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Dear Brothers and Ladies,

We are getting ready for Easter Sunday, a day of joy shared with our families. A day of celebration for Jesus' resurrection to free us from sin because of his love for us.

Have you ever stopped for a moment to think about the actual pain Jesus must have experienced? Have you ever been pricked by a large thorn from a rose bush? It really hurts. Now imagine wearing a crown of thorns. Have you ever hit your thumb with a hammer? Now think about someone driving a large crude nail through your wrist? How can you measure the pain Jesus must have endured and tolerated for us.

As we go about our daily lives, filled with our problems, our stress, our anger, and our pain, these all seem small when you think of the agony Jesus endured for us. As we go about this Easter Season, let us compare the difference between our sorrows and our blessings. Let us rejoice in the blessings and in doing so conquer the pain.

And even more important, never forget that after all the suffering, Jesus rose again and conquered death for us all.

Please keep the people of Haiti and Chile in your prayers.

God Bless you all and Happy Easter,

The Eder Family

MEMBERSHIP

Bill Hengemihle
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Okay brothers.....time to roll.....241 and counting.....

Please welcome new reinstated member Anthony Mogavero.

Please welcome new first degree members, Jim Wilson, Robert Steinen, Dan Hasty and Ray Lioli.

These new members bring our magic number to Eight.

With time remaining for 2 more first degrees we can and will get it done.

Will you help?

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

Judging Others?

Judging others (or not judging others) is one of the hardest things we have to deal with as Christians. It is very easy to make a judgment about another person. In most cases, maybe in all cases, we rarely know what is going on in the life of the person we are judging. There may be some very good reasons why a person does or doesn't do what we think is right. Sometimes we even share our judgment with others. That can be extremely dangerous because not only have we passed judgment, but we may be bearing false witness against another person. A judgment is a decision made about another person with arrogance, ignoring our own faults and inadequacies.

I'm sure you all remember the story of the woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-11. The scribes and Pharisees bring a woman who has been caught in adultery to Jesus and ask him to judge her. Jesus bends down and writes on the ground, not answering them. They continue to badger Jesus with the question. Jesus stands up looking directly at them and says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Jesus bent down again and wrote on the ground. The Pharisees and the scribes went away one by one.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus which gives us new life. Maybe in light of the new life Jesus gives us, we can start a new life too, looking inside ourselves before we pass judgment on another. Perhaps, we should look at our own faults and our own inadequacies and ask ourselves, "Do I need to do some work in my own life first?" That would be the Christian thing to do. The question is, "Are we ready to do it?"

*Peace and All Good,
Deacon Jim*

Ladies Auxiliary

Carol Roddy?

K of C LADIES MEETING - March 15, 2010

Rolling in the Dough (Mad Money City) – APGFCU is sponsoring this program which teaches life skills to our youth. This presentation was held on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 10am to 1pm. The Ladies hosted this event for the second time. Program is free. The K of C men donated and cooked hotdogs for all the participants. See further details in this newsletter.

Art Auction - Debbie Sosna is chair. Auction is scheduled for Saturday, June 19. More info to follow.

Donut Sunday Social – The Ladies will be participating in sharing this event with other organizations in the parish (K of C men, Boy Scouts, etc). Each organization will be responsible for a particular week to set up, host and clean up. This will provide a time for each organization to answer parishioners' questions about their mission in the parish.

Ladies Election - Election time is coming and Debbie Sosna is chairing the nominating committee. If anyone is interested in joining and or interested in running for office, we need volunteers. Please nominate yourself or someone else and contact Debbie Sosna at 410-569-9374.

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

What would you like to do today? The weather is getting nicer and it seems the time is right for a nice activity outside. If you have any ideas for new activities you would like to see our council try, let us know!

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

Special thanks to those brothers who helped out with the Rollin' in the Dough event. It was very successful with 35 teens attending. (See photo on page 6 after Fraternal Benefits) This event, hosted by St. Francis, and run by APGFCU helps teens learn what it is like to manage a family/life. Teens are given a bank account and real life financial situations are simulated. Providing this opportunity to teens is important, and our parish is grateful for the help we were able to provide with the logistics of the activity.

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

It was great to see all the brothers and their families at this years Lenten Mass and then subsequent reconciliation service. At this time of year, it is important to prioritize our life with Christ at its center. Coming together with our families affirms the place our faith has in our life. Thanks to Rob for organizing this event.

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

On March 7th brothers and their families came together for breakfast after the eleven o'clock mass. Additionally, families from the parish were invited to join the Knights for fellowship and food. Thanks to brother Lee Eder and Dan Trout for organizing food and drink for the event. As the weather improves we will be looking for ways to get the family outside and enjoying the environment. If you have any ideas about activities we may try please contact Godwin or Dan Briggs.

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

This past month, a number of brothers attended the John Archer School Bull Roast in Jarrettsville and ran the Big Six wheel for the evening to help raise funds for John Archer School. 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

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” Winston Churchill



RESPECT LIFE

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

LORD GOD, I THANK YOU TODAY FOR THE GIFT OF MY LIFE,
AND FOR THE LIVES OF ALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
I KNOW THERE IS NOTHING THAT DESTROYS MORE LIFE THAN
ABORTION,
YET I REJOICE THAT YOU HAVE CONQUERED DEATH
BY THE RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON.
I AM READY TO DO MY PART IN ENDING ABORTION.
TODAY I COMMIT MYSELF
NEVER TO BE SILENT,
NEVER TO BE PASSIVE,
NEVER TO BE FORGETFUL OF THE UNBORN.
I COMMIT MYSELF TO BE ACTIVE IN THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT,
AND NEVER TO STOP DEFENDING LIFE
UNTIL ALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE PROTECTED,
AND OUR NATION ONCE AGAIN BECOMES
A NATION WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE
NOT JUST FOR SOME, BUT FOR ALL.
THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN!

ABORTION IS EXTERMINATION WHICH HAS BEEN
ALLOWED BY NOTHING LESS THAN DEMOCRATICALLY
ELECTED PARLIAMENTS WHERE ONE NORMALLY HEARS
APPEALS FOR THE CIVIL PROGRESS OF SOCIETY AND ALL
HUMANITY. POPE JOHN PAUL II

District Deputy Message April 2010
Every Council a Star Council -- numbers as of 3/15/10/10

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	9	0	9	4*
9815	4	0	4	3*
10100	3	5	-2	0
11372	7	0	7	6*
District Total	23	5	18/60%	13/118%

Star District Goals 30 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

* Meets Quota

During March, three councils held their membership blitzes; the fourth council will be doing their blitz this month. I would ask tall councils to make a concerted effort to get those gentlemen who filled out a prospect card to sign a form 100 and take their 1st degree this month. Council 11372 has a 1st degree scheduled for April 19th; Council 8736 may also hold a 1st degree so if you cannot make the April 19th degree contact the Grand Knight of Long Green Council, Tom Zaegel, to find out if and when his council will be holding a degree. While several councils "cleaned their books" of non paying members I still believe that there is a chance to make Star District and for some to make Star Council.

Now that Spring is here, I'm asking each and every member of the District to get spring fever about membership. Every one of our councils needs new members. Unfortunately, I think the main reason we aren't getting new members is that we are not asking our fellow Catholics to join or we are selling ourselves short by not adequately explaining the advantages a man and his family will enjoy by being a Knight. I know that each one of the council membership directors would be glad to hear and try your ideas and appreciate your help.

One quick reminder, registrations for the convention at the reduced rate are due not later than April 15th. The price increases by \$10 per person after that, no exceptions. For those of you planning to be there on Friday afternoon, the Grand Knights, District Warden and myself will be participating in the Grand Knight Olympics at 2 PM in the Atrium. That and the fact that this is an election year should make the trip worthwhile and entertaining.

Anne, Charlotte, Norm and I want to wish each of you a Happy and Joyous Easter!

Brian O'Connor
District Deputy

"FRATERNAL BENEFITS"

Don't Wait ... Act Today:

When your family is hungry, you see that this need is taken care of quickly. You don't put it off until tomorrow, you act immediately to the best of your ability. As a provider to your wife and children, your responsibilities are great and your time can be spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or let them slip to the backburner for later.

Everything, including your health, can change in the blink of an eye. Don't put off today what can't wait until tomorrow. As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I urge you to make securing life insurance for you and your family a top priority today.

It is my fraternal obligation to make sure that every member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is what they need the most.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. As the premier safety net for Catholic families for more than 127 years, our insurance program makes me proud. But I'm also concerned that too many of our brother Knights have not yet looked into the needs of their family. I suspect that, for many of them, life insurance has drifted into the background until tomorrow. Don't be one of them; move your insurance needs to the forefront today.

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ROLLING IN THE DOUGH

Tell Me Again How You Buy A Car?



A Little Monkish Humor

A man is driving down the road, and breaks down near a monastery. He goes to the monastery, knocks on the door, and says, "My car broke down. Do you think I could stay the night?"

The monks graciously accept him, feed him dinner, and even fix his car. As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound; a sound like no other that he has ever heard. The next morning, he asks the monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you because you're not a monk."

The man is disappointed but thanks them anyway and goes about his merry way. Some years later, the same man breaks down in front of the same monastery. The monks again accept him, feed him, and even fix his car. That night, he hears the same strange mesmerizing sound that he had heard years earlier.

The next morning, he asks what the sound was, but the monks reply, "We can't tell you because you're not a monk."

The man says, all right, all right. I'm dying to know. If the only way I can find out what that sound was, is to become a monk, how do I become a monk?

The monks reply, you must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of sand pebbles. When you find these numbers, you will become a monk.

The man sets about his task. Some forty-five years later, he returns and knocks on the door of the monastery. He says, I have travelled the earth and devoted my life to the task demanded and I have found what you asked for. There are 371,145,236,284,232 blades of grass and 231,281,219,999,129,382 sand pebbles on the earth.

The monks reply, "Congratulations, you are correct, and you are now considered a monk. We shall now show you the way to the sound." The monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head monk says, "The sound is behind that door."

The man reaches for the knob, but the door is locked. He asks, "May I have the key?"

The monks give him the key, and he opens the door. Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone. The man requests the key to the stone door. The monks give him the key, and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby. He demands yet another key from the monks, who provide it. Behind that door is another door, this one made of sapphire. And so it went until the man had gone through doors of emerald, silver, topaz, and amethyst.

Finally, the monks say, "This is the key to the last door." The man is relieved to be at the end. He unlocks the door, turns the knob, and behind that door he is astonished to find the source of that strange sound. It is truly an amazing and unbelievable sight.

But I can't tell you what it is because you're not a monk.



FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL

THREE MONTH PLANNER



		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
		June	
Mon	7	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	14	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	21	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	25	Bingo!	5:00pm

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