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Brothers and Ladies,

As we enter the month of February, the shortest month, we have a number of days we consider somehow special such as. National Freedom Day, President's Day, Ground Hog Day, and Valentines Day.

Because Valentines Day is in February, I have always thought of February as the "Month of Love". Not only is it a special time to tell your spouse or sweet heart how much you love them, but a reminder to look around and see how God loves us so unconditionally. When you get a warm feeling in your heart because of that special, bright, sunny day or from that beautiful rainbow you saw after a rain storm or you get an unexpected smile from a perfect stranger you pass on the street or a baby smiles at you – all these things that brighten your day, these are all gifts of love from God. You don't have to look hard to find God's love all around us. So if you have a bad or stressful day, stop, take a deep breath and just look around at what God has given us.

On a sadder note, our brothers and sisters in Haiti are still suffering greatly. As I write this, over 130,000 people have died. I urge you to help in any way you can. The American Red Cross and Catholic Relief Services (<http://crs.org>) as well as many other organizations are working tirelessly to alleviate the suffering. Your donation can help greatly.

I would like to extend my special thanks to all the Raven's Workers for a Great Year!

And by now all the Polar Bear Knights should be defrosted and warm after their plunge into the bay this weekend.

To all of you, "Thanks Team!"

Grand Knight Lee Eder

MEMBERSHIP

Bill Hengemihle
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It's All About Membership!!!!!!

The untimely death of brother George Alsfield is a reminder that we must always be ready to meet our Maker. George was a wonderful friend and will be missed by all. If he is not in Heaven....what chance do we have ? Membership will be in full mode as spring approaches....We need a few more members like our new brother Mark Hopkins.....what a blessing Mark has been to our membership. Greatness is one step away....we can do IT.....

Bill Hengemihle, Membership Director - AKA, "THE CLOSER"!!!!!!

A Lenten Idea

There are many things we can look at as we ponder Lent. Here are two that strike me as very basic to our journey as Christians. The first has to do with our own reconciliation and the other with how we accept and welcome others. Others whom we think may be less than they should be. I'm reminded of a story of a man who dies and is sitting at a table in front of the gates of Heaven. The man has his head buried in his arms which are folded on the table top. Jesus walks by and says to the man, "Come into Heaven. We are waiting for you!" The man answers "I can't." Jesus retorts, "Why not?" The man answers, "First of all I'm a sinner. Everyone knows you can't be a sinner and get into Heaven." Jesus says, "Don't worry I took care of that for you, your sins are forgiven." The man says, "I know. I just can't believe it, and what's more, in there you really have to love and I haven't learned how to do that either."

We can start to accept the forgiveness God offers to us right now! There is no sin so big that God will not forgive if we come to Jesus with open arms and a willing spirit. Perhaps our lives have been touched in some way by sinfulness or greed. Maybe we have a streak of selfishness or we feel we are better or holier than the next person. Maybe we are so full of ourselves we cannot bear to admit we might be wrong. If we really are trying to change our lives and do our best to reconcile with God and our community, we are forgiven. If we come to Jesus asking for help he will give us the courage to face our imperfections and faults. We will receive again and again the "life giving water" the light we need to see through the darkness of our sins.

We must then move from our comfort zone. We are prodded to go out from our midst and welcome home those who are estranged. We, as reconciling Christians, must offer the good news to those who have not heard. We must share what we know. We must be understanding of human frailty and welcome those, who like us, are struggling with the urge to sin and selfishness. We must answer the call. That is the command of our Baptismal promise and that is the challenge of the Gospel we live. Let this Lent be the one that changes us once and for all. Let this Lent be the one that really allows us to see the light of the world and drink of the water he offers.

Peace and All Good Things!

Deacon Jim

What Would Jesus Do?

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

Unfortunately, tailgating, Barbara was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as Barbara missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally.... I assumed you had stolen the car."

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

Our holiday party is still coming. I promise. This year at the Bayou in Havre De Grace, our council will come together for a night of fun and relaxation. The date is Saturday February 27th, and the party will begin at 7:00PM. This provides time to attend 5:00PM mass and still make it in time for the party. Other productions will be joining us for this party and providing enjoyable entertainment at the conclusion of our dinner. They perform a mystery/comedy show that I have heard is quite entertaining. As if this news could not get better, all of this will only cost each person \$10.00! Please join us for this party. If you have any questions please contact Dan Samis.

Mark Hopkins – Youth – Contact – 410-225-7248 or markhopkins1@comcast.net

Kids bingo is right around the corner. Actually it is this coming weekend, Saturday February 6th. There will be food, fun, and prizes. The grand prize for the evening will be an iPod Touch! This annual event is always well attended and is a fun environment for the kids who know bingo, and those who still want to learn. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend with their parents. If you have any questions please contact Mark Hopkins for more information.

Rob Hardy – Church – Contact – 410-459-6132 or RobHardy@gmail.com

Rob's next activity will be a mass that we will attend together during the season of Lent. This is an activity that brother Mike Brown ran last year and proved to be a special time of reflection for all the brothers. There will also be an opportunity for brothers to attend a reconciliation service during the Lent season. The date for this activity is Sunday March 7th and we will be attending the 11:00AM mass. Following the mass we will gather for fellowship in Kilduff hall. This will also give a chance to meet with prospective members of the Knights of Columbus and let them know what we are all about.

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

Godwin is looking for fresh ideas for the coming quarter. If you have any ideas of how you would like to spend time with your family and the Knights of Columbus please let us know!

Dan Briggs - Community – Contact 443-299-8446 or DBriggs419@mac.com

Are you beginning to feel cold. I know that I am. It could be because the Polar Bear Plunge just ended. The water was freezing but the company was warm. We were able to raise over \$1,000.00 for Maryland Special Olympics. Special thanks to all the plungers. We had a great time. Everyone has thawed out and is looking forward to next years plunge. Our next community event will be helping out John Archer school with their annual May Day Festival. More information will follow soon.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact me - Daniel Briggs - with any questions.
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Quote of the Month

"In this actual world, a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade."

President Theodore Roosevelt.



RESPECT LIFE

There are two important issues facing the support of life this month.

On November 7th, 2009 the U.S. House of Representatives passed a healthcare reform bill that upheld the widely supported belief that using federal funds to support elective abortions was not acceptable.

On December 24th, 2009 the U.S. Senate rejected that portion of the House bill and affirmed that federal funds should be used to subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions.

Under the Senate version of the health care bill, purchasers of such plans would be paying for abortions even if their conscience dictated that this practice was immoral. While there has been much cheering lately that the Senate bill would not pass due to the election of Senator-elect Scott Brown in Massachusetts, the fight to have this taken out of the bill should not be assumed to be over. Please contact your U.S. Representative and Senator today and ask them to oppose any clause in any healthcare bill which allows for abortion funding. To contact your Senator or Representative, please contact the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 or go to www.house.gov or www.senate.gov to get the contact information to reach your representative or Senator.

The second area for concern is the statewide attacks that have been taken against pregnancy resource centers in Maryland. These centers, such as Birthright, provide educational, financial, and moral support to those women who wish to keep and support their newborns. Sadly, these centers that support life have come under the attack of Planned Parenthood and Pro Choice of Maryland. While the attacks may seem subtle, they are designed to weaken their attempts to help these women in their time of crisis. For example, the Montgomery County Council is reviewing a regulation that requires pro-life centers to tell clients that the information provided is not intended to be medical advice and that women should see another provider before proceeding on a "course of action regarding... pregnancy." Failure to comply would include a fine of up to \$750 per day (Montgomery County Board of Health regulation proposal for "Limited-Service Pregnancy Centers," 2009).

In November the Baltimore City Council passed a bill requiring pro-life pregnancy centers to post a sign listing services they do not provide (abortion and contraception) or face a daily fine. These actions are particularly detrimental because they force these actions on these centers only because they are pro-life and totally ignore the assistance these centers perform after a child is born.

There are several ways to help promote these centers and stop these laws from limiting their right to free speech. One is to continue to support the actions of the Knights of Columbus to promote life. The second is to keep informed on issues by going to the Maryland Catholic Conference www.mdathcon.org and keep yourself abreast of any issue facing the unborn, and third, PRAY!

Please. Begin these actions today!

District Deputy Message February 2010

Every Council a Star Council

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	7	0	7	4
9815	2	0	2	2
10100	3	0	3	1
11372	3	0	3	4
District Total	13	0	15/50%	11/100%

Star District Goals: 30 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

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 22nd and March 19th 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 Knights throw our entire support behind this position and be always on guard and ready to defend the sanctity of marriage from those who wish to attack, change or pervert this sacrament.

We ARE all Called to Serve!

Brian O'Connor

District Deputy

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Here are the winners from the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest:

1st through 3rd grade:

1st place- Kurt Nolasco 3rd grade
2nd place- Eleanor Fisher 3rd grade
3rd place- Madison Buddenbohn 2nd grade

4th through 6th grade

1st place- Aein Tribull 5th grade
2nd place- Ben Lust 4th grade
3rd place- Jessica Okocha 5th grade

7th and 8th grade

1st place Jamie Tubao 8th grade
2nd place Elizabeth Johns 7th grade
3rd place Lance Del Rosario 8th grade
Hon Mention Timothy Napfel 8th grade

Here are two examples of the many outstanding entries.



Thanks to all those who entered and we pray that we all never forget to
Keep Christ in Christmas.

Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy, and I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, Why did you just do that? That guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck'.

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so....Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

Have a great, garbage-free day!

For You Pun Lovers

King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan.

Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it".

"But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!"

Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

A marine biologist developed a race of Genetically engineered dolphins that could live forever if they were fed a steady diet of seagulls.

One day, his supply of the birds ran out so he had to go out and trap some more. On the way back, he spied two lions asleep on the road. Afraid to wake them, he gingerly stepped over them.

Immediately, he was arrested and charged with:

"Transporting gulls across sedate lions for immortal porpoises."

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THREE MONTH PLANNER



		February	
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sat	6	Kids Bingo!	7:00pm
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	22	1 st Degree Judging, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sat	27	Holiday Party, Bayou Restaurant - Havre De Grace	7:00pm
		March	
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sun	7	Lenten Mass, Membership Blitz	11:00am
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Thur	11	2 nd Degree Judging, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	26	Bingo!	5:00pm
		April	
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
TBD	TBD	Spaghetti Dinner, Kilduff Hall	7:00pm

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