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15 Years!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Yes, our Council is in its fifteenth year. Looking back over the history of Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council should be a source of pride for every member. In those fifteen years, we have grown in size, accomplishments and reputation. I can't tell you how often I hear from State Officers about the high esteem in which they hold our Council. Anyone who looks at the wall of our Council home can't help but see the many tangible signs of our success played out in the long line of Program Awards, Degree Awards and Star Council plaques. I can honestly tell you that, as Grand Knight, I still look at that impressive wall with awe and wonder at all that this Council has accomplished.

While these things are great and a certain source of pride for all of us, let's stop for a minute and think about some other, less tangible signs of our success. I often wonder how many hours you have all spent in service of the Church and community. I often see and am amazed at the support you show one another and your families. I wonder how much time, money and sweat has been given by the Brothers of our Council in service to their fellow men and women. To do all of this and ask nothing in return - you are an extraordinary group. The plaques will remain on the wall for all to see, but the true essence of your work, sacrifices, and charity has been felt by so many in ways that we will never fully know.

As we enter Lent, let us renew our pledge as Knights to support our Church and each other. Let us strengthen the bond of faith between us with prayer. Let us look to the next fifteen years with the same excitement, charity and camaraderie that have made our first fifteen years so great. I am humbled and honored to hold the position of GK and inherit the traditions started by Ed Colvin and carried on with pride and honor by every PGK of our Council. I am honored and humbled to know and work with all of you...it is our Brothers and Ladies that make this Council great.

On March 22nd, we will celebrate our 15th Anniversary with a dinner to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Please plan to attend this event and help support our youth with the gift of education.

Bill Elliott, Grand Knight

NOTE: In my last article, I did not have Carroll McKenna listed under the Bingo volunteers. Sorry about that!!

Membership	Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5253
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For The Record.....2.12.09	Total Membership.....226
Honorary Life/Hon.....6	Fr. McGivney Award (11).....1%
Founders Award (6).....1%	Surge With Service.....66%

Please welcome new transfer Nick Gebhart into our council. It was certainly good news to hear that all of the plungers (6) survived the chilly Chesapeake. Great work guys....no obits here. Too many members have not paid the annual dues. Please members try to pay up. We need you NOW. Thanks.....

My Brother Knights!!

It is now the beginning of new month, and therefore a new slate of activities are ahead. Thanks for all your support with last month's activities and of our two degree teams! Many great activities await us in the month of March. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all and a nice warm welcome to the spring season!

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

As we conclude 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 \$40 per person. The evening will be held at Columbus Gardens and should be an excellent evening. If you know of someone who owns a business who would like to advertise in the events program please let me or Bill know! Prices for ads are as follows: Full page \$100.00, Half Page \$50.00, and Quarter Page (business card) \$25.00.

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

Thanks to all the brothers, ladies and confirmation candidates who helped out at the Kids Bingo last month! Fun was had by all. Eighty Six kids showed up to get in on the bingo action and Keith's activity brought in \$1200.00!! After expenses, and a little money kicked in by the council, we will be donating \$1,000.00 to Juvenile Diabetes research. GREAT JOB KEITH!

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

Calling all brother knights and their families. Two great opportunities are available for you this coming March. The season of Lent is upon us and Mike Brown has come up with two ways to aid in your Lenten prayers. Knights and their families are being asked to attend the 9:00AM Mass at St. Francis de Sales on Sunday, March 29th. This will be a great opportunity to practice our faith as a council. A reception with light refreshments will follow after Mass. More details will follow soon. A second opportunity will come just two days later. The parish reconciliation service will occur on Tuesday the 31st at 7:00 PM in the worship center. This is a great opportunity to reflect on our lives, see how we have strayed from the path, and realize God's everlasting love for us through his forgiveness. Please join us for both of these great and important events.

Godwin Ilonoh – Family – Contact 301-455-6534 or 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 SoCal9@yahoo.com

Many great activities coming up from Steve! The annual John Archer May Day festival, at John Archer School, will need our help. Brothers will help serve food to the many wonderful students and families of John Archer School on Saturday May 2nd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you would like to help out with this event please see Steve O'Connor for more information.

Additional News! A date has been set for the Wedding Renewal Mass. Mark your calendars for Friday May 29th. More information on this event will follow in a future newsletter.

Ladies Report

Carol Roddy

K of C LADIES MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2009

There is a possibility that our March meeting will not be held due to the Parish Retreat scheduled for that night. We are looking into the possibility of holding our meeting on an alternate date.

A *Birthright* Baby Shower was held and \$100 was donated in addition to the baby articles the Ladies brought to the meeting.

Easter project was briefly discussed. Connie Colvin is checking with Citizen's Nursing Home to see what is needed. We will have additional discussion at our next meeting.

It was suggested that the Father's Day Bake Sale be replaced with an Art Auction this year. Debbie Sosna is checking into getting more information. There will be more discussion at our next meeting.

Insurance

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"I'd rather be stuck down here than stuck up there."

Have you ever been on an airplane flight that was loaded for takeoff and then the pilot announced that there were some "minor" technical difficulties? You might have found yourself delayed for just a few minutes or maybe even a few hours. Such was the case this summer when I was coming back from a meeting in Dallas. It was a full flight and we were delayed on the ground for almost two hours. You could see the disposition of the passengers go down hill quickly. The temperature in the cabin was getting hot and the people were noticeably upset. The nice lady next to me was going to a family reunion in Boston and was just as calm as could be. We struck up a conversation and she eventually said to me, "you know, as bad as this seems, I'd much rather be stuck down here than stuck up there."

And so it is with life insurance and long term care insurance. Isn't it better to have it and not need it than to not have it and find out that you need it or can't get it?

That's the story of life. Those that prepare and plan have an advantage over those who don't. Not planning is also making a choice. Fr. McGivney saw a need in his community and decided to act. I believe he wanted all of his Knights to act. He didn't want us to be "stuck up there" and he certainly didn't want our families or survivors to be in an awkward situation. Let the Knights of Columbus help you plan for a solid future. You'll feel great once you do.

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Deacon's Report

Deacon Jim Sullivan

Answer to a Prayer or Coincidence?

I'm not sure if you noticed but there was an article in a local newspaper recently that really showed the faith of those of who struggle. It was a story about a little boy in Haiti who had a large growth on the side of his chest just below his armpit. The boy was 12 years old. Luckily his mother heard about a surgeon who was visiting Haiti from Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore. The doctor took one look at the tumor on the little boy and was convinced he needed surgery as soon as possible. The problem was that there was no facility in Haiti to do this major surgery. The only way to treat this little boy was for the doctor to take him home to the United States. Thanks to his kindness and generosity that's exactly what he did. The tumor was removed, and the little boy is once again with his family in Haiti.

It's a wonderful story isn't it? There was one small paragraph in the article that made me understand what true faith is. The mother said that when she awoke that morning she knew God was sending someone to help her son. When the doctor agreed to take her little boy to the United States, she knew her prayers had been answered.

I wonder if our faith is as strong as this poor woman who walked for hours to get medical attention for her son. I wonder if we really believe God does indeed answer our prayers, or are these occurrences just a coincidence. I bet we'd never be able to convince this woman that her son's cure was a coincidence. I'm sure there is no doubt in her mind! How about us? Do we believe God would be bothered with one little boy in a third world country? Is our faith as strong as this family? Do we really believe that God answers prayers? What do you think?

Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim

District Deputy Message March 2009 REACHING FOR THE STARS

REPORT AS OF 02/12/09

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership 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

If the membership numbers look the same as last month they are the same. We have a degree on February 16th which is after the deadline so I hope we will have several new members to push us closer to Star District.

Do you have an idea to make the order better? Do you know a priest or other religious celebrating a 25th, 50th, or 60th anniversary this year? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, see your resolutions committee. Yes, now is the time to submit resolutions for the upcoming convention. They must be submitted in the proper format, approved by your council, and received by the State Advocate not later than March 16th. In March, we celebrate the founding of our order in 1882 by Father McGivney. I encourage all councils to take this opportunity to pray for his canonization and encourage all brother knights and their families to join the McGivney Guild. There is absolutely no cost and all family members can join. The guild keeps you informed on the status of the quest for his canonization.

Some program reminders, the State free throw championship will be held at 12 PM on March 8th at the school of the Incarnation in Gambrills, Md. From 2 PM – 5 PM Mason Dixon Council is holding a St Patrick's dinner on Saturday March 14th 5:30 PM. Fr Maurice J Wolfe Council is holding a Charity Dinner at Columbus Gardens on Saturday March 21st. Long Green Council is holding their annual Catholic Bee if your council is interested in participating call PGK Joe Owens for details. The Founders Day Mass will be held at 3 PM on March 29th at St. John's Church, Severna Park followed by a dinner at Trinity council, Severna Park the cost is \$18.50 per person and reservations are required, see your GK for details. Convention Credentials are due by April 3rd, Convention book Ads are due April 9th & Convention reservations at the reduced rates are due by April 15th. Lecturer's Award Applications are due April 7th. Finally, to be eligible for the program awards at the ocean all 3rd quarter and best of the year reports must be in the Program Directors hands no later than March 31, 2009.

Mark your calendar now for the 3rd degree at Cardinal Gibbons Council, on Friday March 20th, candidates at 7 P.M. Vivat Jesus!

Brian O'Connor
District Deputy

Brothers Needing Prayers and Visits

Brother John Miller is now home and dealing with cancer. He would appreciate visitors or calls. His telephone number 410-459-4682.

His address is 1807 Philadelphia Road, Joppa, MD 21085. John's wife name is Mary

Brother Bill Mosca is suffering from Alzheimers and is now living at Lorian Nursing Home on Route 24. Bill's room number is 332. Visitors are appreciated.

Other Announcements

Abingdon Fire Company - Fish Dinner



Brother Mike Crocket has advised us that the Abingdon Fire Company will be holding two Fish Dinners this year that just coincidentally occur during Lent.

The dinners will be on Friday, March 6th and April 3rd from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The price will be Adults \$8.00, Children (4-10) \$4.00. Under 4 Free, Carryout \$8.50. The tentative menu is: Alaska Pollock Fillets with Lemon Pepper Blend, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Bread, New England Clam Chowder, Salad & Dessert Bar, and Beverages.

St. Francis de Sales parish and the Abingdon Fire Company have assisted each other in fund raising events for many, many years. Here's a chance to have a fish dinner and help your volunteer fire company.



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THREE MONTH PLANNER

March			
Mon	2	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
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
Sat	21	Charity Banquet/15 Year Anniv., Columbus Gardens	2:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sun	29	Lenten Mass with the Knights, Worship Center	9:00am
Tue	31	Reconciliation Service, Worship Center	7:00pm
April			
Mon	6	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
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
May			
Sat	2	May Day, John Archer School	10:00am
Mon	4	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	11	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo!	5:00pm
Fri	29	Wedding Renewal Mass	7:00pm

Spring is just around the corner

That means it's time to get your oil change and vehicle check over before the nice weather and this years vacation driving season arrives

Going to the convention?

Brothers Alex Eder and Willie Wagoner would be happy to see you and ensure you get your Ocean City trip off to a safe start.

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