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It is really hard to believe that it has been almost a year since I took the job of Grand Knight. In this past year I have never ceased to be amazed at how much the Brothers and Ladies of this Council do. I have truly been blessed to work with all of you. I especially want to thank the Past Grand Knights for their constant support, my Deputy Grand Knight Dan Trout, for his counsel and friendship, my Activity Director, Dan Briggs, for keeping us all on track, my officers and our District Deputy Brian O'Connor for always being there to help. I would also be remiss in my duties if I didn't thank our wonderful Ladies. They are the best!! That being said, I have reached a very difficult decision to step down and not run for a second year for health reasons. I fretted over this for quite some time, but I feel it is something I have to do. I'm not going away, just stepping back a bit. You all mean so much to me, and I hope I can someday repay all of the kindness that you have shown me.

As I write this, I am in my hotel room in Ocean City awaiting the big ceremony that we always look forward to at the State Convention. I am sure that our Council will make a good showing as we always have. I am struck however by one thought. WE HAVE ALREADY WON! In the eyes of those we have helped (the parish, St. Vincent de Paul Society, our sister parish in Haiti, the Courage Lion Program, Special Olympics and others too numerous to mention), we have made a difference. I truly believe that, in the eyes of our Lord, we have done our best to try to do our duty. In the eyes of your Grand Knight, you are all now, and always will be, champions of charity and compassion. That is truly what it's all about. God bless you all and thank you from the bottom of my heart for being the wonderful Brothers and Ladies that you are.

Bill Elliott

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Bill Hengemihle
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For The Record.....5.19.09

Honorary Life/Hon.....5

Founders Award (6).....0%

Total Membership.....233

Fr. McGivney Award (11).....5%

Surge With Service.....100%

Hard work this month will bring us our 15 consecutive Star Council Award.

One new member at the first degree on June 15th and 6 new insurance members by June 30th and I think Grand Knight Bill Elliott will eat that Steelers cap he wears. The beer is on ice..... all we need is a little help from YOU

Ascension

Jesus, his life, his ministry is complete. He is going to be in union with his Father. He came to offer us a new way of living, a more defined explanation of how we are to develop a closer relationship with God and each other. His work is done and he is going home.

There can be many challenges in our lives. Some of us have lost someone we loved very much to sickness or accident. Some of us suffer from financial hardships. Sometimes we face hardship because that's the way life is. Sometimes the pain and hardships we face are caused by our own doing, other times trouble comes our way because others present it to us.

Jesus had to face many challenges in his life also. His mother was unwed. The family was poor. They are uprooted when Jesus is an infant. They are in exile in Egypt, a strange land with different customs. They have no relations close by and life is not good for the small family.

Jesus' adult life is no picnic either. He wants so much for people to care for one another. He tries so hard to get people to understand his message. He knows what God has intended for humankind since creation, but he cannot seem to get the point across. He is scorned, ridiculed and maligned by powerful religious leaders. His own hand-picked disciples do not understand him. It is not until after he is dead that they begin to get it.

The Ascension of Jesus gives us great hope. It further affirms with the Resurrection that all the trials and tribulations of this world are passing. They are temporary set-backs that can strengthen our resolve to keep on keeping on. When we realize that this world is not the end but really the beginning, our hearts should soar with great love for God. Who else can promise us an eternal life loving selflessly? Who else can promise us a place where there is no pain, loneliness, or tears? Who else can teach us to love without asking for a return for the love we give.

Our true vocation is to live as children of the light in a world filled with darkness. All the rest is just a way of accomplishing that. As we celebrate the Ascension this month let's remember the great hope we are offered. Let us rejoice and be glad for we have been offered a place of peace, love and great joy. We too, like our brother Jesus, will one day join him in heaven and will love God and each other just as God loves us!

*Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim*

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FRATERNAL BENEFITS

"Teach your children well ..."

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and you share it with those children old enough to understand why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, or the newest and best home theater system, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums. (continued next page)

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I'd like to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

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Program Director's Report

Dan Briggs

My Brother Knights!

Please aid our council by supporting our activity directors.

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

Thanks very much to all who attended the Wedding Renewal Mass. A good time was had by all in this very special event. Stay tuned for more great events from Tom!

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

Keith is wrapping up the year and looking to great events in the future. Our summer time activities like the Jerry Meany fishing tourney are not far away. We are looking for a Brother Knight to take over the youth activity director position. Keith will happily help you throughout the year and provide for a great transition. If you are interested in helping out with this activity please contact Keith for more information.

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

The next great Church activity is not far away. On Monday June 8th at 7:30, Brother Knight and newly ordained priest, Father Jack Bogacz will celebrate mass for the Knights of Columbus. This small intimate setting for mass is truly a wonderful experience that we hope you all can come out and support.

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

In the month of June Brother Godwin has planned a Potluck dinner for our council. In this time of economic stress Godwin wishes to bring families together to join in food, drink, and fun. Brothers and their families will bring a dish to be shared with all and have the opportunity to enjoy other family recipes. There will be a date announced for this event at a meeting in May. Stay Tuned!

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

Thanks to the 12 brothers who came out and helped provide food and support at John Archer's May Festival. It was a great time for the brothers and the kids at the school. Steve will be running a summer food drive, to help build up food stock, and a road side clean up during the coming months. Both of these activities are great quick activities to get involved with. Stay tuned as more information is made available.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact me - Daniel Briggs - with any questions.
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District Deputy Message June 2009
REACHING FOR THE STARS

REPORT AS OF 05/17/09

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	7	2	5	2
9815	1	0	1	0
10100*	7	0	7	4
11372	12	2	10	-1
District Total	27	4	23**	5

Star District Goals Net 21 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

*** Meeting Star Council Membership & Insurance requirements**

**** Meeting Star District Membership Goals**

Wow what a month!!! First of all as we begin this month we are meeting the Star District Membership goal. If we can get 6 new insurance members in the District we can meet the insurance goal and make Star District. Remember, the "insurance program" is much more than insurance products; there are also annuities, long term care programs and several other benefits. Contact your Fraternal Benefits Advisor who can tell you the many products and benefits available to you and your family from the Knights. Several councils are one or 2 members from meeting the goal for the Columbian award and with new insurance members can qualify as Star councils. LET'S FINISH THIS MONTH STRONG AND MAKE OUR GOALS. A STRONG FINISH THIS YEAR IS THE KEY TO A STRONG BEGINNING NEXT FRATERNAL YEAR!!!!

Secondly what a convention!!!! Let me start first by thanking all the councils attend for their help with the hospitality room. Each council that attended received awards Saturday morning. Congratulations to all including the Ladies of Mason Dixon Council who won an award for their programs. Long Green won several 1st 2nd and 3rd place program awards and Fr. Wolfe several 1st place ceremonial awards and a 2nd place award for one of their programs which is a great accomplishment for their 1st year competing in Division "A" which puts them in competition with the largest councils in the State **Our District 2nd degree team also one 1st place as the best overall tem in the state WOW CONGRATULATIONS!!! A special thank you goes to the degree chairman Dan Briggs of 11372 for his work in making this happen.** But as our State Deputy said the real winners are the parishes, organizations and the people (adults and children) who benefited from the programs and the charitable works of our councils.

One other program I wish to mention is **Operation Welcome Home** which Our Lady of Grace is participating in and is leading the way organizing efforts for others to join them in the our District, Assembly and hopefully State-wide. This program welcomes home the troops from Iraq and Afghanistan when they arrive back in the USA at BWI. GK Don Hagner has the details for anyone who is interested in this easy, patriotic and meaningful program where you can be the first American these troops see upon their arrival home. **Please don't forget to give me the names of any of your children or grandchildren that are serving our country as I am giving their names to the councils so we can include them in our prayers.**

A few key dates, June 20, 2009 State Installation of Officers and June 26-28 GK College at St Mary's College in Emmitsburg.

Once again as we are now coming to the end of this fraternal year and I to congratulate and thank all the Grand Knights, Council officers, chairman, members and Ladies who contributed to their council's success during this year. I also ask for your support of your new council officers. They have responded to the State Deputy's mission statement that we are called to serve. Join them and make your parish, council and community better. Vivat Jesus!

Brian O'Connor - District Deputy

News You Can Use

Pictures for the Latest Handicap Ramp Constructed by our Brothers.

Our brothers spent three days (April 23, 25, and May 5) constructing a new landing and handicap ramp for Howard and Pat Brooks on Bonnie Drive in Aberdeen. Howard and Pat are the grandparents-in-law of Brother Jon Herpel. Those brothers working on this project were Lee Eder, Ed Petrovic, Greg Ward, George Hemelt, Alex Eder, Willie Wagoner, Jon Herpel, and Bill Orlosky. Great job, guys.

Ramp under construction. Summer came early that day. It was a hot one:



All finished



More News You Can Use

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010 ELECTED!

The new officers elected for the next fraternal year are:

Grand Knight.....	Lee Eder
Deputy Grand Knight.....	Dan Trout
Chancellor.....	Dan Briggs
Warden.....	Keith Marchiano
Recorder.....	Gregg Ward
Treasurer.....	Bill Orlosky
Advocate.....	Lee Eder
Guards.....	Jon Herpel
	Jim Di Maggio
	Will Glassman
Trustee, 3 Yr.....	Mike Georgulas
Delegate.....	Bill Hengemihle
Alt Delegate.....	Dan Samis

Special Note: Grand Knight Bill Elliott was forced to withdraw for personal reasons and Lee Eder was kind enough to step in and run. Thanks to Bill Elliott for an outstanding year as Grand Knight. And congratulations to all the new officers for the upcoming year. A special note to our new Grand Knight - we're with you Lee! The installation of new officers will occur on July 11th following the 5 PM Mass.

Wedding Renewal Mass Held

On Friday, May 29th, a wedding renewal Mass was conducted by Father Wible in the Worship Center. It was a happy and joyous occasion to see so many wonderful couples reaffirm their vows.

Jack and Rita Kreiner were our longest married couple – sixty three years – and received special wishes from all. They made a lovely couple and their devotion and example provided us all with inspiration.

After the Mass the married couples retired to Kilduff Hall to enjoy dinner and fellowship. A good time was had by all.

A special thanks goes to the organizer Dan Samis. And thanks to Mary Celeste Eder and her loyal companion Lee for setting up all the decorations in the hall.



THREE MONTH PLANNER

June			
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	8	Officer Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	8	Mass with Father Jack	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	26	Bingo!	5:00pm
JULY	18	Pot Luck Dinner Kilduff Hall LAST MINUTE CHANGE Date has been moved from June to Sat, July 18	XXX
July			
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	8	Officer Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	26	Bingo!	5:00pm
TBD	TBD	Road Side Clean-up	8:00am
August			
Mon	3	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	14	Bingo!	5:00pm
TBD	TBD	Food Drive	TBD
Mon	10	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	17	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	28	Bingo!	5:00pm

BINGO PACKAGE PARTY

Our twice monthly bingo at St. Francis is our largest single money raiser. Twice a year we get together to prepare bingo packages that are sold to the bingo players.

Our next bingo package party will be on June 22nd at 6:30 PM in Kilduff Hall. Refreshments will be supplied and we should be finished by 8:30 PM. Here's your chance to help out the bingo crew. Bring a stapler if you have one. Questions? Contact Bingo Chairman Ken Reed. 410-569-5589 or kcrx1@verizon.net

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