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Degrees of Freedom

In my professional industry, "degrees of freedom" is an engineering term to indicate how many different ways a physical body or device can move. The term is used everyday in the robotics field across many different industries. There are translational (straight line) movements and rotational movements. The more degrees of freedom a device has, the more flexible it is, and the more positions it can cover.

My perspective is the same for our ceremonial degrees. The more degrees a brother can complete, the broader his understanding is of our order's purpose. The more degrees a brother can complete, the more he is willing to serve in charitable efforts and able take on positions within the council and the order.

Our degrees empower our brothers with the freedom and desire to serve God and our community. My Brothers, thank you all for being flexible and willing to serve. Share the gift of our order with another man - share our degrees of freedom.

Fraternally
 Dan Trout
 Grand Knight

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On December 19th brother Chip Hagner became the 265th member of our council and the 9th new member to join our council this fiscal year. Congratulations Chip and we hope you will become an active member. Our next scheduled degree is February 20th. Please make every effort to bring in that new member now.

PLEASE BE PROMPT IN PAYING YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Happy New Year!

Another year has come and gone and once again we make New Year resolutions, try to live better lives, and, hopefully, accomplish the change we need to become closer to God. Sounds redundant, doesn't it? Maybe that's because we need to hear it over and over to really believe it. It's not easy to change. We don't like it. We like to keep doing the same old, the same old way. It's comfortable. We don't have to think or do anything. Just keep on going as we always have.

The stage is set for us to respond to new commitments. Perhaps we need a commitment to place our trust in Jesus, to live as he lived, to give as he gave, and to love as he loved. This might be the most difficult commitment we ever make. Jesus challenges us to love those we love to hate; to forgive those we cannot forgive; to be kind, gentle, generous and true followers of him. Do we really believe or do we just entertain empty words and thoughts. Are we ready to change? Can we accept the challenge Jesus offers us, or are we going to be satisfied doing the same old thing the same old way day after day?

I think we all know that being a committed follower of Jesus is not easy. It takes everything we have. The good news is we are not alone. Jesus is ready to walk with us and help us fulfill what we commit to. The time has come for us to move out of our comfort level and embrace the message he gives us. It won't be easy, but then, nothing worthwhile ever is.

*Peace and All Good,
Deacon Jim*

Before having their annual Christmas social on Dec. 5, 2011, the Ladies had a brief, but productive, meeting.

The cookie cookbooks have continued to sell well under Chairperson Carol Roddy's guidance.

Debbie Sosna's "College Student Connection" has at least seven or more names on it. Anyone may submit a name for the "CSC." That student will then receive cards and/or notes throughout the school year to keep them "connected" to those of us at St. Francis de Sales Church.

The Ladies continued their tradition of providing Christmas dinner bags to St. Vincent de Paul and this year included Wegman's gift cards that allow the recipients to purchase a meat entree of their choice.

Mary Celeste Eder is chairing an upcoming event open to all the ladies in the parish, 18 and older, who may be interested in finding out about the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. The event is a "Premier Jewelry" party and will take place on Sunday, February 26, 2012 in the Knights' Hall after the 11:00 A.M. Mass. We hope they will come, relax, meet the Ladies, have a bite to eat, and maybe even purchase a lovely, inexpensive piece of jewelry. And maybe we will interest a few ladies in joining our great team.

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 or make a general team donation.

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

Our council holiday party is coming up the evening of January 28th. The time and location are yet to be announced. If interested in getting your name and picture in the [Knight To Remember](#) book, contact brother Greg.

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

The Kids Bingo is coming up February 11 and we're expecting a great crowd and some awesome prizes. The following Saturday the 18th will be the soccer shootout at John Carroll at 8:30 AM.

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

The [Traveling Crucifix](#) is still making the rounds, contact Rob Hardy if interested in taking it home for a week. The next activity is the Malvern Retreat January 20-22 in Pennsylvania. Contact brother Rich Sosna if interested.

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

The Kids Christmas Party was a blast! With activities ranging from balloon artistry, to storytelling by Father Chuck, to Santa Clause, what's not to love?

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

The SVdP Kids Christmas Party went off quite well and we served a number of hungry kids and parents alike. Stay tuned for more events.

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

We are planning a twelve hour vigil on February 17th, the last Friday before Lent for those unborn children that are in danger or those who died in abortions. We also pray for all those who suffer in any way. The vigil will begin with Mass at 9 A.M. in the Stone Chapel and continue until 9 P.M. with adoration of the Eucharist. If you can help with an hour or half hour please contact Ed. We hope to reschedule a visit to Lorien with healing pets at a later date.

Quote of the Month

I am prepared to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.

Winston Churchill

"Low Expenses Ratio Important for Mutual Funds & Life Insurance"

You may know that a low expense ratio is important when choosing a mutual fund. An expense ratio is what a mutual fund charges a fund holder to invest in the fund. A higher expense ratio will reduce the overall return in any fund despite the rate of return. Most savvy investors will factor in the expense ratio when choosing the right fund for their investment goals.

Most people however are not aware that the expense an insurance organization incurs to obtain their business will have a large impact on the return a policyholder will receive. Expenses such as back office support, marketing, sales force and the taxes paid to the government all play a part in the eventual return a policyholder will receive. While these expenses are not exactly the same as an expense ratio in a mutual fund, they are similar.

The Knights of Columbus has one of the lowest expense ratios in the insurance industry. Because we are a non-profit mutual benefit society, we do not have the tax burden of other insurance companies. The K of C does not have the need for costly advertising and other marketing programs. And because our sales force is made up of Brother Knights, we have an extremely low cost distribution system.

All of these elements allow the order to offer one of the highest dividend scales in the industry while simultaneously keeping low the costs of procuring and operating our insurance organization.

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Optimist vs. Pessimist

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other was their looks. If one felt it was too hot, the other thought it was too cold. If one said the TV was too loud, the other claimed the volume needed to be turned up. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom and gloom pessimist.

Just to see what would happen, on the twins' birthday their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly.

"Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken." answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked.

To which his optimist twin replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"

Your Council in Action

Another Successful Christmas Party

Santa Entertaining the Kids



The Magic Show



All the Volunteers Who Made It Possible



Keep Christ In Christmas Contest

This picture is from 3rd grader and first place winner Carley Habel.



Some of the many excellent entries



Christmas Bingo

Our Christmas bingo is by far our most successful bingo of the year. 175 guests had a fun and in some cases, a lucrative evening.

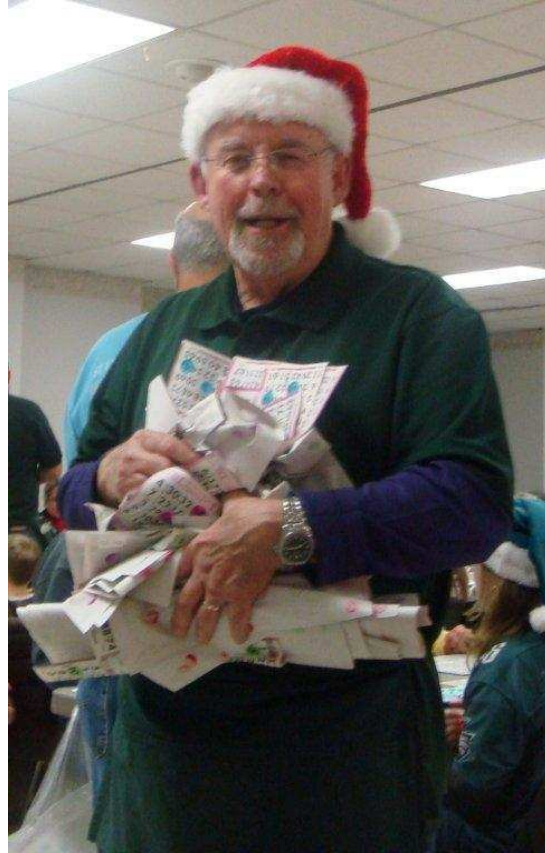
Some of the sellout crowd



Santa congratulates Bingo Honcho Brother Ken Reed for a job well done.



Mr. Indispensable – Ken Arndt helping clean up



Without volunteers like Mel Piotrowski (R) and Rich Sosna (L) and of course Santa this couldn't take place



Council Announcements

Council Activity Retreat

Join fellow members for a retreat at the St Joseph in the Hills Retreat House in Malvern, PA on the weekend of January 20-23, 2012. The retreat masters for this weekend will be Fr Joseph Breighner and Fr. Dennis O'Donnell. This is an outstanding opportunity to strengthen and renew your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

For more information, please contact Rich Sosna, sosna@verizon.net or Rob Hardy, robhardy@gmail.com

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 Dan Trout, Dan Samis, Marc Lieu, and Ray Traube.

And a special thank you goes to Lee Eder, Mike Georgulas, Rob Hardy, Greg Ward, David Michalov and John Young who worked the Raven's Beer Stand on the evening of Christmas Eve.

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

District Deputy Message January 2012
Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 12/20/2011)

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	2
10100 / 8-3	0	6	(6)	(1)
11372 / 17-6	9	0	9	1
District Total	22	6	16	5

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

Long Green got a First Place in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Participation is the key, "You gotta play to win". Start working on Basketball Free Throw plans and submissions for Teacher, Police, Fireman 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.

The Knights gave a new Ultrasound to the Essex Pregnancy Center in December making 3 in the State so far. More donations will help keep the Ultrasound Project going as several more centers are being considered. Support the DC March for Life on Jan 23 and the Annapolis March as well. Culture of Life extends to the Handicapped as well. The Polar Bear Plunge is on Friday and Saturday, Jan 27-28

At Sandy Point State Park by the Bay Bridge.

A few key dates to remember:

First Degree at Fr Wolfe Council on Feb 20, 2012.

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 Free Throw Contest on Saturday, March 10, 2012

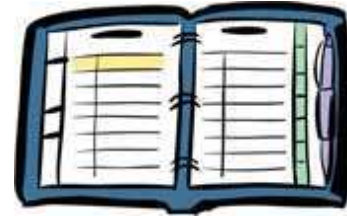
State Convention May 4-6, 2012.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Cross, District Deputy #4

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL

THREE MONTH PLANNER



Jan			
Mon	2	Council Meeting	NO MEETING
Mon	9	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	13	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	16	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri-Sun	20-22	Church Activity – Malvern Retreat	4:00pm-3:00pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	28	Polar Bear Plunge - http://plunge2012.kintera.org/kofc11372	1:00pm
Sat	28	Council – Annual Holiday Party	8:00pm
Feb			
Mon	6	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	10	Bingo!	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
Sun	26	Joint Open House – Knights Hall and Kilduff Hall	9:00am
Wed	29	2 nd Degree Ceremony – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mar			
Mon	5	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	9	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	12	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	19	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	23	Bingo!	5:00pm

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



***Our sponsor, PGK Lee Eder wishes you all a
Happy and Prosperous 2012***

Lee Eder PGK



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