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113th Annual State Convention

I want to report on our 113th KofC Annual State Convention at Ocean City last weekend. Once a year, all councils within the Maryland State jurisdiction gather for a weekend of celebration and to attend to business at the state level.

The MD State Council also presents awards to those councils that executed their charitable programs very well and participated in the ceremonial competition.

At Fr. Wolfe council, we continue to over perform and deliver on our programs. Most importantly, we do so not for awards or recognition, but because we humbly answer God's call to serve.

I want to congratulate our entire council family on this year's accomplishments, continuing past traditions, and for making new ones.

A special congratulations to our Worthy Program Director, Keith Marchiano for leading our programs, and to each of our activity directors, Tom Scaruzzi, Charlie Duke, Mark Hopkins, Rob Hardy, Marc Bolden, and Ed Petrovic. All of these brothers ran 1st class programs and we are very thankful and grateful for their efforts.

I also want to thank our 1st and 2nd ceremonial teams for all of their hard work and for continuing to raise the bar for our ceremonies.

Surge with Service Program Participation - Program Director Keith Marchiano

Church Activities

3rd place Div A - Rob Hardy

Youth Activities

2nd place Div A - Mark Hopkins

1st Degree Ceremonial Chancellor

1st place - PGK Ray Traube

Pro-Life Activities

3rd place Div A - Ed Petrovic

Family Activities

3rd place Div A - Marc Bolden

1st Degree Team

1st place - PGK Brian O'Connor and

PGK Lee Eder, Co-Captains

Thank you all for giving me the privilege and honor to receive and report on these achievements of our entire council.

Dan Trout, Grand Knight

MEMBERSHIP

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Brothers,

While the membership team did not do very well at the State Convention in Ocean City this year a good time was still had by all. Renewing old friendships and always that "Wait until next year" are great ways to make our commitment to the cause very worthwhile. Please, make an effort to attend the convention next year.....Will it be the year for MIKE???????

Associate Chaplain's Report

Deacon Jim Sullivan

Feast of the Ascension

This month we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. Jesus, his life, his ministry, his very essence is now complete. He is returning to God in heaven. He is going to be with the Father he left when he came to offer us a new way of living, a more defined explanation of how we are to develop a closer relationship with God and each other.

There can be many challenges in our lives. Some of us have lost someone we loved very much to sickness or accident. Some of us suffer from financial hardships. Some times we face hardship because that's the way life is. Sometimes the pain and hardships we face are caused by our own doing, other times trouble comes our way because others present it to us.

Jesus had to face many challenges in his life also. His mother was unwed. The family was poor. The family was uprooted when Jesus was an infant. They were in exile in Egypt, a strange land with different customs. They had no relations close by and life was not good for the small family. Right after Jesus turns twelve, Joseph disappears and we never hear about him again!

Then there is Jesus' adult life. He wants so much for people to care for one another. He tries so hard to get people to understand his message. He knows what God has intended for humankind since creation, but he cannot seem to get the point across. He is scorned. His own hand-picked disciples do not understand him. It is not until after he is dead that they begin to get it, that they allow their hearts to be opened to the message he had for the world.

To love as Jesus loves, to love as God loves is not easy. It is a challenge beyond anything we can imagine. But, we can love by recognizing that our true vocation is to live as children of the light in a world filled with darkness. We need to live the gospel and know that the divine light can never be extinguished.

*Peace and all Good,
Deacon Jim*

Ladies Auxiliary

Cindy Rock

Mark your calendars to attend the Ladies' Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Saturday evening, June 18, 6:30p to 9:30p. There will be several international beers and wines for your tasting pleasure along with a variety of hors d'oeuvres available to sample. The accompanying Silent Auction and raffles provide other opportunities to take home nice gifts. If anyone knows of any business that might be interested in advertising in the event program, please contact MC Eder for details. To purchase tickets, call MC Eder at (410) 538-4433 or Cindy Rock at (410) 538-7447. On this Father's Day weekend, treat yourself and the fathers in your life to this enjoyable social evening while supporting the Ladies and their charitable works.

Officers for next year include Cindy Rock as President and Martine Uveges as Secretary. We still need to fill the Vice President and Treasurer positions. If anyone is interested in serving in either position, please contact Debbie Sosna at (410) 569-9374 or Cindy Rock at (410) 538-7447.

The Ladies' next meeting will be the Installation Dinner scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 20th at Belissimo's Restaurant in Bel Air. If you wish to be a member of the Ladies Knights of Columbus and attend the installation dinner, your cost will be \$25 for the buffet dinner, and your annual dues will be paid for by the Knights of Columbus. We thank the Knights for their support of the Ladies. Come join the Ladies and enjoy our installation dinner social!

Program Director's Report

Keith Marchiano

It's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine, IT'S SUMMERTIME! I love this time of year. The weather is warm, spending time with the family, life on the beach, and just a time to be outdoors with friends. I hope all our brothers will support our ladies on June 18th and attend their Wine and Beer Festival. We will be drawing for our Crab Feast Raffle that same evening. Please let me know if you would like to purchase tickets. Our fraternal year is coming to an end. I want to thank all our activity directors and brothers for your support this past year! Everybody should be proud of all the great things we did, the money we raised, and the charitable acts we accomplished! Here are some final activities for this fraternal year:

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

The Leo Burndt Horseshoe Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, June 12th at 12pm. Please let Tom or Lee know if you wish to participate. Even if you don't pitch horseshoes, come on out it will be fun! Our installation of officers is set for Saturday, July 23rd. Join your brothers for Mass at 5pm, followed by the installation and then dinner. Two fun events to get your summer rolling!

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

Youth Service Day was a success. Mark Hopkins, Mark Lew, Chris Lewis and Keith Marchiano helped cook lunch for 70 youth and 30 adults after a long day of landscaping the Church grounds. The weather was beautiful and the youth worked hard. The hot dogs were the reward!

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

Special thanks to Rob for his 2 years as our Church Activities Director! Great job Rob!

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

We will be having a Spaghetti Dinner of Saturday, June 4th from 4-7pm. Last year's spaghetti dinner was very good with fantastic service! We need help from volunteers to help serve and clean up for this event. The cost, if you want to attend, is \$8 for adults (carry out available), and \$6 for kids. Mark has a bunch of brothers going to an Oriole game on Sunday, June 26th. The ticket is \$35, includes Club level Seats and free buffet of all you can eat hot dogs, nachos, and other goodies. I believe this event is now sold out! It should be a fun time for the Families of our council and parish.

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

On Saturday, May 21st from 10am-2pm, brothers from our council went to Prince of Peace Church to help with the Sharing Table. We served food to the homeless, unemployed, and needy in our community. 61 people were served food this day by our brother knights! Brothers Keith Arndt, Jim Curtis, Lee Eder, Mike Georgulas, Ron Gutowski, Ed Petrovic and his wife Kay, Bob Roddy, Deacon Jim Sullivan, Pat Tobin, Greg Ward, Jim Wilson's son Chris Wilson, John Young and Charles Duke all worked on this project. A great deal of thanks to these Brother Knights and especially Kay Petrovic and her dedicated team which made this a very successful Community Committee Service Project for our Council. If this was not enough, a couple weeks prior on May 7th, we assisted with May Day at John Archer- always a great event! Fantastic job this year Charlie!

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

Pro Life became an official 6th activity this year. A special thanks to Ed who did a fantastic job providing new activities for us to do! Great job Ed!

Quote of the Month

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." **Jeremiah 6:16**

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 is spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or let them slip to the backburner.

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 a top priority for you and your family.

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 126 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 to the backburner until tomorrow. Don't be one of them; move your insurance needs to the forefront today.

Let's talk ... call me.

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Patriotic Quote of the Month

Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action.

- **George Washington**

Kids In Church

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church? One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

How Did You Spend Memorial Day?

Read the newspaper, watch TV, or listen to the radio and you might get the idea that Memorial Day is a celebration of shopping. Please take a moment to remember what is truly important - those who gave up all their tomorrows to keep us safe. And please teach your children and grandchildren.



Fourth Degree News



The Archbishop John Carroll Assembly held its elections on May 19th and the New Officers are: Deacon John Gramling - Faithful Navigator, Thomas Wojtec - Faithful Captain, Lee Eder - Faithful Pilot, John (Mike) Novak Faithful Admiral, Michael Sallese - Faithful Scribe, William Santo - Faithful Purser, Glenn Wilmer - Faithful Comptroller, Robert Kane - Trustee 3yrs, Michael Georgulas - Trustee 2 yrs, Peter Fritz - Trustee 1 yr, John Young - Outside Sentinel, Ray Bloom - Inside Sentinel.

Our next meeting will be held on June 16th. We will hold our annual Shrimp Night after the Assembly Mtg. The Cost will be \$ 15 per person. The Meeting will Start at 8:00 pm. at St. John Hydes home of Long Green Valley Council. Members should contact Mike Novak at j.m.novak@comcast.net or 410 515-6867 no later than June 9th if you plan to have Shrimp with us on the 16th.

Your Council in Action

2011 Fourth Quarter Respect Life Activity

Marigolds for Mothers



Transferring 800 marigolds to cups on Friday night



Keith Arndt and Rob Hardy pass out a marigold to a Grandmother



**Brothers John Young, Keith Marchiano, and Ron Gutkowski
passing out marigolds after Mass**



Can I have one for my Mom?

4TH Quarter Community Activity "Sharing Table" Food Kitchen



Greg Ward and Jim Curtis spoon out some food for Pat Tobin and Keith Arndt to serve to customers at The Sharing Table



**Knights line up before we start. Left to Right Jim Sullivan , Ron Gutkowski, Jim Curtis, Lee Eder, Pat Tobin, Keith Arndt, Bob Roddy, John Young.
Not shown: Charles Duke, Greg Ward, and Ed Petrovic**



John Young waits on a group of Sharing Table customers.

The Sharing Table is open every Saturday at Prince of Peace Church in Edgewood. Food is served from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and is supported by churches and various groups throughout Harford County. The next occasion for volunteers from St. Francis de Sales is on August 27th, 2011.



Father Wolfe Knights Support John Archer School



Lee Eder, Charles Duke, Bill Orlosky, Dan Trout GK, John Young, Dave Michalov, and Jim Curtis man the food stand at John Archer. John Archer provides the food, the Knights provide the man power and 100% of the income goes to support the handicapped kids at John Archer.

God's Garden

GOD said:

"Frank, you know all about gardens and nature.. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles."

ST. FRANCIS:

It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD:

Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures.. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD:

The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

GOD:

They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS:

Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD:

They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS:

No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD:

Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS:

Yes, Sir.

GOD:

These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST.. FRANCIS:

You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD:

What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS:

You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD:

No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS:

After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD:

And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS:

They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD:

Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE:

'Dumb and Dumber', Lord. It's a story about....

GOD:

Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis!



The Wisdom of Mother Theresa

Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.

District Deputy Message June 2011
Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 5/20/2011)

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 14-5	5	9	-4	-1
9815 / 7-3	5	0	5	2
10100 / 7-3	3	0	3	0
11372 / 18-6	6	0	6	1
District Total	19	9	10	2

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

Thank you to all that worked to make our District Hospitality Room so enjoyable at the State Convention. Our District again made its presence known in the Awards Ceremony at the Convention. Congratulations to Fr Wolfe Council for its First Place First Degree Team and Ray Traub for his Best in State First Degree Chancellor Role. Long Green Council took 2nd Place for its Website. Fr Wolfe received 4 awards and Long Green 1 in the 6 Activity Areas. The Knights Ladies of Long Green tied for 2nd Place in the Ladies Auxiliary Activity Award. All of the District's Councils do a great job of supporting their parishes and communities with their activities. It still feels good to get those reports turned in and get a little extra added recognition.

Make plans to come to the District Horseshoe Contest on June 5th. There will be food and fun for all members of the family. Current Grand Knight and Immediate Past Grand Knight come to the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights meeting on Thursday, June 9 and vote for Brian O'Connor.

A few key dates, to remember: District Horseshoe Contest at Eden Mill, Sunday, June 5th, 2011 at 2-5 PM. There will be First Degrees on June 20th at Fr. Wolfe Council and a Third Degree at Patapsco Council. Make plans to attend the Grand Knight College at Mount St Mary's College on July 8-10, 2011.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Cross
District Deputy

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL

THREE MONTH PLANNER



		June	
Sat	4	K of C Spaghetti Dinner, Kilduff Hall	3:00pm
Mon	6	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	10	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sun	12	Council Activity, Leo Berndt Horseshoe Tournament	12:00pm
Mon	13	Officer's Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Sat	18	Ladies Wine and Beer Festival, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	20	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm
		July	
Mon	4	Fourth of July- NO MEETING!	
Fri	8	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	13	Officers' Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	23	Mass and Installation of Officers	5:00pm
Sat	30	Youth Activity- Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament	8:00am
		August	
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting, Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	26	Bingo!	5:00pm

PRAY THE ROSARY