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Brothers,

As we prepare for this Christmas holiday season let us all take a moment to reflect on our lives. Let us all give thanks to God for all the many ways he has blessed us. Let us all be thankful for the great country we are fortunate to live in and for the sacrifices of the men and women in our armed forces who every day protect our freedom by their willingness to trade their lives for our safety.

I hope you all will have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends over the holiday.

Thank you for all your participation and hard work in conducting our fund raisers, so we can raise the means to continue our works of charity.

May God bless all of you.. I send you our heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## The Eder Family



## MEMBERSHIP

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

## All About Membership!!!!!!

Please welcome new 1<sup>st</sup> degree member Eulo Peredez and reinstated member Clark Bowie into our council. We now have a total membership of 236. 134 of our members are Insurance Members. Included in the totals are 5 Honorary Life and 2 Disabled members.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. God Speed.....

Bill Hengemihle, Membership Director.

## Associate Chaplain's Report

Deacon Jim Sullivan

### Thank You!



Dear Members of the Maurice J. Wolfe Council and Ladies Auxiliary:

Rather than writing an article this month, I wanted to use the space allotted me to thank all of you for your most gracious support of the Social Action Ministries at St. Francis de Sales. I cannot remember a time when you did not respond positively in some way to my requests to help the poor, marginalized and those who are hurting. Jesus has always had the poor very close to his heart. When we reach out to these folks, we are living the Gospel the way Jesus would want us to.

I know that sometimes it is difficult for you to respond and stay within the rules of the organization. I also realize that sometimes funding is just not available. I do appreciate your willingness to find ways to serve the poor even though these obstacles may weigh you down. You are to be commended for your courage to look beyond the challenges and to see the real need of God's little ones. I know that in the near future you will be working on ways to streamline what we are all commissioned to do. I support you in your endeavors to address these barriers and have faith that your goodness, kindness and gentleness will come through.

May God bless you for your generosity this holiday season and always. Know that I pray for all of you every day.

Peace and All Good,  
Deacon Jim

## Ladies Report

Carol Roddy

### *K of C LADIES MEETING*

*November 16, 2009*

**Rolling in the Dough** – APGFCU sponsored this program which teaches life skills to our youth. It was held on October 31<sup>st</sup> and was attended by 12 youth from our parish. Cost of program was a donation of non-perishable food item for **St. Vincent de Paul**. Plans for another session on March 6, 2010. APGFCU sponsors this event at no cost.

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

**Christmas Project** – The Ladies will donate \$500 for this 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). This project will benefit **St. Vincent de Paul**.

**Birthright** - Baby bottles were given out to the ladies to fill with loose change. Baby Shower is usually held in January.

**December Meeting** - The December meeting will be a social. Ladies are asked to bring homemade cookies to share along with recipes. Members will be contacted when the date for this meeting is determined.

## ***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)**

A special thanks to Dan for our social meeting last month. It was a pleasure watching football with friends and family! It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. It is just around the corner. Dan is working on planning 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)**

The keep Christ in Christmas poster contest is in full swing. Kids can make posters showing how we can keep Christ at the center of our holiday activities. Those interested in participating in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest can contact Mark for more information. Mark is also looking into the future for help with the Kids Ice Skating Party later in February.

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

Special thanks to Rob Hardy for planning the annual memorial mass. 40 members and family attended a mass led by Father Chuck Wible. Rob will be looking to the future for more ways that we may interact with one another and our faith. If you have any ideas please contact Rob.

**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.

Don't forget parking cars on Christmas Eve. Contact Grand Knight Lee Eder if you can help. It will last from 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact me - Daniel Briggs - with any questions.  
[Dbriggs419@mac.com](mailto:Dbriggs419@mac.com) or 443-299-8446





# RESPECT LIFE

December seems an appropriate time to bring to you a new feature from KnightWorks. In January we will migrate to a pure email version of KnightWorks. We will do this for two reasons. It will save the council \$1000 per year that will be better used to assist those in need and we will no longer have to edit two separate versions of KnightWorks. Previously the printed version of KnightWorks was restricted to six printed pages so those getting a mailed version were getting a condensed version. This change will allow us to put more features in your KnightWorks. We haven't forgotten those few (less than 10) active members without email. We will manually run them off a copy and mail it.

This feature will be coordinated by Rich Sosna but columns may come from Rich or other sources. We hope you find it helpful to you.

It is only right that we give proper attention to the ultimate horror of abortion and indeed all efforts to end life in any way before our Lord wills it. All the efforts we put into helping others mean nothing if a life is terminated prematurely at any time contrary to God's will.

This month a seminal struggle is occurring in Congress. Since 1976 the Hyde Amendment has banned the use of federal tax dollars to pay for abortion. For 32 years Congress has renewed that restriction each year and added the same restriction to other programs. Now there is a determined effort by a considerable number the Democratic side in Congress to by pass or eliminate that restriction and allow federal funding to pay for abortions.

**From the news release by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops released on November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

"WASHINGTON—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops urged the Senate to make essential changes its health reform bill in order to keep in place federal law on abortion funding and conscience protection on abortion, protect access to health care for immigrants and include strong provisions for adequate affordability.

The bishops called the Senate health care bill an "enormous disappointment" that creates new and unacceptable federal policy for funding and coverage of abortions, as well as rights of conscience. Bishop William Murphy, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and Bishop John Wester voiced their wish for better health care reform legislation in a November 20 letter to the Senate. They chair the bishops' Committees on Domestic Justice and Human Development, Pro-Life Activities and Migration, respectively.

The letter, which was accompanied with a fact sheet on the House Stupak Amendment (<http://www.usccb.org/mr/mediatalk/StupakAmendmentFactsheet.pdf>), urged Senators to improve the Senate health care bill in the key areas of affordability, immigration, federal funding and coverage of abortion and conscience rights.

According to the bishops, the bill "does not live up to President Obama's commitment of barring the use of federal dollars for abortion and maintaining current conscience laws." They cited an "abortion surcharge" that would force insurance purchasers to pay for other people's abortions, provisions that would allow the HHS Secretary to mandate unlimited abortion coverage nationwide, and that the bill does not even allow for religious institutions to offer their own employees coverage that conforms to their institution's teaching."

You can contact your representatives in Congress, if you choose, by the following means:

Congressman Dutch Ruppersburger  
2453 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
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Phone: 202-225-3061

Senator Barbara Mikulski  
503 Hart Office Building  
Washington DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-4654

Senator Benjamin Cardin  
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# Ice Skating For All Ages

Saturday, January 9, 2010

5:45pm to 7:45pm

Ice World in Abingdon, MD



This is a co-sponsored event by

Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe  
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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 vegetables, apple sauce, pancake mix, and syrup)

Instructor available from 6-7pm



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





# RAVENS UPDATE



**Sunday, Nov 22**

**All Pro - Ed Petrovic**

**Rookies – Alex Eder and Willie Wagoner**

**Sunday Nov 29**

**All Pro - Bill Orlosky**

## *On the Lighter Side*

An elderly gentleman.....

Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.' The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

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## Help Wanted

We need volunteers to help direct parking at the parish for the 4 PM and 6 PM Masses on Christmas Eve. We have done this every year since the council was formed. We start at 2 PM and finish at 6:30 PM. We need 6 volunteers. Please contact Grand Knight Lee Eder if you can assist.



## **Knights of Columbus Insurance Receives Highest Ratings**



Two top rating firms have reaffirmed giving their highest ratings for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's concluded this week that the 127-year-old Catholic fraternal order's financial strength and stability remains strong despite a slumping economy.

This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the Knights of Columbus has earned A.M. Best's A++ (Superior) rating, and the 17th successive year the Order has earned the AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from S&P.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson declared that renewal of the Order's top ratings is especially significant in the current economic environment. "Our history of careful management and our conservative investment practices made all the difference when last year's severe downturn punished virtually every financial services company. The wisdom of that approach is now affirmed by the decision by A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's to reaffirm their highest ratings for us. Our mission, to provide financial security for our members and their families with top-quality insurance products, remains our number one priority."

Over the past decade, the amount of Knights of Columbus insurance in force has more than doubled, to \$71 billion. The Knights of Columbus is also certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical and honest business practices. It is one of only four U.S. insurers with both IMSA certification and top ratings from S&P and A.M. Best, and the only insurance company in Canada to do so.

## **FRATERNAL BENEFITS**

**"It seems like just yesterday ..."**

**Any parent reading this will quickly come up with countless ways to complete that last sentence. The point is – time flies and tomorrow will (or has) arrive quicker than expected. Will you be ready?**

**If you meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers, the answer – at least financially – will be "yes". During that annual visit, he'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. And he'll recommend a program of life insurance, long term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.**

**Paying for college for your children may be one of your family's current needs. Or you may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. Or worried about needing costly long term care that could deplete your hard-earned assets. Or about having something to leave for your children or grandchildren.**

**Especially these days with retirement accounts and home values taking a real financial hit.**

**Whatever your needs ... whatever your concerns, I can help.**

**Ed O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF  
410 569-6141  
edward.okeefe@kof.org**

**District Deputy Message December 2009****Every Council a Star Council** ONLINE REPORT AS OF 11/16/09

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

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

**On Behalf of Anne, Charlotte, Norm & myself we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and prosperous New Year.** We ask that as you travel and/or celebrate this festive time of the year that you do so carefully, safely and with Our Lord and your Guardian Angels at your side.

As you can see by the numbers above at the ½ way point of the year the District has reached only 23% of its membership goal which is well short of where we should be at this time of the year. While I am aware we will be bringing in several new members before year's end; I also know we will be suspending several brothers keeping the net result where it is now. Much better news regarding the district insurance goal it is at 55%. Ironically the goal numbers are reversed from last year Members 62% Insurance 9% meaning that if we put forth a very strong effort on membership like we did on insurance last year we can achieve STAR DISTRICT for a 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. Wouldn't that be great!!!! What a fantastic way to have our brother State Deputy Dick Siejack leave office with his home District as a STAR DISTRICT 2 years in a row.

Congratulations to Long Green Valley Council 8736 as after several months of hard work they now have a certified 1<sup>st</sup> degree team. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree at Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Candidates should be at Kilduff Hall by 7:30 PM. Please call Mike Novak the Financial Secretary of 11372 and tell him how many candidates you will be bringing so they may properly prepare for them. There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree December 11<sup>th</sup> at Havre De Grace Council, There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dundalk Council and March 19<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal Gibbons Council. These are the only 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees in our area the remainder of the fraternal year; please take full advantage of them. Since these are all our of our District, please make sure your Council gets the DD Authorization for each 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

Finally, Congratulations to Councils 9815 and 10100 for their participation in the District soccer shoot-out on November 1<sup>st</sup>, each council has representatives eligible to participate in the State finals on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Jesus I trust in you!!!!

Brian O'Connor – District Deputy





# THREE MONTH PLANNER



		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
Sun	24	Pancake Breakfast	6:00am
February			
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	26	Bingo!	5:00pm

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