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Brothers and Ladies,

As we begin the month of March, many things come to mind.

I have to admit I am really looking forward to March 14th, when Daylight Saving Time finally returns. But even now the days are getting longer and brighter. Somehow longer days seem to make all of us more cheerful.

Also on March 17th, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. That crazy beginning of Spring when everyone seems to be Irish for a day.

And right along with Daylight Savings Time comes March 20th, the official start of Spring. Hallelujah! It's certainly about time after this long, snowy, cold, record breaking winter.

But most importantly, March takes us into the 3rd week of Lent. Lent is a special time, not just due to things like eating fish on Friday but because it gives us plenty of time to contemplate how we live our lives and how we treat all those around us. It gives us time to once again prepare our hearts and souls for the greatest gift of all. Jesus not only giving His life for us but his resurrection and promise of eternal life. Jesus, with His own life, leads us out of the darkness. Please take time to prepare yourself.

Please remember to keep our brothers and sisters in Haiti in your prayers. These poor people have a long hard struggle in front of them.

Grand Knight Lee Eder

MEMBERSHIP

Bill Hengemihle
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All About Membership!!!!!!

All we can say about membership at this time is PROGRESS.....
I am well known for getting to the point and it's.. ..PROGRESS....
Before we succeed we must havePROGRESS....

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

What lane are we in?

Think about a road that has many lanes. The roads in life also have many lanes. I think we are all on the right road. We are all trying to get to Heaven. We are all trying to foster a closer relationship with God. I think it is safe to say we are all trying to find the right road!

What we need to think about is, what lane we are in. This is what happened to the Lord's disciples. They sometimes lost sight of what Jesus told them. They sometimes lost sight of what had been foretold to them in the Scriptures. Many times they were thinking of themselves. They forgot the message Jesus tried so hard to get across! They were on the right road but in the wrong lane!

What lane are we in? We know we are supposed to be charitable. We should be generous, kind and loving. When we are really put to the test are we truly charitable or are we in the wrong lane? We are not supposed to think we are better or holier than another person. When we think about our road to God, are we really careful that we do not support feelings of superiority? In other words, are we self-righteous? If we are, then we are in the wrong lane. Are we overly proud of our accomplishments? Do we think we have it all together and the rest of the world is wrong? If so, then we might be in the wrong lane. Is our prayer life really what it should be? Do we mumble tons of words that do not cause us to change or change the way we treat others? If so, then we might be in the wrong lane. Are we really generous to the poor? Do we really care if they have food or housing or the medicine they need? Do we do something about it? If not, then we might be in the wrong lane!

The road to holiness is paved with us trying to foster a relationship with our loving God. It is not easy to be in the right lane. It takes time, prayer, and a willing spirit to find out. Once we find the right lane, it is even harder to stay there. We must again pray and discern and love in order to position ourselves where we need to be. We are not alone. Jesus walks with us just as he did with his disciples two thousand years ago! He is alive! We need to ask him to stay with us, to guide us, to teach us how to find the right lane. Then our journey will take on new meaning. We will walk with Our Risen Savior and he will be walking with us!

Peace and All Good!

Deacon Jim

Ladies Auxiliary

Carol Roddy?

Although the Ladies Feb meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions, things have been going on behind the scenes.

The Ladies are sponsoring a Parish-wide Lenten Project. There will be a special bin for "Our Daily Bread" placed in the Worship Center for special food items. During these cold months, they are in special need of items due to an increase in customer demand. They need large bags of sugar, Lipton tea bags, large boxes of salt and pepper, sandwich bags (Ziploc), oatmeal, and brown lunch bags. It is the hope that the parish will contribute to this project and the ladies will then transport it downtown. Flyers will be in the bulletin and sent home with Religious Ed students.

The Ladies are also sponsoring the Mad City/Rolling in the Dough in conjunction with APG Credit Union on March 27th. Over 30 children have signed up for this event and we are still in need of volunteers.

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

Thanks to all who attended the, somewhat delayed, holiday party! It was a great time at the Bayou Restaurant and we had 79 people attend! The entertainment was great and so was the food. Before you know it we will be planning our last activity for the fraternal year, so stayed tuned for more information. Thanks so much to Dan Samis for his great work on this activity.

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

Snow, snow, snow, snow, snow, snow. That's what was happening when we were supposed to have the kids bingo. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the event because of the snow. We are working to reschedule the event. Please look for more announcements concerning the kid's bingo, as soon as we have more information we will send it your way. Thanks to Mark and all for their flexibility with this event.

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

Next up for community activities will be aiding John Archer School's May Day event. The date for the activity is May 1st and we will be working from 9:00AM till around 2:00PM serving food, talking with the students, and helping with the silent auction. This is a wonderful follow-up to our tootsie roll drive and a great event to help out with. If you are available to help out with this activity please contact me at 443-299-8446 or by phone at DBriggs419@mac.com Thanks to all who can donate your time.

If you have further questions about any activity, please feel free to contact me - Daniel Briggs - with any questions. DBriggs419@mac.com or 443-299-8446

Quote of the Month

"God judged it better to bring good out of evil than to suffer no evil to exist."

Saint Augustine



RESPECT LIFE



A unified statement for life issues in Maryland

Maryland March for Life
P.O. Box 47772
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Deacon Monti Montalto
Event Chair
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The 31st Annual Maryland March for Life is March 8, 2010. Join thousands of other pro-life Marylanders to worship at Mass with Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, march to the state house for a rally on Lawyers Mall, and socialize at St. Mary's afterwards.

Unite for Life!
31st Annual March
Monday, March 8, 2010
St. Mary's Church
109 Duke of Gloucester St.
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

March Schedule:

- 5:15 Religious Services
(Catholic Mass & Non-denominational Prayer Service)
- 6:15 Registration and Gathering
- 6:30 March up Main Street in Downtown Annapolis
- 7:00 Rally begins in front of the State House
- 8:00 After-march celebration at St. Mary's
(Chick-fil-a food generously donated by Steve Peroutka)

"[T]he new frontiers reached in bioethics do not require us to choose between science and morality; rather, they oblige us to a moral use of science." Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Diplomatic Corps (January 7, 2008)

District Deputy Message March 2010

Every Council a Star Council

Numbers as of 2/21/10

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	7	0	7	4*
9815	3	0	3	3*
10100	3	0	3	1
11372	3	0	3	4
District Total	16	0	16/53.3%	12/109%

Star District Goals 30 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

* Meets Quota

If the membership numbers look the same as last month they are the same. We are quickly running out of time to make Star Council. We have a degree on February 22nd; there is a 2nd degree on March 11th and a 3rd degree on March 19th.

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 14th.

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, K of C Day of the Unborn Child is March 25th; I hope all councils are planning a Pro-Life activity that day. 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 21st at St. St Andrew by the Bay in Annapolis followed by a dinner in the Parish Center the cost is \$15 per person and reservations are required by March 12th, see your GK for details. Convention Credentials are due by April 2nd your Convention Delegates may not be seated if they are not turned in on time, Convention book Ads are due April 5th & 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, 2010.

Vivat Jesus!

We ARE called to Serve!!!!

Brian O'Connor - District Deputy

"FRATERNAL BENEFITS"

Basic Knowledge on Insurance Products:

For this month's column, I thought a little "Life Insurance 101" might be beneficial.

Whole life insurance is the most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection and calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or until age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments.

The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for your entire life.

"Twenty Pay Life" is exactly as the name suggests ... a permanent plan with premiums payable for 20 years. After the premiums are paid for 20 years, the plan becomes "paid up" and no more premiums are due. Unlike term insurance, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our "Life Paid up at 65". With this permanent product you pay premiums until you reach age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement) but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our "Single Premium Life" product. Imagine guying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I'll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

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A Senior Moment



When asked by a young patrol officer " Did you know you were speeding " ?

This 83-year-old woman talked herself out of a ticket by stating"Yes , but....I had to get there before I forgot where I was going".

Some Final Winter Humor

One winter morning in Baltimore, a couple was listening to the radio while eating breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through."

Norman's wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they were again eating breakfast, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through."

Norman's wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they were again having breakfast, when the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park"

Then the electric power went off. Norman's wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, Norman said ...

"Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

The Reformed Cowboy

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs.. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss. "The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs.

"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking. Hasn't affected my brothers though."

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL

THREE MONTH PLANNER



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
Thu	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	5	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	9	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	12	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	19	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	23	Bingo!	5:00pm
TBD	TBD	Spaghetti Dinner, Kilduff Hall	7:00pm
May			
Sat	1	May Day, John Archer School	9:00am
Mon	3	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	10	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	14	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	17	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	28	Bingo!	5:00pm

For Our Friends in Abingdon Fire Company This Year's Fund Raising and Social Event Calendar

Sunday Breakfasts

8:00 am - 11:00 am

March 21

April 18

May 16

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

Fish Dinners

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

March 12

March 26

Spaghetti Dinner

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

November 6

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