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Keep Christ in Christmas

At Christmas we honor the birth of Jesus Christ. At times our Savior is forgotten in the commercialization of the season and the rush to get ready for holiday festivities. Each year the Knights of Columbus takes a leading role in reminding society that Christmas is first and foremost a holy day.

Each year on the first Tuesday of December Knights of Columbus will "Light Up For Christ." Knights of Columbus units throughout the Order are invited to turn on a switch and light a nativity scene and/or Christmas tree at 8 p.m. (local time). Through this grassroots program, the joy of Christmas will shine from council and circle homes, parishes, private residences and public parks around the world.

Please remember to keep Christ in Christmas this holiday season, and to keep the light of Christ shining in each of us throughout the entire calendar year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and our entire council family!

Vivat Jesus
 Dan, Sally, Jacob, and Ava

Membership

Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252

Brothers,

We close the year 2011 with 264 members. We have achieved about 50% of our quota for this fiscal year. Let's hope we can rally and attain another Star Council Award. Our "Pit Beef" team had lots of fun at the Parish Bazaar on Sunday. Brother Charlie Dukes branded our team as the "Stumble Bums". Some people just can't recognize "Talent". Have a Blessed Holiday Season.

PLEASE BE PROMPT IN PAYING YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Happy New Year

Wait a minute! The New Year is a month away. Or is it? The New Year we are accustomed to celebrating is indeed a month away. But the New Year I am referring to is the Church's New Year that began on November 27th, the first Sunday of Advent. This New Year will bring us many challenging changes in our Mass. Although most of them have to do with the presider, many of the prayers we used over the past 30+ years will change. Holy Mother the Church has decided that a closer translation of the original Latin texts should be implemented on the first day of the Church year. What we say in these changes will be closer to what was originally written in Latin. These changes may seem minor to us, but when we begin to think about what we are saying, we will see how much more meaningful our responses and prayers can be.

I know it will be difficult for us to get used to these changes. I encourage each one of you to try to look to the good that change brings to our lives. When we repeat anything too often it becomes second nature and sometimes we say things without even thinking. Now we have an opportunity to pay attention to what we are doing and perhaps have a more meaningful prayer experience during our liturgies.

I encourage each of you to look at these changes as a way to a closer relationship with our loving Father, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. New things can be good. It all depends how we receive them. Happy New Year!

Peace and all Good,
Deacon Jim



Keep Christ in Christmas
2011 Christmas Card Sale

Thanks to all the knights and ladies who stopped by our Keep Christ in Christmas table at the Christmas Bazaar this past weekend. We were blessed with many visitors and numerous sales. Most of the people who stopped by mentioned how pretty the cards are. Several of the brother knights asked about the Infant Jesus Christmas cards PS-082 (the one with the K of C logo on the back). I had to inform them that we had sold out of all six boxes that we had. As many of you will notice this weekend we are putting the Keep Christ in Christmas flier in the St. Francis de Sales bulletin. I am hopeful that we will be getting positive responses from the parishioners very soon.

I hope to place an order for cards by the end of next week. (This may or may not be our last delivery this year.) If you are interested in buying the Infant Jesus card (with the K of C logo on the back) or any of the other beautiful cards or ornaments, please get back to me as soon as you can. Note that we still have a good number of the other cards in stock and two of the Holy Family ornaments (OR-826). It is our hope to sell these at Bingo nights also, so if you have not seen them come on by because they are even prettier when you see them in person. Please contact me, John Schmidt, at johnschmidt@catholic.org or (443) 686-2441, when you are ready to place your order.

The entire brochure was sent out yesterday via email but if you deleted it and want to see it just email me at the above address.

Vivat Jesus,
John Schmidt

Many thanks to all the Ladies who baked cakes, cookies, brownies, and breads, and those who manned the table and sold all the items the Ladies baked for the Bake Sale at the Craft Bazaar in Kilduff Hall the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 19th and 20th. We raised \$921 for the charities that need our help! As was previously decided, the Ladies will donate 25% of the Bake Sale profits, or \$230, to the church.

The Best of Country Cookie books have been a big hit. If you wish to purchase one for yourself or give them as gifts, this large Cookie book with 277 family favorite cookie recipes can be purchased from Carol Roddy at (410) 569-0710 for just \$10 each or 3 for \$25. We have 49 more books to sell and all proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Ladies will be helping the St. Vincent de Paul Society with food bags to give to needy families, so they can have a Christmas dinner. Please put together a bag of non-perishable food items including items such as stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, canned vegetables, pie shell, and pudding. The Ladies will purchase gift cards for turkeys to go along with the non-perishable food items for the families. You can drop your food bags off at the St Vincent de Paul office in Kilduff Hall on a Saturday morning in early December or bring them with you and drop them off at the Ladies Christmas Social on Monday, December 5th.

The Ladies' next meeting will begin with a short business meeting at 8:00 p.m., Monday, December 5th in the Religious Ed building followed by a Christmas Social. If you like, bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share with other Ladies.



Did You Know?

This month is your last chance to purchase good old fashioned 100W light bulbs before they join the dodo and become extinct?



As of January 1st the U.S. government is making them illegal to manufacture.



While compact florescent (CFL) bulbs save electricity they do have some drawbacks. In cold temperatures they take up to 5 minutes to become bright and fail much faster then indicated when only turned on and off for short periods of time. They also can't be thrown in the trash and must be taken to a recycling center for disposal.

So if you want to put some 100 Watters aside for outdoor use or for use in cupboards or bathrooms, this is your last chance. Next year 75W bulbs are gone and in 2013 the 60W ones go bye bye forever.

Incidentally CFL bulbs are on sale at Home Depot every day as BGE is temporarily heavily subsidizing the cost of them to consumers.

Activity Director's Report

Activity Director – Rob Hardy <robhardy@gmail.com> – 410-459-6132

The Polar Bear Plunge is coming up on January 28th and the Polar Knights plan to be there. Go to <http://plunge2012.kintera.org/kofc11372> to sign up. I'd also like to give a special thanks to all the Knights who worked the weekend of the craft bazaar.

Council – Greg Ward <gjward63@comcast.net> – 443-243-1333

The council will be starting a program called "A Knight to Remember". Think of it like a yearbook where brother knights can pay \$5 to have their name, picture, and a brief blurb about themselves included. If interested, contact brother Greg.

Youth - Dave Michalov <umes96pt@yahoo.com> and Jacob Burlin <jdburlin@gmail.com>

With the soccer shootout out of the way, we've got nothing to report for youth this month. Thanks for making it happen guys.

Church – Mark Hopkins <markhopkins1@comcast.net> – 410-225-7248

The Traveling Crucifix is still making the rounds. The Memorial Mass was well attended and many people came over to Kilduff for brunch afterwards. Next on the radar is the Malvern retreat coming up sometime in February.

Family – Marc Bolden <mbolden509@me.com> – 443-528-4964

The Kids Christmas Party is coming up on December 11th and should be a great time for the kids. The event will run over at the parish from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Community – Charles Duke <charldk@aol.com> – 410-879-4312

Not content with just one activity for the quarter, Charles followed up the Welcome One homeless shelter with a roadside cleanup. The cub scouts came along and made the cleanup a speedy one.

Pro Life – Ed Petrovic <e.petrovic@verizon.net> – 410-679-4179

Ed and Mark are currently planning a trip to Lorien nursing home.



Quote of the Month

Faith without reason is no faith at all"

Saint Thomas Aquinas

YE OLDE CRAFT FAIR AND BAZAAR



YE OLDE PIT BEEF MASTERS

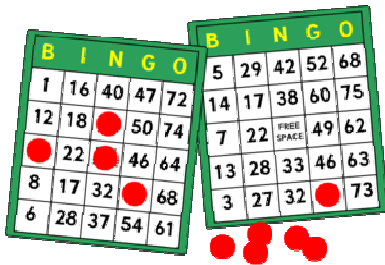


**OVER 400 PIT BEEF SANDWICHES WERE SERVED
WITH \$1070 PROFIT TO THE PARISH**



3RD DEGREE PIT BEEF MASTER'S HAT AND HEAD WARMER

BINGO



The Christmas BINGO (December 9th) and last bingo of the 2011 year is the largest bingo of the entire year. We will set-up for 200 players.

Any extra assistance will be greatly appreciated. We will give out 200 bags with gifts inside and we will award a jackpot that night.

I could use some help that afternoon around 2:00pm in Kilduff Hall filling the bags. The clean-up crew will definitely NEED additional help.

Bingo is our single biggest fund raising activity

GO WITH GOD
Bingo Ken



Abingdon Fire Company



The Abingdon Fire Company is having their annual **Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday, December 18 from 8am to 11am.

Prices are Adults \$7.00, Children 6 – 10 \$2.00, Children Under 6 Free and Takeouts \$8.00

Special Family packages of discounted tickets for this Breakfast are available for advance purchase at: <http://abingdonfc.ticketleap.com>

The menu includes: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Baked Home Taters, Sausage Gravy, Toast, Bagels, Biscuits, Baked French Toast, Cold Cereal, Cinnamon Buns, Apple Butter, Fruit, Milk, Juice (Orange, Apple, Tomato), Coffee, Tea, and Hot Chocolate.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be located in the Engine Bay with the Fire engines which will be available for viewing.

2011 MEMORIAL MASS

Our annual Memorial Mass to remember our departed Knights and Ladies of the Auxiliary was held on Saturday, November 12th.



The Memorial Mass was conducted by Father Chuck Wible and assisted by Deacon Jim Sullivan. The activity was organized by Church Activity Director Marc Hopkins and Activity Director and Chancellor Rob Hardy.



Sharing the Eucharist



We remember

District Deputy Message December 2011

Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 11/23/2011)

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 13-5	9	0	9	3
9815 / 8-3	4	0	4	(1)
10100 / 8-3	0	6	(6)	(3)
11372 / 17-6	8	0	8	2
District Total	21	6	15	1

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

Each council in District 4 is very active in its parish. This is commendable. Social activities like Raven Bull Roasts or Tailgate Parties, Bingo and Turkey Shoots bring the parishioners together and raise funds for the parish and council. Membership gains often result and several councils are making progress this year. Use the Membership 365 Plan sheets to aid in this regard. Use the newest version of the Form 100 that was issued this fall when signing up a new member.

Long Green sent 5 soccer winners to the State Soccer Shoot-out and Gabrielle Brady won First Place in the 9-10 Girls bracket. Please turn your "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest winners in to the State by December 5. Start working on Basketball Free Throw plans and submissions for Teacher, Police, Firemen of the Year. Second Quarter Activities need to be done by December 31 and the Reports turned in to the State by January 15. Get them done a little early and have your Grand Knight turn them in at the Mid-term meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2012.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A few key dates to remember:

First Degree at Fr Wolfe Council on Dec 19.

Second Degree at Fr. Wolfe on Feb 29, 2012.

Third Degree at Cardinal Gibbons Mar 16, 2012.

Midterm Meeting for GK & DGK on Sat., Jan 7, 2012.

March for Life in Washington DC on Monday, Jan 23, 2012.

State Convention May 4-6, 2012.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Cross, District Deputy #4



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THREE MONTH PLANNER

Dec			
Mon	5	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	9	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	10	Children's Christmas Party	10:00am
Sun	11	Ravens vs Colts Beer Stand	9:00am
Mon	12	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Sat	17	St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party	12:00pm
Mon	19	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	23	NO BINGO! Merry Christmas!	N/A
Sat	24	Ravens vs Browns Beer Stand	9:00am
Jan			
Mon	2	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	9	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	13	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	16	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	28	Polar Bear Plunge - http://plunge2012.kintera.org/kofc11372	1:00pm
Feb			
Mon	6	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	10	Bingo!	5:00pm
Fri-Sun	10-12	Malvern Retreat – Tentative Date	5:00pm
Sat	11	Children's Bingo	6:00pm
Mon	13	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	20	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	24	Bingo!	5:00pm



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