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The Essence of Knighthood

One of the very key tenets of the Knights of Columbus is volunteerism and the service of others. All year long we donate our time and raise money for very worthy causes – John Archer School, Leukemia Society, Cystic Fibrosis, school scholarships, the Courage Lion Program, St. Vincent de Paul and many others..

I commend you, my brothers, for all those worthy achievements. But there is one area that we may need to work on. That is in volunteering to help run the council and in activities around our sponsoring parish – St. Francis de Sales. We have had difficulty in finding men to volunteer to coordinate four activities in some of our six activities areas. This year two Activity Directorships are still vacant. The job is actually pretty easy as we have a history of worthwhile projects from the past to choose from.

And your Activity Directors need your help. A lot of activities only take a few minutes or an hour or two. This fraternal year make a resolution to volunteer for two activities and every activity will succeed spectacularly.

Rich Sosna is heading up the referendum drive to get enough signatures to get Maryland's gay marriage law on the ballot. And Ed Petrovic needs four brothers after each mass to pass out marigolds to all the mothers of the parish. Won't you volunteer 15 minutes to help them after a Mass?

Vivat Jesus
Dan Trout – Grand Knight

Membership

Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252

A great person has been taken from us. Al Jersey will truly be missed. Fortunately he is in a much better place. May he rest in eternal peace.

The council welcomes new first degree member Mike Dent. Mike is the twelfth new member to take the first degree this year. Please make Mike feel welcome. The council now has 264 members. Unfortunately, suspensions are in order for seven brothers this fiscal year. Please pay all dues promptly.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY....AVOID SUSPENSION NOTICES

An Easter Challenge

There are many things we can look at as we ponder Easter. Here are two that strike me as very basic to our journey as Christians. The first has to do with our own reconciliation and the other with how we accept and welcome others. I'm reminded of a story of a man who dies and is sitting at a table in front of the gates of Heaven. The man has his head buried in his arms which are folded on the table top. Jesus walks by and says to the man, "Come into Heaven. We are waiting for you!" The man answers, "I can't." Jesus retorts, "Why not?" The man answers, "First of all I'm a sinner. Everyone knows you can't be a sinner and get into Heaven." Jesus says, "Don't worry I took care of that for you, your sins are forgiven." The man says, "I know. I just can't believe it, and what's more, in there you really have to love and I haven't learned how to do that either."

We can start to accept the forgiveness God offers to us right now! There is no sin so big that God will not forgive if we come to Jesus with open arms and a willing spirit. Perhaps our lives have been touched in some way by sinfulness or greed. Maybe we have a streak of selfishness or we feel we are better or holier than the next person. Maybe we are so full of ourselves we cannot bear to admit we might be wrong. If we really are trying to change our lives and do our best to reconcile with God and our community, we are forgiven. If we come to Jesus asking for help he will give us the courage to face our imperfections and faults. We will receive again and again the "life giving water," the light we need to see through the darkness of our sins.

*Peace and All Good
Deacon Jim*

Ladies Auxiliary

Martine Uveges

The Ladies will be holding a bake sale after the Masses on Father's Day weekend, June 16th and 17th. In addition to selling baked goods, the Ladies will also be raffling off a set of jewelry for women and a sports-themed package for men. Come purchase one of these delectable desserts and take a chance on either or both of these raffle items and help the Ladies raise money for charity.

Did you know that the Ladies regularly donate money to support the Religious Education program at St. Francis de Sales? Besides helping purchase needed items for this important function for the children of the parish, the Ladies will also supply ice cream cups for the celebration at the end of the school year.

Were you one of tasters at the Ladies very successful first Wine and Beer Tasting and Silent Auction event last June? If so, you may remember a very elegant venue with many varied beverages to sample along with delicious hors d'oeuvres. You'll be happy to know that the Ladies will be hosting our second Wine and Beer Tasting event this fall on Saturday, October 6, 2012. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

The Ladies' next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., Monday, May 21st in the K of C Hall.

Quote of the Month

Man will occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of the time he will pick himself up and continue on.

Winston Churchill

Activity Director's Report

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

Brothers, our Spaghetti Dinner is on May 19th and we could use some more volunteers to help serve. I'd also like to see as many brothers as possible come out for the State Convention May 4-6. As always, for a constantly up to date calendar, make sure to go to the website: <http://kofc11372.org>

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

The Leo Bernt Horseshoe Tournament is coming up in June. A date will be announced shortly.

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

The Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament will be on June 9th at Bynum Pond. Registration begins at 8 AM and we'll be fishing from 9 to noon. Afterwards we'll come back to Knights Hall for some refreshments and awards!

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

We will be cleaning the windows in the worship center on Saturday June 9th at 9:00 AM.

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

Brothers and sisters, our council will be attending an Orioles game on May 26th at 4:05 PM vs the Royals. This includes all you can eat food and non-alcoholic drink. The cost is tentatively \$35. If interested, please contact Marc with how many tickets you would like to reserve.

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

May Day at John Archer will occur on May 5th at John Archer school. We should expect to be there for 3-4 hours to serve food. Keep an eye on the website – www.kofc11372.org – for further updates.

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

Marigolds will be handed out to all mothers on Mother's Day, May 13th, after all masses. We need four people per Mass. The time commitment is only ten minutes after Mass and then you're free. If you're willing to help, please contact Ed.



IT'S ELECTION TIME!!!



We are accepting nominations for the slate of officers for 2012-2013. If you are interested in a position please contact Lee Eder. Nominations will be accepted up until the election of officers to be held May 21st.

Latest News on the Obamacare Assault on Religious Freedom

In a homily on April 15th Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois challenged President Obama's HHS mandate, suggesting that the president was following the same path as Hitler and Stalin.

"Hitler and Stalin, at their better moments, would just barely tolerate some churches remaining open, but would not tolerate any competition with the state in education, social services, and health care," Jenky said. "In clear violation of our First Amendment rights, Barack Obama – with his radical, pro abortion and extreme secularist agenda, now seems intent on following a similar path." Jenky added.

Jenky reminded the men of the Catholic Church's history of surviving threats from Jihadi, Nazism and Communism and called them to stand up for their faith.

Denouncing the "entrenched corruption and sheer incompetence" of the Illinois state government, Jenky also criticized Catholic politicians who "pretend to be Catholic."

"May God have mercy on the souls of those politicians who pretend to be Catholic in church, but in their public lives, rather like Judas Iscariot, betray Jesus Christ by how they vote and how they willingly cooperate with intrinsic evil," he said.

Bishop Jenky was appointed Bishop of Peoria by Pope John Paul II in 2002



Father Wolfe Council Knights of Columbus

Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, May 19th Time: 4pm to 7pm

Cost: \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids 4-12, kids under 4 free!

Carryout available

All are welcome! Join us for Fellowship!

Coffee and sodas included.

Beer and wine available for purchase.

Join us in Kilduff Hall for homemade spaghetti with homemade sauce, and homemade meatballs!

Proceeds to benefit St. Francis de Sales and many Knights of Columbus charities.
Come join us before or after Mass!

District Deputy Message May 2012
Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 4/21/2012)

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 13-5	11	0	11	4
9815 / 8-3	5	0	5	3
10100 / 8-3	1	6	(5)	0
11372 / 17-6	11	1	10	1
District Total	28	7	21	8

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

Congratulations to those that took their Third Degree at Columbus Gardens on March 16, 2012:

Long Green: John Canoles, Dean Manzoni, John Bushman, John Sochurek, Robert Sapp.

Mason Dixon: Matthew Robbins, Tom L Seiter, Joseph Genovese, Michael Palazzo, David Racine.

Father Wolfe: Jim Hagner, Wayne Long, Jeff Perkins, Richard Bussey.

This speaks well for the future of our Councils..

A few key dates to remember:

First Degree at Long Green on May 22, 2012

Second Degree at Father Wolfe May 16, 2012.

State Convention May 4-6, 2012.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Cross, District Deputy #4

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Help Wanted

We are currently looking to hire one Activity Director for Church and one Activity Director for Community. No experience req'd. Outstanding benefits for the right person.

Contact Keith Marchiano at
Kmarch52@verizon.net.

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I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience – in your home – to discuss with you in detail how the Knights of Columbus can help you to secure the comfortable, worry-free retirement you want and deserve.

Edward A. O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL
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WARNING!!!

THIS IS HAPPENING RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY!

Have you noticed that stairs are getting steeper. Groceries are heavier. And, everything is farther away. Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was dumbfounded to discover how long our street had become!

And, you know, people are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in whispers all the time! If you ask them to speak up they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same silent message until they're red in the face! What do they think I am a lip reader?

I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she has aged so much that she didn't even recognize me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so, I glanced at my own reflection. Well, REALLY NOW - even mirrors are not made the way they used to be!

Another thing, everyone drives so fast these days! You're risking life and limb if you happen to pull onto the motorway in front of them. All I can say is, their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them screech and swerve in my rear view mirror. Clothing manufacturers are less civilized these days.

Why else would they suddenly start labelling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices? The people who make bathroom scales are pulling the same prank. Do they think I actually 'believe' the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling? (continued next page)

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on but the telephone company is in on the conspiracy too: they've printed the phone books in such small type that no one could ever find a number in there!

**All I can do is pass along this warning:
WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!**



An Old Farmer's Advice... and good advice it is!

- * Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
 - * Keep skunks, bankers, and lawyers at a distance.
 - * Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
 - * A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
 - * Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
 - * Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
 - * Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
 - * Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
 - * It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
 - * You cannot unsay a cruel word.
 - * Every path has a few puddles.
 - * When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
 - * The best sermons are lived, not preached.
 - * Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
 - * Don't judge folks by their relatives.
 - * Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
 - * Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
 - * Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
 - * Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
 - * If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
 - * Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
 - * The biggest troublemaker, you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
 - * Always drink upstream from the herd.
 - * Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
 - * Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
 - * If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
 - * Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.
 - * Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.
- ~~~~~ Leave the rest to God ~~~~~

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



THREE MONTH PLANNER

May			
Fri-Sun	4-6	State Convention in Ocean City	7:00pm-12:00pm
Sat	5	Community Activity – May Day at John Archer	9:00am
Mon	7	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo!	5:00pm
Fri	11	Preparation Meeting for Spaghetti Dinner – Kilduff Kitchen	8:00pm
Sun	13	Pro Life Activity – Mother’s Day Marigolds for Life	8:15am
Mon	14	Officers’ Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Wed	16	2 nd Degree Ceremony – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sat	19	Council Activity – Spaghetti Dinner – Kilduff Hall	4:00pm
Mon	21	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	25	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	26	Family Activity – Orioles vs Royals	4:05pm
June			
Mon	4	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	9	Youth Activity – Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament	8:00am
Sat	9	Church Activity – Cleaning Windows in the Worship Center	9:00am
Mon	11	Officers’ Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo!	5:00pm
July			
Sun	1	Church Activity – Silver Rose of our Lady of Guadalupe	3:30pm
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	Tentative Installation Date	6:15pm

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