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As we are stuck in a deep freeze heading into February, many of us are no doubt thinking about the Super Bowl. While we don't know who the champions will be at the time of this writing, we certainly know about two teams of champions in our Council. But these guys and gals don't get trophies, signing bonuses or huge salaries. In fact, these teams do so much for so many and ask nothing in return. I'm speaking of course of our Ravens and our Bingo teams. These good people sacrifice their time so that we may all enjoy our council activities and uphold our charitable obligations. They are the fundraisers of all that we do. They are:

BINGO TEAM (led by King of Bingo Ken Reed): Ray Bloom, Lee Eder, Mike Georgulas, George Hemelt, Bill Hengemihle, Albert Jersey, Jack Kreiner, Mike Novak, Bill Orlosky, Tom Pahutski, Ed Petrovic, Mel Piotrowski, Bob Roddy, Rich Sosna, Don Telasha, Dave Magnani, Carroll Gossage, Dan Trout, Dave Garrison, George Jones, Steve O'Connor, Dan Briggs and Dan Samis. Of course, as in all we do, the Ladies Auxiliary plays a vital role as well and we all sincerely thank them for their hard work and devotion to the Friday Bingos.

RAVEN'S TEAM (Led by the real "King of Beers" Lee Eder): Rick Angelini, Dan Briggs, Mike Brown, Jim DiMaggio, Lee Eder, Mary Celeste Eder, Mike Georgulas, Karen Georgulas, Jerry Gringis, Rob Hardy, Bill Hengemihle, Steve Herpel, Bill Orlosky, Ed Petrovic, Phil Pfarr, Cindy Rock, Dan Samis, Tom Scaruzzi, Dan Trout and Greg Ward.

You can't help but notice how many names appear on both teams. That's the kind of great members and ladies that we have!! Congratulate these champs when you get a chance. They've all earned it!!

On a celebratory note, mark your calendars for March 21st. We will be having a 15th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner with all proceeds going toward the funding of our scholarships. It will be held at Columbus Gardens from 2:00 to 6:00 pm with a great menu, open bar and entertainment. Look for more details to follow.

Bill Elliott – Grand Knight

<h2>Membership</h2>	<i>Bill Hengemihle</i> 410-569-5253
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For The Record.....1.15.09	Total Membership.....226
Honorary Life/Hon.....6	Fr. McGivney Award (11).....1%
Founders Award (6).....1%	Surge With Service.....66%

Our next 1st Degree is Thursday, February 19th, 2009. Candidates should arrive no later than 7:30PM. Let's get busy and find some new candidates, we can do it!

Program Director's Report

Dan Briggs

My Brother Knights,

It is now the beginning of a new month, and therefore a new slate of activities are ahead. Please support your fellow brothers who are filling the important positions of activity directors by helping with their programs.

Two important items to keep on you calendar that do not fall under an activity heading. The first and second degree teams will be judged this month! Please come out and support the degree teams as they try to win first place in our state. The first degree this month, will be held on Thursday February 19th. This is a change from our normal Monday degree meetings. The second degree judging will be held just one week later, on February 26th. Both degrees begin at 8:00PM and will be held in Kilduff hall. Please let me know if you have any question.

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

As we enter the third quarter Tom will be working with Bill Hengemihle to produce the 15th anniversary celebration and charity dinner. We will be celebrating the fifteen years our council has been in existence and working to help charities. Money raised in the event will go to support the Knights of Columbus Scholarship fund. Tickets prices have been reduced to just forty dollars. The evening will be held at Columbus Gardens and should be an excellent evening. If you know of someone who owns or runs a business who would like to advertise in the events program please let us know. Prices for ads are as follows: Full page \$100.00, Half Page \$50.00, and Quarter Page (business card size) \$25.00.

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

Saturday, 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 email 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 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. This event will take place in March and more information will soon follow.

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

Godwin is looking for any ideas that families of the Knights might be interested in. If you have an idea feel free to shoot it Godwin's way.

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

Last month Steve and other brave brothers fought the cold waters of the Chesapeake Bay and participated in the Maryland State Police's Polar Bear Plunge. The team's goal was to raise \$1000.00 which would help the Special Olympics. Final numbers are not yet in but will be included in the next newsletter. Thanks to those brothers who participated and plunged and a very special thank you to all who donated money to help this very worthy cause!

Ladies Report

Carol Roddy

Due to inclement weather, the meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was cancelled during January. The next meeting will be held on February 16th.

Insurance

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"Baby Boomers"

This month's column is for the baby boomers. Do you know what is sneaking up on you? Retirement!

Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it?

Seems like just yesterday, but it's coming and coming fast. And that's actually the good news.

There's a trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans. This may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement. Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but increasing numbers of employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40's and early 50's who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expected to change their pension plans in the next year were considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

"This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away."

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Deacon's Report

Deacon Jim Sullivan

A Lent Well Spent

Ah, Lent! A time of sacrifice and a time of giving up things we enjoy. There is always a tendency during Lent to inflict a little pain on ourselves. Many of us were taught how much Jesus suffered and were encouraged to suffer along with Him. These are honorable things to do. But perhaps we could employ a different attitude, surrendering the negative in order to have a more positive Lenten experience.

This is the perfect time in our lives to take a prolonged look inside of ourselves and take a spiritual inventory to see where we are in our relationship with our loving God. The hunger pangs of a lunch skipped or the yearning for a sweet forsaken could very well be a reminder to say a little prayer for those who are less fortunate. It could be a reminder to thank our Creator for all He has given us. It could be a reminder to give the next few moments to our God, putting aside, if for only a short period, our current task at hand. This, in itself, is what Lent is all about – a chance for us to let God become an integral part of our busy lives and to serve others.

This is the perfect time to take a hard look at what we are doing for each other. Could the price of that skipped lunch or forsaken sweet be given to the poor? Could this be the time to develop an ongoing relationship with Jesus that goes beyond the six weeks of Lent? Could this be the time that will change our lives forever?

Does God really care if we skip lunch or go without sweets for 40 days? Probably not as much as we think. What He does care about is that we share what we have with those who have none.

Deacon Jim

District Deputy Message February 2009
REACHING FOR THE STARS

REPORT AS OF 01/12/09

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	7	0	7	2
9815	1	0	1	0
10100*	6	0	6	3
11372	3	2	1	0
District Total	17	2	15	5

Star District Goals Net 21 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

* Meeting Star Council Membership & Insurance requirements

Here we are and it's already February and spring is just around the corner. Before we know it we will be at the Ocean getting ready to wrap up this fraternal year that means that there is not much time left to meet our council membership goals and make Star Council. **WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THIS MONTH.** Between February 19th and March 20th a new member can come into our council and make his 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees. The 1st and 2nd degree teams will be judged on these dates so I would love to see a room full of candidates as I am sure they will be treated to one of the best and most inspiring degrees you will ever see.

During this month the councils have also a great opportunity to honor those people in our Community that serve us and protect us every day. Nominations are due for the Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, Teacher and Citizen of the year. Each Council should take the time to nominate someone like a CCD teacher etc. for the State award and even if they don't win the State award honor them locally. We will also be hosting the District Free Throw Shoot-out championships this month.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day this month let us remember the Church's position on the sanctity of marriage of one man to one woman. Let us a Knights throw our entire support behind this position and be always on guard and ready to defend this position from those who wish attack, change or pervert this sacrament.

We ARE called to Serve!!!!

Brian O'Connor

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE "FOCA ACT"?

Caution – This article contains information that some people may find disturbing and sickening

This is what is referred to as the "Freedom of Choice Act." This act is sponsored by Senator Barbara Boxer (D) and the Democratic Party caucus and would remove any and ALL restrictions to abortion at any time for any reason.

This would eliminate any restrictions currently in place due to any state law - such as the requirement for counseling or any requirements regarding notification to the parents of minor children undergoing an abortion. Anyone could legally take a pregnant child to an abortion clinic, even out of state, without having to tell the child's parent(s). The act would establish abortion as a "fundamental right" just like freedom of speech or freedom of religion but with no age restriction. It would even allow the barbaric practice of "partial birth abortion" which is currently outlawed by federal law. If you don't know, partial birth abortion consists of delivering a well developed baby but forcing the babies head to remain inside the mother while the doctor punctures a hole in the babies skull and vacuums the brain out of the skull. Naturally, this kills the baby. And why is this "procedure" ever done? Because, if the babies head leaves the mother it becomes a "human" and is fully protected by law.

With FOCA, all laws restricting unlimited abortion, even those approved by the Supreme Court, would be negated. If FOCA is passed, and Barack Obama has sworn he will sign it, unborn children can be killed and aborted right up to the moment the full term child is delivered. A full term, nine month old baby can be killed and discarded like an unwanted insect. A baby born alive during an abortion will be left to die or killed.

In addition, hospitals and medical personnel that have a moral objection to abortion would be required to perform abortions on demand or specifically open themselves up to civil action law suits or even class action law suits. No Catholic hospital could exist under those conditions. Members of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States have repeatedly stated that they (the affected bishops) would shut down all Catholic hospitals rather than perform these abortions.

Hospitals in the Baltimore Archdiocese area that would be affected are:

St. Joseph's Hospital

St. Agnes Hospital

Mercy Hospital

Bon Secours Hospital

Good Samaritan Hospital

During the month of January, the Knights have begun a program to pass on to our elected representatives how we feel about this barbaric, appalling bill. You can help by writing to your Congressman or Senator. Please take the time to write. Future unborn children are depending on you. All listed below are Democrats. Their mailing addresses are:

First Congressional District

Congressman Frank Kratovil Jr.
314 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Senator Barbara Mikulski
503 Hart SOB
Washington, DC 20510

Second Congressional District

Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger
2453 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Senator Benjamin Cardin
509 Hart SOB
Washington, DC 20510

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Proceeds benefit Juvenile Diabetes

A Great Time for the Whole Family! Kids ages 3-18 eligible to play. Food available for purchase.

When: Saturday, February 7th, 2009

Where: Kilduff Hall St. Francis de Sales Church

Who: Kids ages 3-18

Doors open at 6:30

Bingo from 7:00-9:00pm.

For more information or to sign up, please call Keith Marchiano 410-937-4890



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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THREE MONTH PLANNER

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
Thu	19	1 st Degree Judging, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Thu	26	2 nd Degree Judging, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm
March			
Mon	2	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	9	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	13	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	16	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sat	21	Charity Banquet/15 Year Anniv., Columbus Gardens	2:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm
April			
Mon	6	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	10	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	13	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	20	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	24	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sun	26	Pancake Breakfast, Kilduff Hall	6:30am

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