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### My Brothers All-

**Below is an excerpt from the supreme website regarding how important President John F. Kennedy and his leadership was and continues to be for our country. For this President's day and every day, please remember the words of JFK and how fortunate we are as Knights to carry on the message of service to God and country.**

All the best,  
Dan Trout  
Grand Knight

(An excerpt from www.kofc.org)

### 50 Years Later, President Kennedy's Inaugural Words Are Still Important to Americans

"A new Knights of Columbus-Marist poll finds that Americans overwhelmingly believe that key themes from President Kennedy's inaugural speech are still important in America today – 50 years later.

The survey focused on several memorable passages dealing with the importance of freedom, of service to the country, and the role of God in our national life. The results show that 85 percent or more of Americans still consider each of these ideas important for the United States.

The following are the percentages by which Americans say each quote surveyed is still either very or somewhat important:

- 96 percent for "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."
- 95 percent for "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."
- 86 percent for "Here on earth God's work must truly be our own."
- 85 percent for "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God."

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**MEMBERSHIP**

**Bill Hengemihle**  
**410-569-5253**

Here's hoping early spring will bring us a flourish of new members to our council. Post haste...get your new member application to me pronto...time is a wasting.....

The passing of Marie Bernt last month closes a great book on a couple that truly loved our parish and our council. We all miss them ..Life goes on....Remember death.

**A Lent Well Spent**

*Ah, Lent! A time of sacrifice and a time of giving up things we enjoy. There is always a tendency during Lent to inflict a little pain on ourselves. Many of us were taught how much Jesus suffered and were encouraged to suffer along with Him. These are honorable things to do. But perhaps we could employ a different attitude, surrendering the negative in order to have a more positive Lenten experience.*

*This is the perfect time in our lives to take a prolonged look inside of ourselves and take a spiritual inventory to see where we are in our relationship with our loving God. The hunger pangs of a lunch skipped or the yearning for a sweet forsaken could very well be a reminder to say a little prayer for those who are less fortunate. It could be a reminder to thank our Creator for all He has given us. It could be a reminder to give the next few moments to our God, putting aside, if for only a short period, our current task at hand. This, in itself, is what Lent is all about – a chance for us to let God become an integral part of our busy lives and to serve others.*

*This is the perfect time to take a hard look at what we are doing for each other. Could the price of that skipped lunch or forsaken sweet be given to the poor? Could this be the time to develop an ongoing relationship with Jesus that goes beyond the six weeks of Lent? Could this be the time that will change our lives forever?*

*Does God really care if we skip lunch or go without sweets for 40 days? Probably not as much as we think. What He does care about is that we share what we have with those who have none.*

*Deacon Jim Sullivan, SFO*



The Ladies meeting for this month was cancelled due to snow. Our column returns next month.

## *Program Director's Report*

*Keith Marchiano*

It is March! It is going to start getting a little warmer, flowers will begin to bloom, and as Christians and Catholics we celebrate the Lenten Season. Our Activity Directors are hard at work organizing activities that help us live our faith. We will be holding our first fish fry (actually a fish bake) on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Here are the activities that are occurring soon. I hope you will come out and support our brothers.

**Tom Scarruzzi – Council – Contact- 443-512-8615 or [tscaruzzi@comcast.net](mailto:tscaruzzi@comcast.net)**

Tom is working on a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter activity for our council. Stay tuned!

**Mark Hopkins – Youth – Contact – (410) 225-7248 or [markhopkins1@comcast.net](mailto:markhopkins1@comcast.net)**

What a fantastic February for the youth of our parish/community. Mark organized our annual Kids' Bingo. A special thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary for donating funds for our grand prize, a Nintendo DSi. Once again, Kilduff Hall was packed with kids and families having a great time playing bingo. As of the writing of this newsletter, we did not have exact amounts of money raised, but we all did a great job raising funds for Juvenile Diabetes.

**Rob Hardy – Church – Contact – 410-459-6132 or [RobHardy@gmail.com](mailto:RobHardy@gmail.com)**

The Malvern Hills retreat will be at the St Joseph in the Hills Retreat House in Malvern, PA on the weekend of March 11-13. The retreat will be conducted by Fr Joseph Gleason and Fr Jude Krill OFM, former teacher at Archbishop Curley HS. Includes two nights stay and five meals. Cost is \$150 or freewill donation. For more information, please contact Rich Sosna, 410-569-9374, [sosna@verizon.net](mailto:sosna@verizon.net). The Lenten season is just around the corner. This means it is time to get our fish taste buds ready! We will be having our first Father Wolfe Fish Fry on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>! We will need assistance with set up, cooking, and serving a fish dinner to our St. Francis de Sales community. More details to come, so stay tuned!

**Marc Bolden – Family – Contact- 443-528-4964 or [Mbolden509@me.com](mailto:Mbolden509@me.com)**

Marc is working on a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter activity for our council, stay tuned!

**Charles Duke - Community – Contact 410-879-4312 or [charldk@aol.com](mailto:charldk@aol.com)**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter activity was the Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Daniel Briggs, Nathaniel Earl, Michael Georgulas, Rob Hardy, Bill Orlosky, Dan Trout, Terry Watts and Lee Eder as the team driver and banner bearer. They all left our Knights Hall at 9AM, dunked at 1PM and returned to our Knights Hall at 3PM. The team raised a total of \$1,045 for Special Olympics! Great job to our brave brothers!

**Ed Petrovic- Pro Life – Contact 410-679-4179 or [e.petrovic@verizon.net](mailto:e.petrovic@verizon.net)**

After masses on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be handing out Rosaries and respect life cards to all parishioners as part of our Pro-Life initiative. Please contact Ed if you want to help with this distribution after each of the masses at St. Francis de Sales.

### **Quote of the Month**

"There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers."

**St Teresa of Avila**



# RESPECT LIFE

Pray for the Unborn this Lent.

On this weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> we will hand out prayer cards to all the parishioners at our home parish of St. Francis de Sales asking for people to pray for the unborn, especially during Lent. When I was making the appropriate arrangements to have everything printed and getting approval for the date, I was asked via email,

*"I do hope that the prayer cards are inclusive of all of "Respect Life" issues that the church teaches, not only against Abortion. But also against the Death Penalty, for the homeless and poor, for the elderly, for the immigrants, the issue of war, etc."*

I thought about how to respond to this for quite some time and finally I replied:

*"I understand completely what you are saying. Please allow me to explain what the knights do and what we are trying to do.*

*There are many evils in the world. We recognize them and try to change them in whatever way we can. We raise money and donate it to St. Vincent de Paul each and every month. We recognize that sometimes people take advantage of our (Saint Vincent de Paul's) generosity but we continue to collect food and money because if just one person is helped then we have made a difference. We regularly sponsor letter writing campaigns to our political representatives because if just one representative changes their vote just one time then we believe that we have made a difference. We donate thousands of dollars each year to John Archer School and we attend their own fund raising events to assist them. We don't do this to heal them but merely to make their lives a tiny bit better. For us that is enough. We believe in treating all people with respect and compassion no matter who they are. We go to the Homeless Shelter and cook for them and some members spend the evening talking to them to show them we care about them. We have built several handicap ramps for people who are housebound otherwise (and one wasn't even a Catholic). It's what we do.*

*Four times a year we schedule a Respect Life activity that somehow helps those in need. We raise money for Special Olympics, we donate supplies and money to Birthright, and do other things. We address Respect Life issues each month in our newsletter. In January it was about capital punishment and last month it was about taking the time to slow down and spend time to talk, really talk, to the mentally handicapped.*

*Some might think that we put too much effort into stopping abortion and yes the knights do a great deal in that respect. But there is a reason for that. We cannot stop war. We cannot solve the issues of undocumented migrants. We cannot heal the handicapped. We cannot heal the elderly. But there is one area that maybe - just maybe - we can do something about. If we can help one woman - just one - to bring that precious life into the world then we can rejoice at one small helpless life saved.*

*And then we can smile and go back to trying to make life better for all the others knowing that everything we do is really worth the effort.*

Regards - Ed

So my brother knights, the next time you grow tired or wonder if what you do makes a difference, don't wonder. You do, because what you do does make a difference in someone's life even if you don't know them or you never meet them. As Mother Theresa said,"

**"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."**

## **Continued from Grand Knight's Report on Page 1**

"Fifty years after President John F. Kennedy stirred a nation with these important words, Americans continue to recognize the importance of what he said, of his definition of what it means to be an American," said Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. "President Kennedy reminded us then that we must be at the service of God and country and that message – as Americans clearly understand – is still very important to our nation today."

John F. Kennedy was the first Catholic elected to the presidency, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In 2010, the Knights funded the restoration of the inscriptions from President Kennedy's inaugural speech located at his grave at Arlington National Cemetery."

Excerpted from <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/polls/index.html>

**Fraternal Benefits**

**Ed O'Keefe**

### **“Fraternal Benefits”**

#### **Our Unmatched Code of Ethics:**

There are hundreds of fine life insurance companies in the market-place today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus? That's because in their rating report, Standard & Poor's states that our "AAA" rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability. We've earned this rating for 16 consecutive years!

I would suggest that a principal reason that we are able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as "a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients" is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Fr. Michael J. McGivney – "Protecting Families for Generations" -- by means of "life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights."

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our "Marketing Code of Ethics" is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as "Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself." That's what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife all the facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision.

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# Your Council at Work

## 2011 Polar Bear Plunge



**The crew of would be Polar Bear Plungers**



**Our fearless if not too bright Grand Knight frolicking in the snow**



**Rob Hardy catching some rays before a cooling swim.**

## 2011 Polar Bear Plunge



**Mike Georgulas musters his courage to face the challenge**



**Grand Knight and Dep. Grand Knight in some previously undocumented pre-plunge male bonding ritual**



**Our intrepid Polar Bear Plungers return after a job well done**

## 2011 Kids Bingo



**Mark Hopkins congratulates the grand prize winner.**

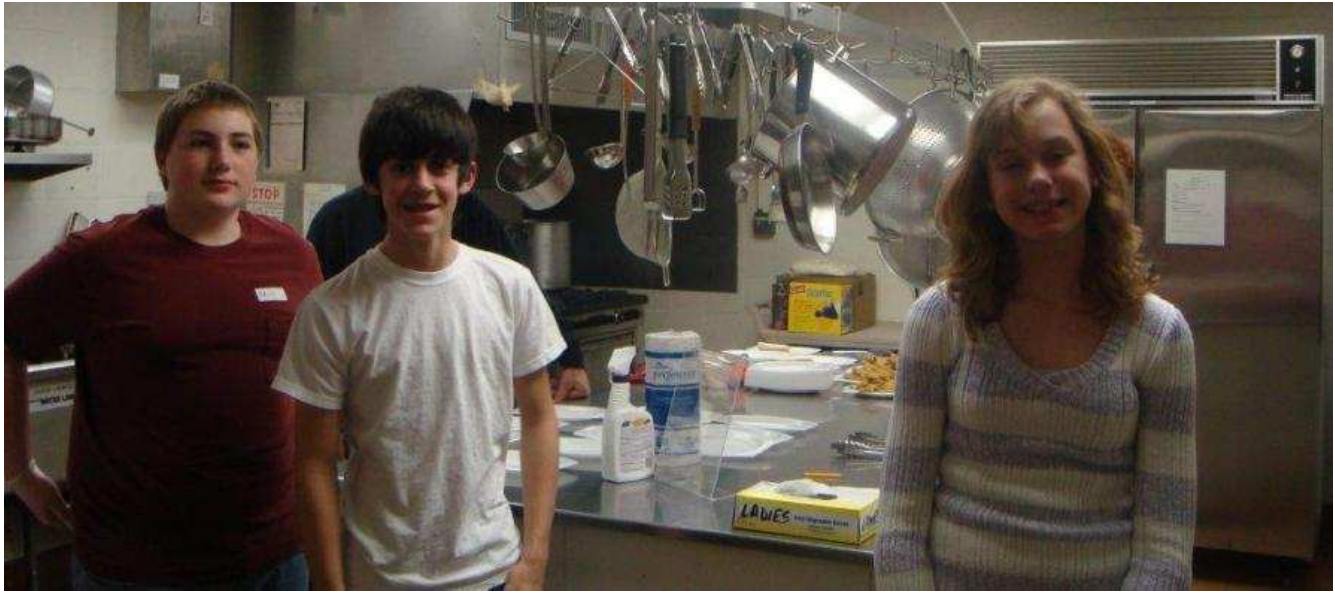


**Jack Kreiner and Mel Piotrowski calling the numbers**



**Charles "Cleanup Guy" Duke**





**Our young and enthusiastic kitchen crew**



**Mike Georgulas, Lee Eder, Mark Hopkins and Mary Celeste Eder with a capacity crowd**



**I'm dead serious about this bingo stuff**

## **What Are the Origins of Lent?**

### **Did the Church Always Have This Time Before Easter?**

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. In the desire to renew the liturgical practices of the Church, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican Council II stated, "The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent -- the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance -- should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer" (no. 109). The word Lent itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten*, meaning "Spring," and *lenctentid*, which literally means not only "Springtide" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls.

Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter.. However, the actual practices and duration of Lent were still not homogenous throughout the Church.

Lent becomes more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313. The Council of Nicea (325), in its disciplinary canons, noted that two provincial synods should be held each year, "one before the 40 days of Lent." St. Athanasius (d. 373) in his "Festal Letters" implored his congregation to make a 40-day fast prior to the more intense fasting of Holy Week. Pope St. Leo (d. 461) preached that the faithful must "fulfill with their fasts the Apostolic institution of the 40 days," again noting the apostolic origins of Lent. One can safely conclude that by the end of the fourth century, the 40-day period of Easter preparation known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises.

Once the 40 days of Lent were established, the next development concerned how much fasting was to be done. In Jerusalem, for instance, people fasted for 40 days, Monday through Friday, but not on Saturday or Sunday, thereby making Lent last for eight weeks. In Rome and in the West, people fasted for six weeks, Monday through Saturday, thereby making Lent last for six weeks. Eventually, the practice prevailed of fasting for six days a week over the course of six weeks, and Ash Wednesday was instituted to bring the number of fast days before Easter to 40. The rules of fasting varied. First, some areas of the Church abstained from all forms of meat and animal products, while others made exceptions for food like fish. For example, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604), writing to St. Augustine of Canterbury, issued the following rule: "We abstain from flesh, meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese and eggs."

Second, the general rule was for a person to have one meal a day, in the evening or at 3 p.m.

These Lenten fasting rules also evolved. Eventually, a smaller repast was allowed during the day to keep up one's strength from manual labor. Eating fish was allowed, and later eating meat was also allowed through the week except on Ash Wednesday and Friday. Dispensations were given for eating dairy products if a pious work was performed, and eventually this rule was relaxed totally. (However, the abstinence from even dairy products led to the practice of blessing Easter eggs and eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.)

Over the years, modifications have been made to the Lenten observances, making our practices not only simple but also easy. Ash Wednesday still marks the beginning of Lent, which lasts for 40 days, not including Sundays. The present fasting and abstinence laws are very simple: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful fast (having only one full meal a day and smaller snacks to keep up one's strength) and abstain from meat; on the other Fridays of Lent, the faithful abstain from meat.

Nevertheless, I was always taught, "If you gave something up for the Lord, tough it out. Don't act like a Pharisee looking for a loophole." Moreover, an emphasis must be placed on performing spiritual works, like attending the Stations of the Cross, attending Mass, making a weekly holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament, taking time for personal prayer and spiritual reading and most especially making a good confession and receiving sacramental absolution. Although the practices may have evolved over the centuries, the focus remains the same: to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Saunders, Rev. William. "History of Lent." *Arlington Catholic Herald*. (abridged)

## Archbishop John Carroll Assembly

*Due to lack of interest, Archbishop John Carroll Assembly's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Columbus Gardens on March 20, 2011 has been cancelled.*

*Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will take place on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 At the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Frederick, MD. If you are a 3rd Degree Member of your council and interested in becoming a member of the 4th Degree, please contact Mike Novak FN on 410 515-6867 or Leonard Windsor on 410 937-7245.*

*Archbishop John Carroll Assembly will hold its next meeting at St Francis de Sales Kilduff Hall on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 8:00pm.*

*Mike Novak  
Faithful Navigator*

## Patriotic Quote of the Month

Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear. - - **George Orwell**

## BINGO NEEDS YOU!



Thanks to all of the volunteers who make Bingo possible.

We are looking for some extra assistance.

1. The Gift Table (Miss Vicky's Table) -- This is a good income for Bingo. This is a one person responsibility -- must work both Bingos. Basically, it includes collecting, storing and selling donated items like a yard sale.
2. Possible new job -- We are thinking about setting-up a Specials Table. We would sell the cards for all of the special games at this table (Must handle money). Two people are needed - one for each Bingo.
3. We are looking for someone to "work the floor" selling Instant Bingo Card. This could be two people - one for each Bingo. We have tried this at two Bingos and sales increased by 10%.

If you or you know someone who might be interested contact Bingo Ken at 410-569-5589.

Go with God. BINGO KEN REED

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# NEWS FROM SUPREME



A tenth consecutive year of growth is a terrific topic for a column. 2010 was such a year for the Knights of Columbus Insurance program, which grew in every category. This is a pretty remarkable feat, especially considering the economic conditions of this past decade. Let me share a few of the Order's accomplishments with you.

- During 2010, the Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history: \$7.77 billion.

Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$78.9 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 2000, we stood at \$40.4 billion.

- Our field force continues to grow, and we finished the year with a net gain of new agents. We are continually looking for new agent candidates to serve our growing membership in the U.S. and Canada. The ultimate goal is to have all of our members served by a dedicated, full-time agent.
- In July, we held our second Field Agent Sales Conference in Dallas, TX, an event that gathered a record number of field agents under one roof to learn from the best agents in the Order how to better serve their brother Knights and their families.
- During 2010, we celebrated an extraordinary seven months that were in the "best ever" category. Records were set in January, February, March, April, May, September and November.
- Our annuity business continued to grow from its record numbers in 2009. More than 20,000 new annuities were issued to our members and their families in 2010.
- Our AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from Standard and Poor's was reaffirmed for the 18th consecutive year and our A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed for the 35th consecutive year.
- Members and their wives also accepted more long-term care policies in 2010 than they did in 2009. As the costs of care continue to rise, we expect that more and more clients will take advantage of our K of C Care product, which was designed with their needs in mind.
- Our number of associate members becoming insured members continued to grow, showing more of our brothers availed themselves to our products. In fact, the number of members moving from associate to insured status in 2010 was the highest in the past five years. We hope this trend continues and that more members understand the value of owning our products.

Please understand my purpose in sharing these statistics with you. First, take pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families. Second, I want to remind you that today is a great day to become an insured member or review the policies you might already have with us. Start a discussion with your agent. If you don't know who he is, please visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and click on "[Find an Agent.](#)" You'll be glad you did.



# STATE NEWS



## Blankets of Honor

This project was born after viewing a show on television, about Veterans recovering at the Walter Reed hospital. Their blankets were plain white, certainly not something from home. Jacki White from Archbishop Sheen Council No. 7612 and Ann Stallings from Bel Air Council No. 4714 felt that our Wounded Warriors deserved better than that for their substantial contributions to the United States of America.

These ladies decided to encourage other Knights of Columbus ladies in the Maryland jurisdiction to make or buy colorful blankets to pass out to the hospitalized Veterans in the Baltimore-Washington area. To date, they have dispensed well over 900 "Blankets of Honor.". Jacki and Ann announced the "Blankets of Honor Program" at the regional Membership and Program Seminars to the Ladies Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus in the summer of 2008. By early fall, the blankets started rolling in. Each blanket was tagged by the two Chair Ladies, "Blankets of Honor donated by the Ladies Auxiliaries of the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus" to identify the donor. Then, plans were set to make visits along with a team of several volunteers to Veteran Hospitals in the area. The following hospitals were visited in the past two years:

- Veteran's Hospital on Greene Street in Baltimore, Maryland – distributed 140 Blankets with 11 volunteers.
- Veteran's Hospital in Washington, D.C. --- distributed 150 blankets with 12 volunteers.
- National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland —dropped off 135 Blankets with 4 invited volunteers.
- Perry Point Veteran's Hospital, Cecil County, Maryland— distributed 440 Blankets with 15 volunteers (an 8 car caravan was needed because of the large number of blankets).
- Old Soldiers Home, Southern Maryland ---sent 80 Blankets with two volunteers.

The amount of "Blankets of Honor" collected and tagged totals over 1400. They continue to roll in. There have been many times throughout the past two years when the ladies throughout the State were taught to make fleece blankets and they enjoyed this tremendously. The next stop for the co-chairs will be the Veteran's Hospital on Lock Raven Boulevard in Maryland with stops hopefully in Western Maryland at a later date.

They intend to find any other Veterans group in need of blankets or they will redeliver to the hospitals that they have already been to. The support from the Auxiliaries, The Fourth Degree and the Councils has been fantastic. This is an ongoing program and the rewards are exceptional. The smiles on the faces of our beloved Veterans when receiving the "Blankets of Honor" are so worthwhile. The appreciation from the Veterans is wonderful but the feeling that the volunteers come home with is far greater. If anyone knows of Veterans in need of blankets please e-mail or call

Ann Stallings at [easpe@aol.com](mailto:easpe@aol.com) - 410-638-0246 or Jacki White at [jackiwhite@verizon.net](mailto:jackiwhite@verizon.net) - 410-795-0862.



## The Wisdom of Mother Theresa

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

District Deputy Message March 2011  
 Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 2/20/2011)

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 14-5	5	8	-3	0
9815 / 7-3	2	0	2	2
10100 / 7-3	3	0	3	0
11372 / 18-6	4	0	4	0
District Total	14	8	6	2

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

There needs to be a sense of urgency in our membership efforts considering our Year to Date results. Every District #4 council needs to try to jump start our membership drives. It is not easy to motivate men to join in the difficult times we all are facing. We each need to point out the benefits available in the Knights of Columbus to those Catholic men that we encounter. Those looking for work should be able to find an extra networking tool in their new brother Knights. Men need to see their faith as a source of comfort in trying times. Their families can have an additional source of inexpensive social activity. Those that are doing well can find an avenue for helping the less fortunate. Don't leave membership recruitment up to the other guy.

A few key dates, to remember: District Meeting at Mason Dixon Council, Tuesday, March 15th, 2011 at 7:30 PM. First Degrees March 7th at Fr. Wolfe and March 22th 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 Annapolis on Monday, March 14th.

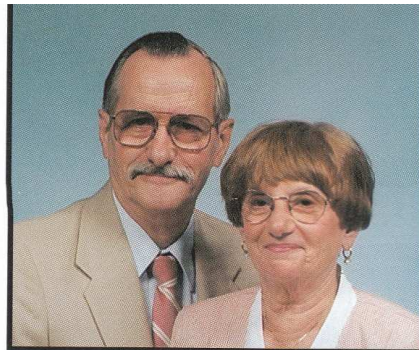
Vivat Jesus!

Jim Cross - District Deputy

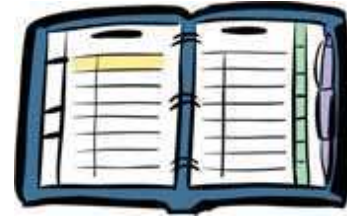
**Remembering Our Departed Brothers and Ladies**

In an unusual circumstance, our brother to be remembered this month was to be Leo Berndt. On February 13, Marie Berndt went to join Leo in the company of Our Lord. Therefore, this month we remember both Leo and Marie.

Leo went to join Our Lord in 2004. Leo and Marie were very active in the parish and were both kind hearted souls. We miss them and will remember them.



# FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



## THREE MONTH PLANNER

March			
Sat	5	K of C Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Kilduff Hall	7:00pm
Sat-Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Rosary Respect Life Distribution, St. Francis Worship Center	After Masses
Mon	7	Council Meeting, Worship Center/Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo!	5:00pm
Fri-Sun	11-13	Malvern Retreat, Hills Retreat House Malvern, PA	5:00pm
Mon	14	Officer's Meeting, Knight's Hall	7:30pm
Mon	21	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Wed	23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	25	Bingo!	5:00pm
April			
Fri	1	K of C Fish Fry, Kilduff Hall	4:00pm
Mon	4	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	11	Officers' Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo!	5:00pm
May			
Mon	2	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sat	7	Spaghetti Dinner, Kilduff Hall	4:00pm
Mon	9	Officers' Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	13	Bingo!	5:00pm
Fri-Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	K of C Convention, Ocean City, MD	
Mon	16	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Wed	18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm



## PRAY THE ROSARY