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"Opportunities for a Lifetime"

A new year is upon us with new challenges and new opportunities. We have a lot to be thankful for- our freedoms, our faith, and our family.

All of us have heard the phrase "the opportunity of a lifetime". It might be an opportunity to attend a special school or college, a very good real estate deal, an employment or career opportunity, or a moment to get a special autograph from a Ravens player.

These opportunities come very seldom and sometimes once in a lifetime. Hopefully, we recognize them soon enough to take advantage of them.

Other opportunities occur everyday and more frequent than we sometimes see. The opportunity to share our faith, to help a neighbor in need, an opportunity to help those less fortunate than us, or an opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

These are the opportunities that are important to us as Knights because we continue to focus on them and remind ourselves how vital they are to our everyday lives.

To me, joining the Knights was an "opportunity of a lifetime". Being a Knight has given to me the "opportunities for a lifetime".

**Fraternally,
Dan Trout**

MEMBERSHIP

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We start 2011 with 257 members. 145 insurance members and 112 associate members. Of this total 3 members are inactive (have insurance but do not pay dues), 5 Honorary life members (do not pay dues) and 2 members on disability (do not pay dues). We have two members of the clergy on our roster who are not required to pay dues.

Since the beginning of this fraternal year 2 new members have joined our council. Our membership quota is (18). We need 16 more new members and 6 insurance members to reach star council status for 2010/2011. We can and will reach our goal..... ONE MEMBER AT A TIME.....WILL YOU HELP??

Happy New Year!

Well, it's all over. Another holiday season is drawing to a close. The decorations are taken down (or are they)? The gifts are put away and its time to make those New Year resolutions. I'm going to lose 10 pounds. This is my last cigarette-for sure. I will really listen when my wife talks to me. I will try to have a closer relationship with God this year. Wait a minute, what was that? I already have a relationship with God. I go to Mass every Sunday, say a decade of the Rosary everyday, do lots of good work as a Knight and try my best to be a good person! What else am I supposed to do?

How about making our lives, your life, a life of prayer. Saint Paul encourages us to pray always. To pray always does not mean that we sit or kneel in church all day praying prayers someone else wrote. Praying means always being aware that God is with us every minute of every day. It means God has a hand in everything we see, touch and hear. Sometimes people twist God's creation for their own personal gain. If we learn to pray daily, God will give us the wisdom to see through the smoke of selfishness so we may more fully enjoy his work.

How do we do that? We ask God to help us to know him better. A holy card or other small religious symbol placed on a dresser or night stand could serve as a reminder to ask God to make his presence know to us in our everyday lives. When we see the picture or symbol perhaps we could say something like, Lord, today could you remind me you are always with me and that together we can do great things. Oh, could you also remind me every so often to say a prayer? I want to have a closer relationship with you.

The rest is up to God and believe me he works in ways that surprise us all! Let this be the year that we change and the year our relationship with God changes, too! We need only to ask. He's waiting to hear from us...by the way, losing 10 pounds couldn't hurt either!

Peace and All Good Things!
Deacon Jim

Ladies Auxiliary

Cindy Rock

Many thanks to all the Ladies who baked cakes, cookies, brownies, and breads, who manned the table and sold all the items the Ladies baked, who provided the cake domes and decorated them so nicely, and who advertised for the Bake Sale at the Craft Bazaar in Kilduff Hall the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 20th and 21st. We raised \$998.66 for the charities that need our help!

Look forward to our Birthright Shower in February. We will once again collect baby items to help the mothers who come to Birthright to help them through their pregnancy and with their baby after he/she is born. They can always use diapers. More details will be available in January.

The Ladies' next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., Monday, January 17th in the K of C Hall.

Quote of the Month

A man does what he must - in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures - and that is the basis of all human morality.

Winston Churchill

Program Director's Report

Keith Marchiano

My Brother Knights, Happy 2011! 6 months have already passed in our fraternal year and you all should be proud of all the great activities our council has done already. Hopefully we do not have nearly as much snow as last year and we can perform more charitable acts here in early 2011.

Tom Scarruzzi – Council – Contact- 443-512-8615 or tscarruzzi@comcast.net

Our Christmas party will be held Friday, January 21st at 7pm. It will be held at Bellissimo's Restaurant in Bel Air. Anybody who has eaten there knows they have good food and good portions. Please contact Tom immediately to arrange to attend and sign up. The cost is \$20 per person.

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

I just want to first thank Lee Eder for planning, coordinating, and running youth activities over the last 6 months while Mark was recovering. Great job Lee! We all appreciate everything you do for our council! And a warm welcome back to Mark Hopkins! Mark is coordinating 2 activities in the next 2 months! On January 22nd at 9am, we will be holding our first Kids' Free Throw Contest. The event will be held at John Carroll High School gym at 9am. The event is open to kids ages 10-14. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, etc in this age bracket, contact Mark to sign them up. This will be a lot of fun with the winner going onto the District Championship! Also, on Saturday, February 12th, we will hold our annual Kids' Bingo. More details to come.

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

Rob is busy planning Church activities for Q3. Stay tuned for details.

Marc Bolden – Family –Contact- 443-528-4964 or Mbolden509@me.com

We held our annual Kids' Christmas party on Saturday, December 11th. We have over 45 kids and 120 people total attend this event. Special thanks to our Santa for doing this event every year. Thank you to all 15 brothers who stepped up to help run this event! See the photo spread in this edition of Knightworks. Marc is now planning and working with Diane Lewis on our Family Ice Skating at Ice World in Abingdon. It will be held on Saturday, January 8th at 5pm. The cost of the event is paying for your own skate rental and bringing canned goods to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Brothers are needed to volunteer to help collect canned goods and bring them back to church. Please contact Marc to volunteer.

Charles Duke - Community – Contact 410-879-4312 or charldk@aol.com

Charlie is planning his 3rd quarter activity as we speak and will have details shortly, stay tuned.

Ed Petrovic- Pro Life – Contact 410-679-4179 or e.petrovic@verizon.net

Early plans are coming together for the January to March activity. Soon to be announced.

Patriotic Quote of the Month

The right thing to do never requires any subterfuge, it is always simple and direct.

Calvin Coolidge



RESPECT LIFE

Capital Punishment - Where Do We Stand?

And Where Do You Stand?

Article 2266 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states;

"Preserving the common good of society requires rendering the aggressor unable to inflict harm. For this reason the traditional teaching of the Church has acknowledged as well-founded the right and duty of legitimate public authority to punish malefactors by means of penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime, not excluding, in cases of extreme gravity, the death penalty"....

In addition Article 2267 states:

If bloodless means are sufficient to defend human lives against an aggressor and to protect public order and the safety of persons, public authority should limit itself to such means, because they better correspond to the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person.

So what does this mean? It would appear to this humble Catholic that the Church is saying that we may use capital punishment only as a last resort to protect society. The problem would seem to lie in determining when it is necessary to use capital punishment because there is no other option to protect society.

Capital punishment has one big flaw – it is irreversible – and what happens if we as a society have made a mistake. No judicial system is perfect and ours has many flaws. Some would say that Life Imprisonment Without the Possibility of Parole is a good compromise. And in many cases it may be. However, those we ask to guard those who have killed others and are capable of doing it again sometimes kill those guarding them. So some extremely violent humans are too dangerous to be around even those who would guard them.

What do we do with those that sexually assault and kill children? Are some crimes so heinous that society feels it must put the malefactor to death.

And what about redemption? By putting a person to death should we forever eliminate the possibility that the criminal will repent and truly seek forgiveness?

John Paul II wrote that execution is only appropriate "in cases of absolute necessity, in other words, when it would not be possible otherwise to defend society. Today, however, as a result of steady improvement in the organization of the penal system, such cases are very rare, if not practically nonexistent."

The purpose of this month's article is not to answer questions but to ask them. Ultimately you have to look into your heart to see where your answers lie.

Sometimes it is Easy to Overlook the Simplest of Things:

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, it should probably be updated to reflect your spouse or your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy ... that is, the date the policy was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

Ed O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, FICF, LUTCF
410 569-6141 - edward.okeefe@kofc.org



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

January 22nd at John Carroll High School
Open to Boys and Girls ages 10-14



To Register for this event please contact one of the following:

Lee Eder.....410-591-1948
Keith Marchiano..... 410-937-4890
Mark Hopkins..... 410-225-7248

Registration opens at 9am with the contest beginning at 9:30am. Proof of ID is needed!

Win Prizes! Have fun! Step up and take a Shot!

Your Council in Action

Another Successful Christmas Party



Father Chuck Teaches Right versus Left



The Koop Clan – All Seven of Them Visit Santa Claus



Amanda Rose Traub helps entertain the crowd



Our Youth Help Out



All the Volunteers



Daddy, why are you eating my hot dog? GK Dan Trout and Ava



Before he leaves Santa exclaims, "Go Ravens!"

Keep Christ In Christmas Contest Winning Entries



Julianna Brooks – 2nd Grade – 1st Prize



Alexa Warren – 2nd Grade – 2nd Prize



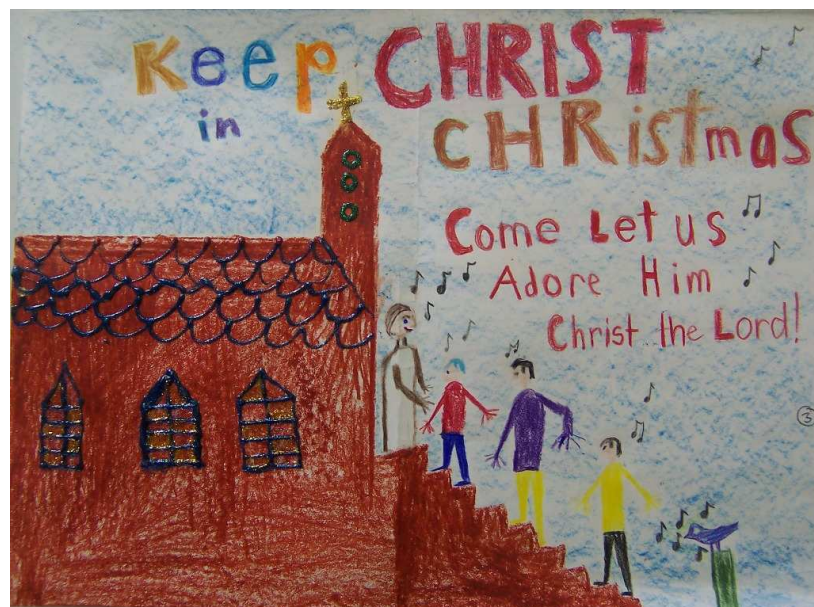
Rebecca Greene – 2nd Grade – 3rd Prize



Eleanor Ruth Fisher – 4th Grade – 1st Prize



Sean Wirt – 5th Grade – 2nd Prize



Aidan MacLellan-O'Brien – 4th Grade – 3rd Prize



Hannah Del Rosario – 7th Grade – 1st Prize



Callum MacLellan-O'Brien – 6th Grade – 2nd Prize



Aerin Tribull – 6th Grade – 3rd Prize

Rubrics Explained

First of all, what are Rubrics? These are the rules that lay out how the Mass is celebrated. Over the next ten months we will explain some of the parts of the Mass, why they are the way they are and what are the changes coming to the Mass that will commence during Advent of 2011. For this month we will begin with the Orans posture.



What is the Orans Posture?

The word “orans” is Latin for “praying” so this translates to “Praying Posture.” But what does it mean? As you can see in the illustration, this is the posture used by the celebrating priest during the Pater Noster or in English the “Our Father” or Lord’s Prayer. This is a praying posture that is very ancient and is perfectly proper during private prayers. The problem arises when it is used by the laity during the Mass, which is a sacrament with a strictly defined procedure. This praying posture has slowly been adopted by many in the laity over the past several decades even though there is no liturgical call for it. It is simply neither right but it is also not totally wrong.

There are a few bishops that have instructed the members of their diocese that they may or should use the Orans Posture during the Lord’s Prayer. While the Church has not approved of this, neither has the Church condemned it.

But there are ways in which the Orans Posture is used during Mass that are sometimes wrong.

The celebrating priest prays the Our Father with the people by using the Orans Posture. Any concelebrants also adopt this posture. You may have observed that anyone else on the altar such as the deacon will merely prayerfully clasp his hands. Liturgically it is not right nor is it permitted for the deacon to use the Orans Posture at this point. However, at the end of the Our Father (ending with “and deliver us from evil.”) the concelebrants lower their arms and only the presiding priest continues with the Orans Position. He is now praying as the representative of all including the laity and any concelebrating priests. At no time should you continue with the Orans Position beyond this point. It is reserved to the presiding priest.

Some also hold hands and raise them in the air at the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer. This is never correct and should not be done.

So, if you choose to use the Orans Position while you pray along with the celebrant during the Our Father, you should lower your hands immediately after the completion of the prayer (“and deliver us from evil”).

There has been much confusion on this issue and hopefully this will be addressed by the Church in the near future so that the unity of the Mass will be preserved. If you wish to research this further, an Internet search on Orans Posture will bring up much information.

Next month: Kneeling – can we stand or are we required to kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer?

Archbishop John Carroll Assembly

On Thursday January 20th The Archbishop John Carroll Assembly (4th Degree) will hold our Renewal of Obligations at Fr. Wolfe Council - St Francis De Sales - 8:00pm. Kilduff Hall. The Dress for the evening is Officers is Tuxedo, Tuxedos are requested for all (though a dark business suite is permissible).

Our annual 4th Degree Exemplification will take place at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center in Fredrick, Maryland on April 9, 2011.

The Fourth Degree ritual added patriotism to the three original principles of the Order: charity, unity and fraternity. Any Third Degree member in good standing, six months after the anniversary of his First Degree, is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective country through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies. Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in their respective council to remain in good standing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the 4th Degree you can contact me at 443 402-1534 or j.m.novak@comcast.net

Mike Novak
Faithful Navigator

YOUR ABSOLUTE LAST CHANCE TO ATTEND



Knight of Columbus #11372 Holiday Party

When: 7:00 pm Friday January 21st 2011

Where: Bellissimo's Restaurant- 510 Market Place Drive Bel Air MD 21014

R.S.V.P. by 12/15/11 to: Tom Scaruzzi 443-512-8615,

tscaruzzi@comcast.net

Come and enjoy a bountiful Buffet Dinner including

*Tossed Salad
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Broccoli
Roast Sirloin of Beef*

*Shrimp Diavolo
Chicken Francaise
Penne Pasta with Chicken*

Includes bread & butter, Iced Tea, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert. Cash Bar

The cost is only \$20.00 per person.

FROM THE SUPREME KNIGHT

by **Supeme Knight Carl A. Anderson**

The French Catholic writer Charles Péguy (1873-1914) observed, "For the first time since Jesus, we have seen, under our very eyes ... a new world arise ... after Jesus and without Jesus." Péguy was speaking about recent events in the Europe of his day, but as we reflect on these words a century later, we must admit that the cultural trend about which he spoke has become more pronounced in Europe and throughout the Western Hemisphere. Despite Péguy's sobering outlook, we can experience a faith that is profound and life-changing. We have seen the great saints of our time — such as Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II — and have met other saints known only to their neighbors and colleagues.

We are faced, then, with the great mystery that some accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ and others reject it. Consider the story of the encounter between Zacchaeus, the tax collector, and Jesus. When the Lord announces that he will stay with Zacchaeus, who has climbed a tree to see him, the crowd grumbles: "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." Yet, Jesus says, "Today salvation has come to this house" (Lk 19:9).

All the people assembled that day saw the same Jesus and heard his words. But while it was a day of faith and salvation for Zacchaeus, others left grumbling in opposition.

The lives of some today are likewise changed forever when confronted with the living reality of Jesus Christ, while others simply walk away with continued disbelief. In the end, we each stand before the very mystery of creation and cannot escape the question that it presents to us: Is this universe a reality that is beneficent, malevolent or simply indifferent?

For thousands of years, countless human beings believed that the universe was a malevolent or an indifferent reality. But the Book of Wisdom reminds us that the universe is neither of these: "For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?" (Wis 11:24-25).

We know, too, that the Lord so loves the world that he sent his only Son to redeem it (cf. Jn 3:16). Because of the reality of God's love, we have been liberated from the absurd futility of a meaningless existence before an indifferent cosmos. Instead, we have the privilege of praying to God with the words "Our Father" and trusting in a redeemer who treats us as a brother.

The world today stands in judgment of our faith, and we are faced with the question, "Is it really possible to live in a way that shows the promises of Christ to be true?" As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in his encyclical *Spe Salvi*, people who possess Christian faith and hope live differently.

As Knights of Columbus, we greet each other with the words, "*Vivat Jesus!*" These words testify to the fact that we place our faith in a living reality — a reality that makes a difference in the way we live. Furthermore, we dedicate ourselves to the principles of charity, unity and fraternity — not for some special few, but for all, just as the Gospel requires.

We stand in solidarity with our bishops and priests — those men who, like Zacchaeus, have stood before Jesus in faith and have said, "yes." They have dedicated their lives to trusting in the promises of Christ and to testifying not only for the good of the Christian community, but also for the common good of society as a whole. And now, as we await the coming of our Savior's birth, we must rededicate ourselves to the work of the new evangelization. United in faith and hope, in charity and fraternity, we are called to seek the Lord and receive the salvation that he brings.

Vivat Jesus!



STATE NEWS



Pangborn Council #1365 in Hagerstown hosted the Maryland State Council Fall Meeting on October 23. The State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen met with all 32 District Officers to review overall progress to date, assess the health of the councils in the State, and hear from some impressive guest speakers.

Based on District Deputy observations, the State Team took away action items that are to be accomplished in time to be reported back on at the mid term meeting in January. State Deputy Davio had an opportunity to meet over lunch with some of the College Council Grand Knights and discuss areas of concern that are unique to college life while being a member of the Order.

While the men were meeting at the Council, back at the hotel the ladies were involved in a crafts project for the nationwide "Make a Difference Day" preparing Christmas stockings filled with gifts to be distributed by the Salvation Army to needy children ages 4 to 12. They tucked into the stockings a variety of useful items which varied from clothing and toys to toiletries and gift certificates.

When the ladies work was done, FDD Gary Armbruster delivered the stockings to the Salvation Army facility in Hagerstown while they went off for lunch at Ryan's Buffet and later boarded buses for a visit to both the Christmas Tree Store and the Valley Mall, rejoining their husbands back at the hotel later in the day for an evening Mass and dinner. Guest speaker for the evening was Deacon Kevin Bagley from Father Vincent Pallotti Council in Little Italy, who gave an impressive talk on the importance of Catholic gentlemen in today's society.

Accommodations and a banquet were provided at the Clarion Hotel in Hagerstown for those staying overnight; and Pangborn Council stepped up again on Sunday to host a 3rd Degree for the councils coming in from the western part of the state. Former District Deputy Bill Blake was the honoree for that 3rd Degree and was certainly pleased with the size of the class that honored him.



COUNCIL KUDOS

A special thank you goes out to those brothers who helped park cars during the 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM Masses on Christmas Eve. A "well done goes to Brothers Mike Georgulas, Alex Eder, Pat Tobin, Dan Samis, Dan Trout and Lee Eder.

A very special thank you goes out to those semi-frozen brothers who have been manning the beer stand at M&T Bank Stadium. This is our second largest money maker each year. Hang in their brothers! Only one more regular season game to go!

District Deputy Message January 2011

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 14-5	5	6	-1	-1
9815 / 7-3	2	0	2	2
10100 / 7-3	3	0	3	1
11372 / 18-6	2	0	2	0
District Total	12	6	26%	11.7%

Every Council a Star Council

numbers as of 12/13/2010

Star District Goals 46 New Members; 17 Insurance Members

There are a lot of men out there that need the Knights of Columbus. Find them and ask them to join us.

A few key dates, to remember:

Mid Term Meeting Saturday, January 8th, 2011.

First Degrees February 21st at Fr. Wolfe and January 25th at Long Green Valley.

A 2nd degree will be held at Fr Wolfe on March 23rd.

Third Degrees will be held at Dundalk February 26th and Cardinal Gibbons on March 18th.

March for Life will be held in Washington DC on Monday, January 24th./

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Cross
District Deputy

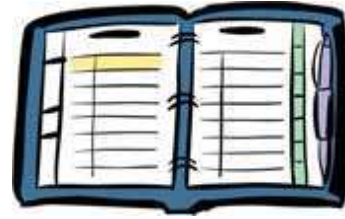
The Wisdom of Mother Theresa

Everytime you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.



FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL

THREE MONTH PLANNER



January			
Sun	2	Ravens versus Bengals, Game #8	1:00pm
Mon	3	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sat	8	Family Activity- Skating Party Ice World	5:00pm
Mon	10	Officer's Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	14	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	17	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	21	Council Activity- Christmas Party, Bellissimo's Restaurant	7:00pm
Sat	22	Youth Activity- Kids' Free Throw Contest, John Carroll HS	9:00am
Fri	28	Bingo!	5:00pm
February			
Sun	6	Pancake Breakfast, Kilduff Hall	6:30am
Mon	7	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	12	Youth Activity- Kids' Bingo, Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon	14	Officers' Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	21	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	25	Bingo!	5:00pm
March			
Mon	7	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo	5:00pm
Mon	14	Officers' Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	21	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Wed	23	2 nd Degree, Kiduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	25	Bingo!	5:00pm

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS,
READ THE INSTRUCTIONS**

