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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"

Vivat Jesus  
 Dan, Sally, Jacob, and Ava

**Membership**

**Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252**

Brothers,

On February 6<sup>th</sup> the council will hold a first degree. The degree team will be judged for the state competition at this time. Please make every effort to sign up your prospect for this important event. Please make a special effort to attend this degree. The team needs your support.

Bon voyage. On a personal note I will be sailing with the Maryland State Council visiting the southern Caribbean islands for 2 weeks. It's too late to cancel. See you soon.

***Thank you for being prompt in paying you 2012 membership dues.***

## The Demons

Jesus contends with many issues, people and all kinds of creatures while he is with us on earth. One of the many things Jesus deals with are demons. During the time of Jesus, if someone had seizures, fits or anything similar they were thought to be possessed by demons. An exorcist was needed to drive out the demons possessing the person. We know today that those demons most likely were epilepsy, mental illness or strokes. In any case, Jesus is the person who can drive out those demons.

In Mark's gospel the author uses the healing power of Jesus to prove to his readers that Jesus is the true Messiah. Jesus has power over everything, even demons that belong to a world beyond earth.

In light of this gospel, we need to ask ourselves what or who are the demons in our own lives. What do we struggle with every day that keeps us from loving and caring for each other? The demons of our modern world are many and varied and may come to us through no fault of our own.

The challenge of the gospel is to make sure we allow Jesus to show us our demons and to be our healer in dealing with them. It is not easy to contend with modern-day demons. Trust in God and trust in the healing power of Jesus. He can help us to grapple with the difficulties of our lives. It is dependence on God that helped the people of Jesus' time. It is dependence on God that can help us today.

Peace and All Good,  
Deacon Jim

We have heard that the "College Student Connection" is very appreciated by the students. You can submit a student's name for the "CSC" to Debbie Sosna. 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 will again be helping Birthright this January. We will donate \$250 and \$100 in 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.

Mary Celeste Eder is chairing a "Premier Jewelry" party after Masses from 9a to 1p on Sunday, February 26, 2012 in Kilduff Hall. All ladies in the parish are invited. The rest of your family can go to the Knights of Columbus Hall for fellowship with the Knights, and the Youth Group will entertain the children. Join us any time between 9a and 1p for refreshments and fun viewing the Premier Jewelry and learning some new fashion tips for spring.

The Best of Country Cookie books will be available for purchase at the Premier Jewelry party, at St. Francis de Sales Friday night bingos, and from Carol Roddy at (410) 569-0710 for just \$10 each or 3 for \$25. All proceeds go to SVDP.

The Ladies' next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., Monday, February 20th in the K of C Hall.

Activity Director's Report

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

We need brothers and ladies to help out at the open house on February 26<sup>th</sup> after Mass. For a constantly up to date calendar, make sure to go to the website: <http://kofc11372.org> Thanks for all your hard work guys!

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

Our council holiday party is coming up the evening of January 28<sup>th</sup> at Bellisimos in Bel Air. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 retreat at Malvern was a great time for reflection and recharging. We hope many more brother knights will join us next year.

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

Stay tuned for our next family activity.

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

The Polar Bear Plunge was successfully completed on January 28<sup>th</sup> and the Polar Knights were there en masse.

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

We'll be holding a pro life vigil on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 9 PM at the stone chapel. We need brothers to sign up for hour long time slots. Please contact Ed to reserve your time now.

**Quote of the Month**

**"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing "**

**Lord Acton**

# IT IS NOW TIME TO SPEAK OUT

## We must not back down

First they came for the communists,  
and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a communist.

Then they came for the trade unionists,  
and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews,  
and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the Catholics,  
and I didn't speak out because I was Protestant.

Then they came for me  
and there was no one left to speak out for me.

Rev. Martin Niemöller

## **The following is the text of the letter read in most parishes in the country on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.**

The letter came from the USCCB and was adjusted slightly in some dioceses.

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

*I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just been dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people — the Catholic population — and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.*

*The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees' health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.*

*In so ruling, the Obama Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled to either violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Obama Administration's sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.*

*We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class*

*citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America's cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.*

*And therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience), to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Obama Administration's decision.*

## **U.S. Bishops Vow to Fight HHS Edict**

**Unconscionable to force citizens to buy contraceptives against their will**

**No change in limited exemption, only delay in enforcement**

**Matter of freedom of conscience, freedom of religion**

WASHINGTON—The Catholic bishops of the United States called “literally unconscionable” a decision by the Obama Administration to continue to demand that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health plans. Today's announcement means that this mandate and its very narrow exemption will not change at all; instead there will only be a delay in enforcement against some employers.

**“In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences,”** said Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The cardinal-designate continued, “To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their healthcare is literally unconscionable. It is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom. Historically this represents a challenge and a compromise of our religious liberty.”

The HHS rule requires that sterilization and contraception – including controversial abortifacients – be included among “preventive services” coverage in almost every healthcare plan available to Americans. “The government should not force Americans to act as if pregnancy is a disease to be prevented at all costs,” added Cardinal-designate Dolan.

At issue, the U.S. bishops and other religious leaders insist, is the survival of a cornerstone constitutionally protected freedom that ensures respect for the conscience of Catholics and all other Americans.

“This is nothing less than a direct attack on religion and First Amendment rights,” said

Franciscan Sister Jane Marie Klein, chairperson of the board at Franciscan Alliance, Inc., a system of 13 Catholic hospitals. "I have hundreds of employees who will be upset and confused by this edict. I cannot understand it at all."

Daughter of Charity Sister Carol Keehan, president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States, voiced disappointment with the decision. Catholic hospitals serve one out of six people who seek hospital care annually.

"This was a missed opportunity to be clear on appropriate conscience protection," Sister Keehan said.

Cardinal-designate Dolan urged that the HHS mandate be overturned.

"The Obama administration has now drawn an unprecedented line in the sand," he said. "The Catholic bishops are committed to working with our fellow Americans to reform the law and change this unjust regulation. We will continue to study all the implications of this troubling decision."

**January 20, 2012**

***Health and Human Services Edict Requires Virtually All Health Plans Include Sterilization, Abortifacients and Contraception***

From Rome earlier today, Cardinal-designate Edwin F. O'Brien, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, condemned the Obama administration's decision to leave unchanged a Health and Human Services mandate that virtually all health plans provide for sterilization, abortifacients and contraception.

"Within 24 hours of one of the most significant statements on religious freedom of Pope Benedict XVI's pontificate, President Obama's administration issued this shocking and disturbing decision, effectively forcing individuals and religious organizations to surrender their beliefs—rooted in long-held Judeo-Christian tradition and practice—for the sake of political and financial expediency," the Cardinal-designate said.

"I echo the statement of Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan on behalf of our Nation's Catholic bishops and urge all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore to pray for our elected officials and to work to reform this unjust regulation. Catholics and many others must take a stand on this fundamental issue."

***If YOU want to speak out, you can contact you representatives in Congress at:***

**House of Representatives**

**District 1** (Rep. Harris opposes this regulation)

Congressman Andy Harris  
506 Cannon House Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20515  
202-225-5311

**District 2**

Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger  
2453 Rayburn House Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20515  
202-225-3061

**Senate**

Senator Barbara Mikulski  
503 Hart Senate Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20510  
202-224-4654

Senator Ben Cardin  
509 Hart Senate Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20510  
202-224-4524

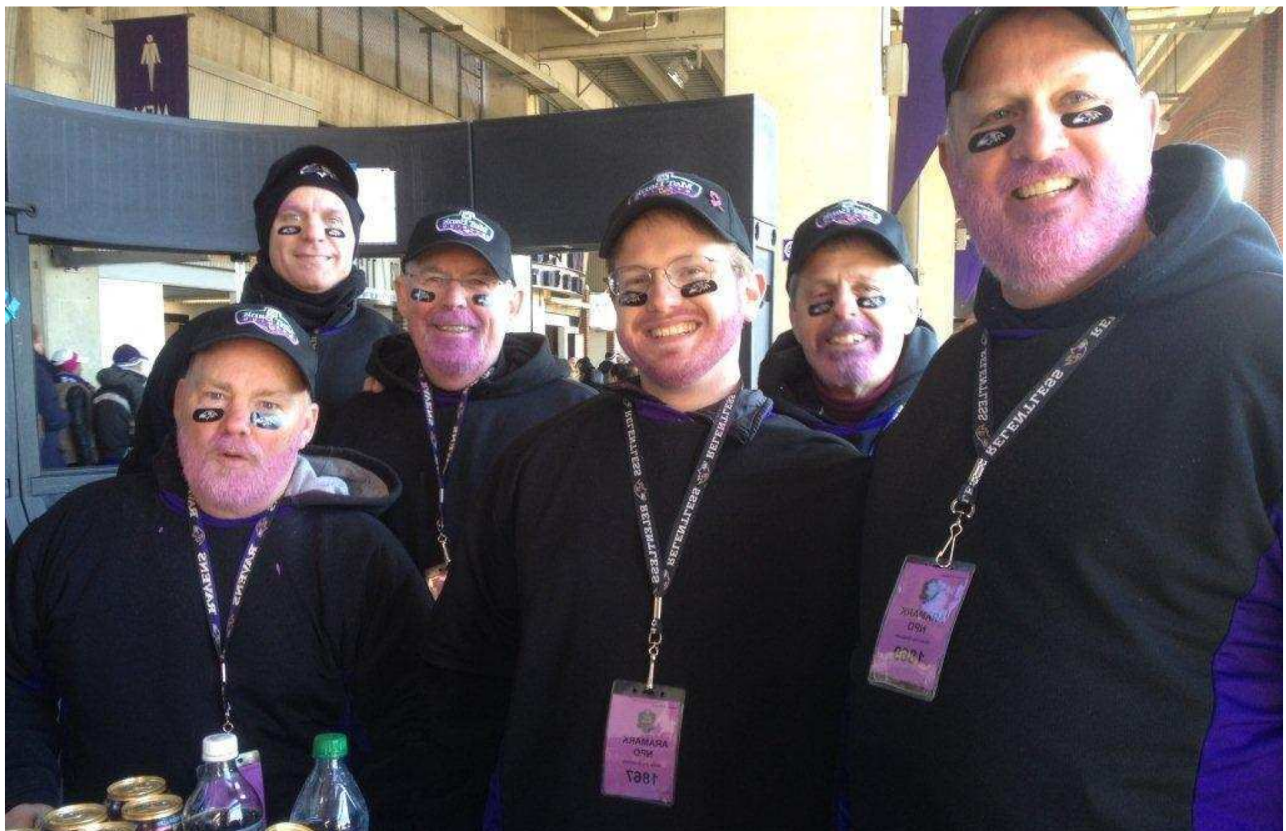


# YOUR COUNCIL AT WORK AND PLAY

Your council donated 27 bundles of diapers to Birthright for the support of pregnant women who need help caring for the newly born.



Lee Eder presents Birthright with diapers for newborns



Our Ravens crew in purple working the last game of the season during the 2012 playoffs





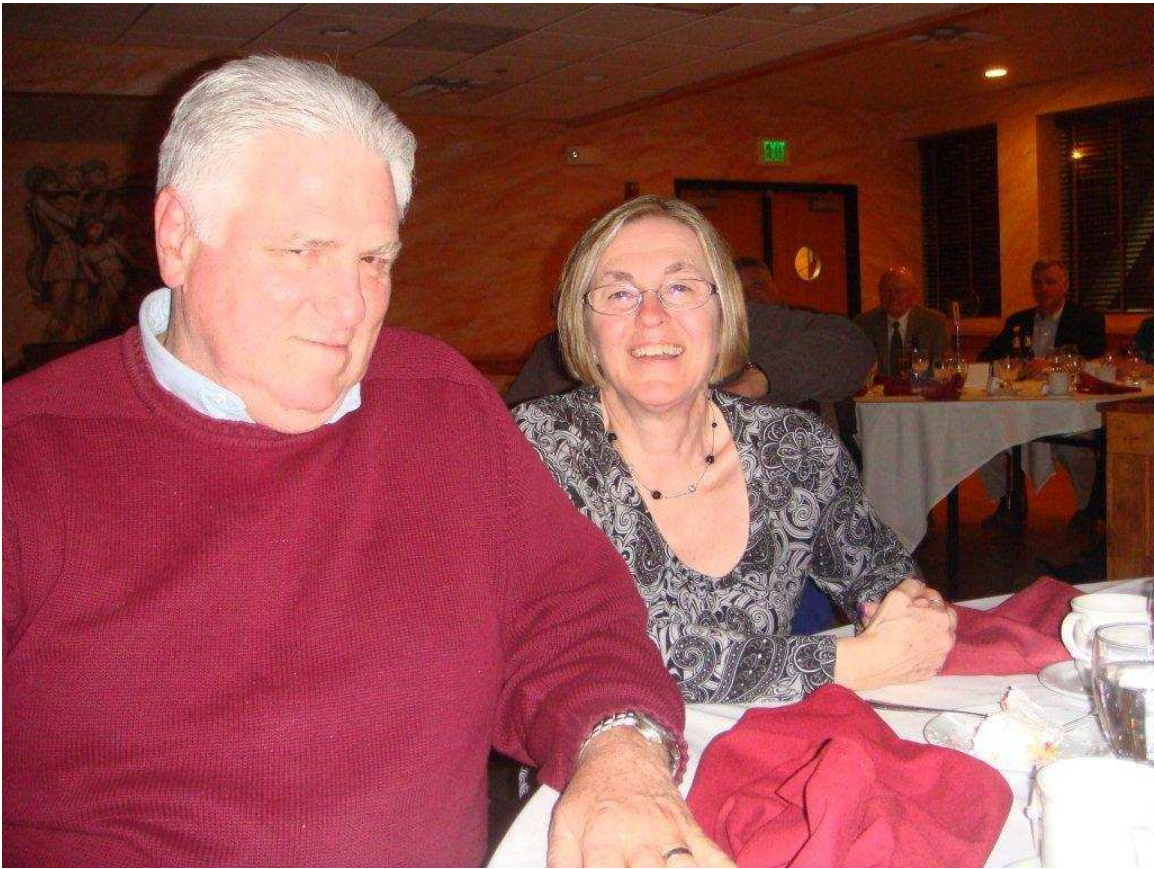
**Megan Georgulas, Rob Hardy and Mike Georgulas at the Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park**

**And there was also time for fun at the 2011-2012 Christmas Party**



**Mel Piotrowski and "Dean Martin" aka Rick Richardson**





**Mike and Janet Novak. That's Mike's happy face.**



**John Schmidt, the Arndt's, the Georgulas' and the Eders relaxing**

## Some quiet time with The Lord



On February 17<sup>th</sup>, the last Friday before the start of Lent, we are having a twelve hour vigil in the Stone Chapel. We will start with normal daily Mass at 9:00 AM followed up with some quiet time with the Lord until 9:00 PM. The reason for the vigil is for the respect of life in all ways – the unborn, the handicapped, or those who suffer a diminished quality of life in any way.

You can read scripture, pray or pray the rosary, or just spend time with our Lord present in the Eucharist.

If you can spend an hour or even a half hour, please sign up with Ed Petrovic at [e.petrovic@verizon.net](mailto:e.petrovic@verizon.net) or call 410-679-4179.



*New Jewelry Makes Old Clothes Look New!*

## **Premier Jewelry Fashion Event**

*Sponsored by:*

***The Knights of Columbus Ladies***

***Sunday, February 26, 2012***

***9:00 AM to 1:00 PM***

***St. Francis de Sales Church – Kilduff Hall***

Join us any time between 9 AM and 1 PM for refreshments and a fun Spring Fashion Event! Enjoy viewing the Premier Jewelry, and learn some new fashion tips for spring.

No purchase necessary, but all sales bring 30% proceeds to the Ladies. Book a party, and 10% comes to us!

RSVP if you can, but walk-ins are welcomed. The rest of your family can go to the K of C Hall for fellowship with the Knights and the Youth Group will entertain the kids!

### **Questions/RSVP:**

Mary Celeste Eder: 410-538-4433; [maryceder@comcast.net](mailto:maryceder@comcast.net)

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*Thank you!*

**District Deputy Message February 2012**  
**Every Council a Star Council** (numbers as of 1/17/2012)

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 13-5	9	0	9	4
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	6

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

Set your Basketball Free Throw dates. District Contest being planned at John Carroll High in late February, date TBD. State Contest at Archbishop Spalding High March 10, 2012. Send in Convention Credentials. Convention Registration is due also by April 1, 2012.

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.

State Free Throw Contest on Saturday, March 10, 2012

State Convention May 4-6, 2012.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Cross, District Deputy #4



**Here is proof that husbands do listen to their wives.**

This is a story which is perfectly logical to all males:

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get 6."

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had eggs."

(I'm sure you're going back to read it again!)

## Insurance check-up for 2012

An insurance check-up can be as important as an annual physical. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance, long-term care or disability income insurance. You also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did you take time out of your schedule last year to meet with me? If you did, thank you for seeing me and helping secure your financial future. I will be in touch with you to schedule your annual review to verify that everything is heading in the right direction. We'll make sure that if your goals and budget have changed, your plan still works for you.

If you didn't have a meeting with me last year, I hope you will answer my invitation this year. It's a wise idea to have an expert look at your finances. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an insurance check-up that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? And I'll come to your house when it fits your schedule. Call me today.

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### There's one in every class

TEACHER: - "Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?"

SIMON:- "No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook."

TEACHER - "Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I'. "

MILLIE: - "I is....."

TEACHER: - "No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'."

MILLIE:- All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

TEACHER:- "Maria, go to the map and find North America."

MARIA: - "Here it is."

TEACHER: - "Correct. Now class, who discovered America?"

CLASS: - "Maria."

TEACHER:- "Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'."

GLENN: - "K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L"

TEACHER: - "No, that's wrong."

GLENN: - "Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it."

TEACHER: - "Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago?"

WINNIE: - "Me!"

TEACHER:- "Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?"

HAROLD: - "A teacher?"

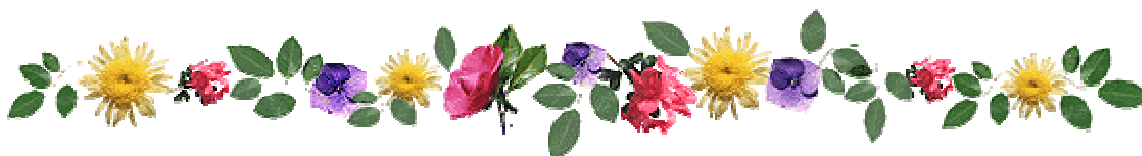


# FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL

## THREE MONTH PLANNER



February			
Sun	5	Pancake Breakfast	6:00am
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
Fri	17	Pro Life Vigil	9:00am
Sat	18	Youth Activity – Basketball Shootout	8:30am
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 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Ceremony – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
March			
Fri	2	Lenten Fish Bake – Kilduff Hall	5:00pm
Sat	3	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Ceremony – Frederick, MD	10:00am
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
April			
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



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