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Dear Brothers and Ladies,

There is no better time to acknowledge a mother's incomparable beauty than the season when we are awestruck by the beautiful flowers as they blossom in Spring's debut. May is a time of appreciation, and appropriately dedicated to a mother's loving ways. As we consider our gratitude towards our own loving mother, let us also acknowledge our Blessed Mother and her marvels.

Mary refraining from marriage, and remaining a virgin, saved herself for God. Mary had the choice to deny the life of a child. Instead she gave birth to our Savior. Every mother has the choice to neglect the life of the child, whether before birth or after. Yet we are blessed with mothers who see through the eyes of Mary and care for their families unconditionally.

Our lives would be remarkably different if Mary had denied God and if our mothers had denied us. Throughout this month of May, let us pay gratitude to the Virgin Mary while being grateful to one of the greatest loves, our mothers.

During this time, please keep in your hearts and prayers the people of Chile and Haiti.

The Eder Family



MEMBERSHIP

Bill Hengemihle
410-569-5253

Rollin.....we are!!!!!!

Please welcome our three new 1st degree members: George Binko, John Schmidt and Emmanuel Ofoche. We are now five new members short of our goal. There is not much room for error as June 30th is our deadline. Please if you have a prospect - act now - call "THE CLOSER" - 410-592-5253.

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

Love of God

There is only one reason God would create human beings, and that is out of love. If you think about it, God really doesn't need us. He is quite capable of running the entire universe by himself. And yet, God loves so deeply that he wants to share that love with us. When God created the world, the trees and beautiful flowers, the animals, both domestic and wild, he allowed Adam to name them and gave humankind dominion over them. There is only one true response from us, and that is to care for our world and share the love that God gives us.

When I baptize new Christians, I impress upon them and their parents the fact that the person being baptized is being opened to receive the love of God. At the same time, they are given the courage to share that love. Unless we give away the love that God gives us, love will die inside us. Love is not something you can capture, hold on to, or tie down. It must be given away in order for it to grow within each one of us. The dominion that God gives us over all creation is not a gift of submission or control. It is a gift of growth and loving care. If we follow God's plan to give love to others, we will find peace and happiness throughout our lives.

There is a song from the musical "Sound of Music" where Maria is helping her new step daughter with her first love. One of the lines in that song is "A bell is no bell 'til you ring it, a song is no song 'til you sing it, and love in your heart wasn't put there to stay, love isn't love 'til you give it away."

Peace and All Good,
Deacon Jim

Ladies Auxiliary

Carol Roddy?

K of C LADIES MEETING - March 15, 2010

Ice Cream Social - The Ladies are hosting the ice cream social next week for the students in the Religious Education program..

Art Auction - Debbie Sosna is chair. Auction is scheduled for Saturday, June 19. Tickets are \$10.00 and 4 for \$35.00. We will have the auction, wine tasting, light refreshments, and fun, fun, fun! Contact Debbie Sosna for tickets.

Ladies Election Nominations Open – Nominations are being accepted for all positions for the Ladies. We need volunteers to help run our group next year! - 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, 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

We will hold this year's Leo Berndt Horseshoe Tournament on June 12 in the parish picnic area. All brothers are welcome to participate.

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

Special thanks to those brothers who helped out with the Kid's Bingo. Photos are included in this newsletter. We had 82 participants and a fun time was had by all. Our next activity will be the Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament in July. Further details will be provided when available

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

Our much delayed Spaghetti Dinner will finally occur on May 8. We plan to start serving at 3:00 PM. We will need plenty of helpers to turn out. In June we will be painting the Eucharistic Chapel in the Worship Center. We will advise the exact days when known.

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

Godwin is planning to have a dance in the latter part of June. Details are still being formalized.

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

This month on May 1st we will be participating in the May Day celebration at John Archer School. This is an activity we have participated in for many years. The brothers and ladies will sell food that has been cooked in the John Archer kitchen. 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.

In addition we will have a road side cleanup on Saturday, May 22nd. We will meet at the Knight's Hall at 8:00 AM. Helpers are needed. And on June 19th we will paint the porch and ramp at Birth Right in Bel Air. This activity was rained out last fall.

This is our busiest season. We always need brothers to turn out and help. 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

"If I used drugs, had bad grades or had a child out of wedlock, there is no way I could be where I'm at now. Stay focused...do not offer evil a foothold in your life."

**Dan Torweihe, former leader of "The Thunderbirds",
an elite Air Force Flying Team**



RESPECT LIFE

On March 23, 2010, President Obama had signed into law the Senate version of the health care reform legislation approved by the House of Representatives on March 21. While several news releases from all forms of media have debated the health care reform issue in terms of its cost, effectiveness, and scope, the Catholic Church's position in the United States was concerned that two basic principals must continue to shape any legislation. A letter issued by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops on March 15th stated that "health care means taking care of the health of the needs of all, across the human life span; the expansion of health care should not involve the expansion of abortion funding and of policies forcing everyone to pay for abortions." Because of the initial draft which indicated that the bill would expand the role of government in facilitating and funding health care plans that provide for abortions, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops opposed the proposed legislation.

To gain the Bill's passage and to appease those Congressmen who also shared the same beliefs that loop holes still existed to permit and fund abortions, President Obama signed an Executive Order which disallowed the use of federal funds for abortions. While admirable, the USCCB stated that "the fact that an Executive Order is necessary to clarify the legislation points to deficiencies in the statute itself." The Bishops state that, "they do not understand how an Executive Order, no matter how well intentioned, can substitute for statutory provisions." Since recent analysis of the Bill states that there are weak conscience protection clauses and weak "work-around" funding provisions, the USCCB oppose this law in its current form. They assertively state that "we and many others will follow the government's implementation of healthcare reform and will work to ensure that Congress and the Administration live up to its claims that have contributed to its passage." "We believe that new legislation to address its deficiencies will certainly be required."

To read the exact statement by the Bishops and to find out more regarding the US Conference of Catholic Bishop's position, please go to www.usccb.org Also, please contact our legislators and let them know how you feel. To contact Senator Barbara Mikulski, call her office at 202-224-4654 or visit her web site at <http://mikulski.senate.gov> To contact Senator Ben Cardin, please call him at 202-224-4524 or visit his web site at <http://cardin.senate.gov>

Pax et Bonum

Rich Sosna PGK - Director-Pro Life Activities



"And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

District Deputy Message May 2010
Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 3/15/10)

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	9	0	9	5*
9815	6	0	6	3*
10100	5	5	0	0
11372	11	0	11	6*
District Total	23	5	26//86%	14/127%

Star District Goals 30 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

* Meets Quota

Please take note of the membership numbers above. While they are not yet reflected on the Supreme website they do reflect the numbers after the 1st degree on April 19th. This means that the District needs four new members to make Star District. Three out of the four councils are within reach of Star Council if they give it one last push. Long Green and Fr. Wolfe Councils have assured me that if members are recruited they will hold degrees. The only thing they need is for YOU TO BRING IN A NEW MEMBER.

Last year we barely made our insurance goal this year with your help and the help of our council Fraternal Benefits Advisors we have already exceeded our goal. For those of you who have not taken advantage of the benefits offered I strongly urge you to contact your council Benefits Advisor to see the many things available to you and your family as a Knight

Well we are now coming to the end of this fraternal year and I want to start by congratulating and thanking all the Grand Knights, Council officers, chairmen, members, and Ladies who contributed to their council's success during this year. My last two years as your District Deputy it has been my honor to serve the dedicated men and women of this district. They say time goes by fast when you are having fun and the last two years flew by.

On a Program note, don't forget the District Horseshoe Tournament and Family picnic on May 2nd at Eden Mills Park from 12PM to 6 PM. Also if you are going to the Convention at Ocean City come cheer your GK on at the GK Olympics on Friday Afternoon at 2PM on the Atrium. It should be a lot of laughs. If we win we are going to donate our prize to the Ultrasound machine purchase for a Pregnancy center.

Brian O'Connor
District Deputy

"FRATERNAL BENEFITS"

Retirement Income You Can't Outlive:

People are living longer today than in any other time in history. While this is certainly a good problem to have, it creates a new worry for those facing retirement: what if I outlive my savings? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive sound to you?

This sounds pretty good to most members and this can be true if you open a Knights of Columbus annuity, which is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. As a knight, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. Couple that guarantee with the fact that no one has ever lost money put into a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and you will have peace of mind.

At your convenience, I will happily meet with you to explain in detail the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you consider your options while you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity.

Ed O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF, LUTCF
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Supporting Our Parish

Grand Knight Lee Eder presents Father Chuck Wible with a check for \$1500 to help defray this past winters snow removal.



KID'S BINGO PHOTOS

THIS YEARS KID'S BINGO WAS HELD ON APRIL 24.



Grand Prize Winner Daniel Magnani



A Happy Winner



Another Happy Winner



Eva Trout with DGK Dan Trout

Many thanks to Mark Hopkins who organized this year's Children's Bingo

Why God Made Moms

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related..
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mom like me.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL

TWO MONTH PLANNER



May			
Sat	1	May Day, John Archer School	9:00am
Mon	3	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sat	8	Spaghetti Dinner	3:00pm
Mon	10	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	14	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	17	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sat	22	Road Side Cleanup	8:00am
Fri	28	Bingo!	5:00pm
June			
Mon	7	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	12	Leo Berndt Horseshoe Tournament	TBA
Mon	14	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Sat	19	Birth Right Deck Painting	9:00am
Mon	21	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
TBA	TBA	Dance	TBA
Fri	25	Bingo!	5:00pm

Coming Year Election Nominations

On May 17, 2010 our council will hold elections for officers for the next Fraternal Year, 2010 - 2011. The Nomination Committee presents the following list of candidates and the office they are standing for:

Grand Knight..... Dan Trout
 Deputy Grand Knight.....Dan Briggs
 Chancellor..... Keith Marciano
 Warden.....Rob Hardy
 Warden.....Godwin Ilonoh
 Treasurer.....Bill Orlowsky
 Recorder.....Gregg Ward

Advocate..... Bill Elliott
 Trustee, 3 Year..... Lee Eder
 Delegate..... Lee Eder
 1st Delegate.....Bill Elliott
 Guard.....Will Glassman
 Guard.....Jim DiMaggio
 Guard..... Jonathan Herpel

Nominations will be accepted right up until the election is held on May 17th. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Dan Samis, PGK at 410-569-3423 or daniel.samis@verizon.net.

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