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Brothers,

This month offers us what is, in my humble opinion, truly the best holiday day of the year – Thanksgiving. This is the day when family and friends gather around to share a special meal in order to give thanks to God for our many blessings. And thankfully, commercialism has very little to do with this holiday. As we prepare for this special day, let us think about not only the homeless and hungry but those who are suffering this year in any way because of our difficult economic times.

With that in mind, Let us join with the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and the St. Vincent de Paul society to put together bags of food to add a little bit of cheer to those families less fortunate than us. Each bag will contain a gift card that is redeemable for a Ham or a Turkey.

And lest I forget, let us also thank John Young and Bill Hengemihle for a great car raffle campaign. The proceeds from that campaign help provide us with the means to help others.

And let us not forget our Ravens Stand Awards: Ravens most valuable player for October- All Pro: Mike Brown  
Rookie Honors: Danny Brown

God bless you all.

Lee Eder - Grand Knight

## MEMBERSHIP

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

## All About Membership!!!!!!

New members John Young and Mark Hopkins have stepped up to help out in much needed positions. Be sure to thank and encourage these brothers when you get the opportunity.

Don't give up on your membership recruitment.... we can and will get it done. And getting that suspended member to reinstate is a very desirable thing to do.

Bill Hengemihle, Membership Director.

### Beetles to Dragonflies



The famous film director Cecil B. DeMille shared an experience he had many years ago. He was in a canoe by himself, fishing on a lake in Maine. As the day wore on, the canoe drifted near the shore where the water was only about six inches deep. DeMille looked down and saw that the bottom of the lake was filled with water beetles. As he watched, one of the beetles slowly came to the surface and crawled up the side of the canoe. Finally, the beetle reached the top and attached itself to the wood of the canoe and died. DeMille simply returned to his fishing.

A few hours later, he noticed that the beetle's shell had become very dry and brittle in the hot sun. As he watched, the shell slowly split and a dragonfly emerged. The dragonfly started to fly with its magnificent colors flashing in the sunlight. The dragonfly flew farther in an instant than the water beetle had crawled in days.

DeMille imagined that the water beetles might also have seen the dragonfly, but now their former companion was in a world beyond their comprehension. They were still living in their limited world while their winged cousin had found a new existence. Sometime later, Cecil B. DeMille reflected on this experience and concluded with this question: "*Would the great Creator of the universe do such a thing for a water beetle and not for a human being?*" This means that dying leads to rising, death leads to new life. The water beetle becoming a dragonfly is a very concrete and beautiful way of understanding this.

We can also see this mystery of death leading to new life right in everyday experiences. If we die to our pride and say, "*I am sorry,*" a relationship can grow and come to fuller life. If as children we die to our desire to play all the time and instead do our schoolwork, we can become competent and fully alive adults. Death leads to resurrection.

Jesus tells us that the same thing happens when we die to our bodies. Our physical death in and through Christ leads to a new and fuller life. I'm sure you can think of many examples to illustrate life to death and death to eternal life. In this month of remembrance let us call to mind that death is not the end but only the beginning, the beginning of new life.

Peace and All Good,  
Deacon Jim

## Ladies Report

Carol Roddy

### HI-LITES K of C LADIES MEETING October 19, 2009

**Dinner Bingo** was a huge success. Thanks to all the ladies and men who donated their time, money and door prizes. Net profit was \$3,222.00. Thanks to Cindy Rock for chairing this event.

**Movie Night at St Francis:** The movie, "Fireproof" was shown on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Approximately 65 -70 people attended. Non-perishable goods and \$22 cash was collected for St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks to Blanche Stine for co-coordinating this event.

**Bake Sale** at Craft Bazaar (November 21st & 22<sup>nd</sup>) is being chaired by Diane Traube. Donations of baked goods is needed. A raffle will also be held for a painting which was donated by Stephen Piotrowski.

**Thanksgiving & Christmas Projects** – The Ladies decided to donate \$500 for each project which will be used to purchase gift cards for turkey, ham, etc. We will also supply "meals in a bag" (stuffing mix, instant potatoes, gravy, canned vegetables, etc). These two projects will benefit **St. Vincent de Paul**.

## *Program Director's Report*

*Dan Briggs*

My Brother Knights,

Please aid our council by supporting our activity directors.

**Daniel Samis – Council – Contact – 410-569-3423 or [daniel.samis@verizon.net](mailto:daniel.samis@verizon.net)**

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. It is just around the corner. Dan is working on our annual holiday party. The goal is to keep this event to a minimum cost to you and your family. If you have an opinion of what kind of party you would like to have, and when you would like to have it, please let Dan know. More information will be following soon.

**Mark Hopkins – Youth - Contact - [markhopkins1@comcast.net](mailto:markhopkins1@comcast.net)**

Thanks to all who helped with the Rollin' in the Dough activity. The event went well and was attended by many youth in our community. Upcoming events for youth include the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. This is an activity where youth in the parish can create posters to tell how they keep Christ in their Christmas activities. More specific details will be available soon.

**Rob Hardy – Church – Contact – 410-459-6132 or [RobHardy@gmail.com](mailto:RobHardy@gmail.com)**

Rob is organizing the annual Memorial Mass. This event is an opportunity to remember those members and friends of the council who have passed on to new life in the Lord. The mass will be held on Saturday, November, 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Stone Chapel. In the past, we have had breakfast at a local restaurant. As a change of pace and to provide a more intimate setting we will be having a light reception in Kilduff Hall. This reception will follow the Mass.

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

The Children's Christmas party has been set. Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> families may bring their children to Kilduff Hall to celebrate the season. There will be story telling, gift exchange, good food and friends, and even a visit from Santa Claus. Please consider attending this very special annual tradition. If you need more information please contact Dan Briggs or Godwin Ilonoh.

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

In the mood to clean up some roads. Many years ago we adopted Box Hill South Parkway. We will need some help in cleaning up the gutters and sidewalk areas. If you are interested in helping please let Steve know as soon as possible. Thanks for any help you can give.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact me - Daniel Briggs - with any questions.  
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**District Deputy Message November 2009**

Every Council a Star Council ONLINE REPORT AS OF 10/15/09

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	3	0	3	1
9815	0	0	0	1
10100	0	0	0	0
11372	1	0	1	2
District Total	5	0	4	4

**Star District Goals 30 New Members; 11 Insurance Members**

As of the time of this article, the 1<sup>st</sup> degree for scheduled this month has not been held and it is my hope the membership numbers will show an improvement after the degree on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Some council's have already held their Membership Blitzes while others will not hold them until the last weekend in October. The results so far are promising with several prospects, transfers, and new members. Some congratulations are in order so far we have 4 new insurance members which is right on schedule to achieve Star District. Believe it or not it's only 12 weeks until Christmas and the fraternal year will be ½ over. Let's not be like the Ravens and the Steelers and try to pull out a victory in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter because you can't count on it working. Let's get at least half way or better to our Star goals by the end of the year.

Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and the GK's decided to cancel the District horseshoe tournament and try again in the spring. The District Soccer shoot-out will occur on Sunday November 1st at Our Lady of Grace School Soccer fields at 1PM. The State finals will be at St Matthias in Landover, Md. on November 14th

Finally, don't forget this month we remember our departed brother knights at the council Memorial Masses. Please join you brother Knights, their families and the widows of our departed brothers at these Masses. But remember we should be remembering our widows every month not just in November. Please offer them assistance and invite them to be a part in all council activities throughout the year. The State has a wonderful widows program if interested contact John Zelinski the State Widows Chairman. One final note it's time for registration for the Convention. Hotel reservations may be made no sooner than 9AM on November 2, 2009

Jesus I trust in you!!!!

Brian O'Connor - District Deputy

## OUR NEIGHBOR'S EVENTS



ON NOVEMBER 7 FROM 4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM, THE ABINGDON FIRE COMPANY WILL HAVE A SPAGHETTI DINNER.

THE COST WILL BE: ADULTS \$6.00, CHILDREN 4 TO 10 \$3.00, UNDER CHILDREN UNDER 4 FREE, CARRYOUT \$6.50

ON NOVEMBER 15 FROM 8 AM TO 11 AM, THE ABINGDON FIRE COMPANY WILL SPONSOR A : SUNDAY BREAKFAST.

THE COST WILL BE: ADULTS \$7.00, CHILDREN 4 -10 \$3.00, UNDER 4 FREE, CARRYOUT \$7.50

IN DECEMBER WE HAVE ONE EVENT:

ON DECEMBER 20, FROM 8 AM TO 11 AM THERE WILL BE A BREAKFAST WITH SANTA; ADULTS \$7.00, CHILDREN 4 TO 10 \$3.00, UNDER 4 FREE, CARRYOUT \$7.50

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE OF THE HISTORY OF ABINGDON FIRE COMPANY, A WRITEUP IS AVAILABLE ON THEIR WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.ABINGDONFC.COM/HISTORY.HTM](http://www.abingdonfc.com/history.htm)

*Insurance Update*

*Ed O'Keefe*

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# Latest Information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding Abortion and Health Care Reform

WASHINGTON—In an extraordinary call to Catholics to prevent health care reform from being derailed by the abortion lobby, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent bulletin inserts to almost 19,000 parishes across the country.

"Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them," the insert states. It urges readers to contact Senate leaders so they support efforts to "incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights" in health reform legislation.

"If these serious concerns are should be opposed," it adds.

The insert highlights the Stupak Stupak (D-MI) that, it states, concerns on abortion funding

"Help ensure that the Rule for amendment," the insert states. not addressed, the final bill

A dramatic ad of a pregnant Amendment, which passed in funds from paying for elective reform bills that are advancing message: "Tell Congress: Mandates from Needed Health

The insert also directs readers

Bulletin inserts were distributed Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-health care reform bill and in expectation that they will show up in parishes in early November. Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, president of the USCCB; Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, chair of the bishops' Committee on Pro-life Activities; Bishop John Wester of Salt Lake City, chair of the Committee on Migration; and Bishop William Murphy of Rockville, Centre, New York, chair of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development urged fellow bishops to promote this campaign in their dioceses.

"The bishops want health care reform, but they recoil at any expansion of abortion," said Helen Osman, USCCB Secretary for Communications, who helped organize the campaign. "Most Americans don't want to pay for other people's abortions via health care either. This impasse on the road to reform of health care can be broken if Congress writes in language that assures that the Hyde Amendment law continues to guide U.S. federal spending policy."

The Catholic bishops have a long history of support for health care reform based on its teaching that health care is essential for human life and dignity and on its experience providing health care and assisting those without coverage.

**Above: Our Lady of Perpetual Help**



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Amendment from Rep. Bart "addresses essential pro-life and conscience rights."

the bill allows a vote on the "If these serious concerns are should be opposed."

woman notes that the Hyde 1976, has prevented federal abortions, yet healthcare violate this policy. The ad Remove Abortion Funding and Care Reform."

to [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

to dioceses October 29, the day Calif.) unveiled the House



# THREE MONTH PLANNER

November			
Sun	1	RAVENS!	1:00pm
Mon	2	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sat	7	Memorial Mass, Stone Chapel	10:00am
Mon	9	Officer Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thr	12	Second Degree, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	13	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	16	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00am
Sun	22	RAVENS!	1:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sun	29	RAVENS!	8:30pm
December			
Mon	7	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	12	Children's Christmas Party	1:00pm
Sun	13	RAVENS!	1:00pm
Mon	14	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Sun	20	RAVENS!	1:00pm
Mon	21	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
January			
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

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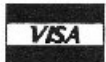


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