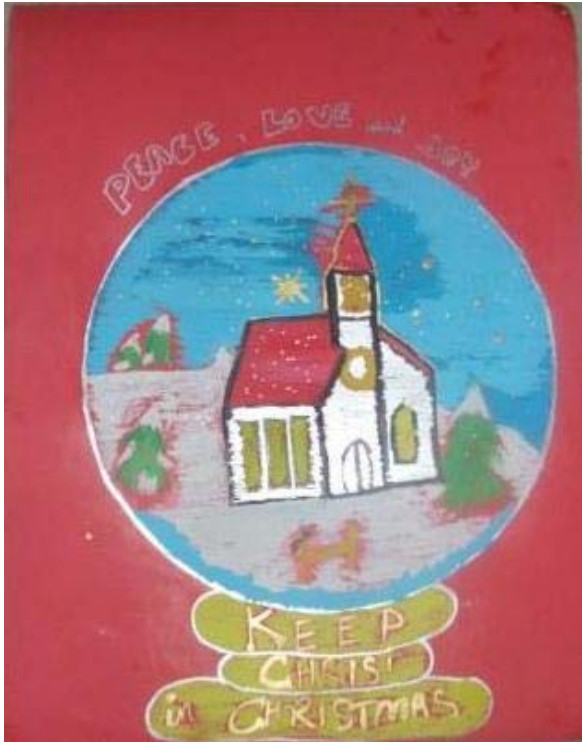
Below are four of this years outstanding entries



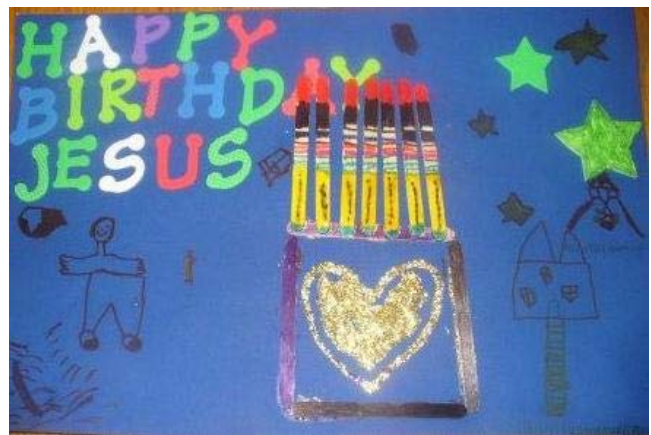
Francis Fisher 1st - 3rd grade winner



Emmanuel Onyebadi 4th - 6th grade winner



Jamie Jubau 7th - 8th grade winner



Noah Amburgey Kindergarten Honorable Mention

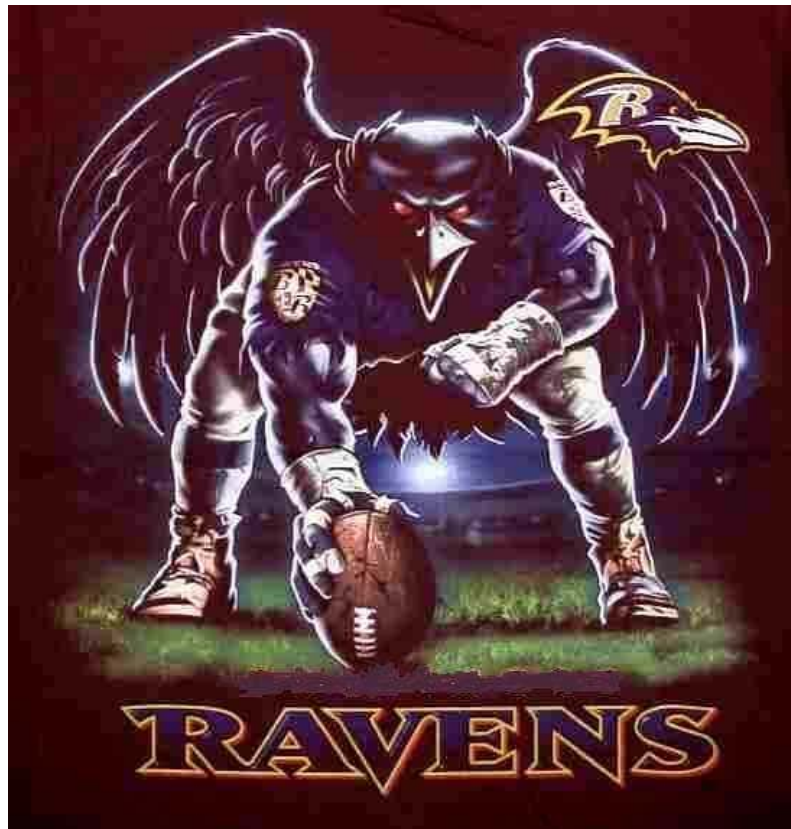
RAVENS UPDATE

Ravens to Tackle the Dolphins!

Sunday, January 4th at 1:00 PM on CBS

Ravens Humor

A Raven's fan, an Eagles fan, a Redskins fan and a Steelers fan were all climbing up a mountain. As they climbed they argued about who was the most loyal fan to their team. All of a sudden the Redskins fan said I am the most loyal and yelled "This is for the Redskins!" and threw himself off the mountain. Not to be outdone the Eagles fan yelled "This is for the Eagles!" and threw himself off the mountain. The Raven's fan yelled "This is for everyone!" and pushed the Steelers fan off the mountain!



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