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Time Flies By

Where have the last 2 years gone? At a blink of an eye, life just flies by. We should all value the life we have and remember we are blessed by each day the Lord has given us. This council is more than just a fraternal organization, we are a family. We are there for each other, we laugh together, and we are part of one another's lives. Whether we are celebrating new life or grieving for one passing, Father Wolfe Council is family, and I have been proud to have been your Grand Knight for the last 2 years.

More than ever, I am thankful for all of you and the support you have provided me and my family. As we move forward as a council, Father Wolfe Council has a lot to look forward to. We have added new members who have become active in our council. Even though times are tough right now, this has enabled us to do more charitable works and ensure that those less fortunate or in hard times receive our full support. St. Francis de Sales is growing and that is thanks in part to the support of our council. I look forward to watching our council grow and do great things. As we stay unified in our efforts, there is nothing this council cannot do.

Again, I thank you for your support over the last 2 years, the success of our council would not have been possible if not for your commitment and efforts.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Trout - Grand Knight

Membership

Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252

Juan Aquino is the latest member to reach eternal rest with Our Lord. Juan was a native of Guatemala and had someday hoped to return to his family farm. Almighty God had other plans.

Efforts are being made to contact members who have not paid the current dues. If you do not have a 2012 membership card please contact the Financial Secretary.

The new fiscal year starts July 1. Let's get that new member signed up NOW.....

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

Ascension

Dear Friends:

I know we are a few weeks past Ascension, but I thought you might enjoy this article anyway.

Jesus, his life, his ministry is complete. He is going to be in union with his Father. 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. His work is done and he is going home.

There can be many challenges in our lives. Some of us have lost a loved one. Some of us suffer from financial hardships. 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. They are uprooted when Jesus is an infant. They are in exile in Egypt, a strange land with different customs. Life is not good for the small family.

Jesus' adult life is no picnic either. He wants people to care for one another. He tries so hard to get people to understand his message. He is scorned, ridiculed and maligned by powerful religious leaders. His own hand-picked disciples do not understand him. It is not until after his death that they begin to get it.

The Ascension of Jesus gives us great hope. It further affirms that all the trials and tribulations of this world are passing. When we realize that this world is not the end but really the beginning, our hearts should soar with great love for God. Who else can promise us an eternal life? Who else can promise us a place where there is no pain, loneliness, or tears? Who else can teach us to love without asking for anything in return.

Our true vocation is to live as children of the light in a world filled with darkness. As we celebrate the Ascension this month let's remember the great hope we are offered. Let us rejoice and be glad for we have been offered a place of peace, love and great joy. We too, like our brother Jesus, will one day join him in heaven and will love God and each other just as God loves us!

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 tasty desserts and take a chance on either or both of these raffle items and help the Ladies raise money for charity.

Congratulations to next year's officers! Diane Traube will be President, Mary Celeste Eder, Vice President, Annie Arndt, Secretary, and Connie Piotrowski, Treasurer.

The Ladies' next meeting will be the Installation Dinner scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 18th at Belissimo's Restaurant in Bel Air. We are always looking for new members. If you wish to be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus you are welcome to attend the installation dinner. Your cost would be \$25 for the buffet dinner, and your first year's annual dues would be paid for by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus.

We thank the Father Wolfe Council of the Knights for contributing \$200 to defray the cost of the Ladies' Installation Dinner. Come join the Ladies and enjoy our installation dinner social!

Program Director's Report

Rob Hardy

Activity Director's Report

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

Be proud to be part of such an active and healthy council. We won quite a few awards for our various programs and ceremonials at the state level. Keep in mind our annual installation of officers is coming up on July 28th following the 5 PM Mass. 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 on June 10th at Eden Mill. Registration starts at 12 noon.

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. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Rob Hardy if you can assist.

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

We had great weather for our Orioles game this year. Thanks to everyone that was able to attend and we hope you had fun!

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

No activities for first quarter are lined up yet. Check the calendar for updates!

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

The MaryGold Program on Mother's Day was a great success. Many thanks to all the brothers who helped turn out to prepare the marigolds on Friday night and helped present marigolds to the mothers of St. Francis parish on Mother's Day weekend. Special thanks to John Young who came at the 7:30 Mass and stayed through the Hispanic Mass. Keith Arndt is taking over Pro-Life this coming fraternal year. The Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held in the Stone Chapel on July 1st at 3:30. All are invited to attend this wonderful ceremony.

Quote of the Month

Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it.

Edmund Burke

YOUR COUNCIL IN ACTION

2012 Spaghetti Dinner



Everyone walked away with a full stomach



Shawn Harper and family listen to Matre d' Steve Herpel



Our crack bar crew ready to snap to attention

Marigolds for Mother's Day





The many smiles from our mothers made this a special day for our brothers.

And a special thanks to those brothers and friends who turned out on Friday evening to move and label 720 marigolds from flats into individual cups.

John Archer 2012 May Day



May is Convention Time!

This year our members brought home a bunch of awards for the activities of the council. Complete details are listed in District Deputy James Crosse's report.



In our First Degree Team, Lee Eder is judged to be the best Financial Secretary and Ray Traube is judged to be the best Chancellor



Cindy Rock and the Ladies of the Auxiliary are recognized for an outstanding job

Protecting our Catholic conscience in the public square

By Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington

From an early age, Catholics are taught to see God in their neighbor. The Catholic faith finds its fullest expression in a loving act of sacrifice by one stranger for another. Imagine the church's surprise, then, to be told by the federal government that when a Catholic organization serves its neighbors, it isn't really practicing its religion.

That is the unacceptable principle at the heart of a mandate, issued in February by the Department of Health and Human Services, that requires religious organizations to provide health-care coverage for abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives and sterilization procedures, even if their faith teaches that those drugs and procedures are wrong. That is what has prompted the Archdiocese of Washington to go to court to protect our First Amendment right to practice our religion without government interference.

This lawsuit, filed Monday by the archdiocese and other Catholic organizations in our city, is not about contraception. Women are free to obtain and use contraception. The assertion that these products are hard to obtain or expensive is not true. Nothing in this lawsuit challenges women's right to obtain these drugs and procedures.

The lawsuit is about religious freedom. As is the norm with such laws, the HHS mandate includes an exemption for religious organizations. If the religious exemption in this case were reasonable, there would have been no need for this lawsuit — after all, we are indeed “religious” under any sensible definition. But this mandate's religious exemption is the narrowest ever adopted in federal law. For example, it doesn't include any organization that serves the general public. So under this mandate, our Catholic hospitals, schools and social service programs, which serve all comers, are not “Catholic enough” to be allowed to follow our Catholic beliefs.

The mandate's definition of a religious organization contradicts decades of precedent and practice. Republicans and Democrats alike have long agreed that the First Amendment's guarantee of religious liberty includes not only what goes on within the four walls of a church but also the religiously motivated acts of service that fulfill the mission of that church's faith. Only now, with this mandate's demands, has the federal government said that we must leave our conscience behind when we step into the public square.

If the mandate's religious exemption is left unchanged, it would allow an employee of the federal government to determine what is, or is not, a religious ministry. The Archdiocese of Washington is this area's largest nongovernmental provider of social services. Catholic schools in the archdiocese teach and nurture 28,000 children. Catholic hospitals provide millions of dollars' worth of uncompensated care every year to our city's poor and vulnerable. As the Catholic maxim states, “We serve others not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic.” Yet it is possible that not one of these organizations would fit the mandate's definition. Does anyone really think that the work of Mother Teresa wasn't religious?

This is not just a Catholic issue. Under the government's new rules, religious organizations are free to serve the public only if they fulfill the government's requirement to provide abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives and sterilization. Organizations whose beliefs differ from this government-mandated orthodoxy have two options if they want to continue their mission of serving the public: abandon any belief that the government does not sanction, or uphold that belief and incur crippling fines. This issue should matter to anyone who believes there is room in the public square for people of all faiths — not just those faiths that pass some government test.

You may have heard that at one point the administration proposed an “accommodation” for organizations like ours, which would supposedly transfer the cost of providing the mandated coverage away from the employer and onto its insurance company, which would provide the coverage “for free.” Unlike the mandate itself, this proposal was never adopted into law, nor is it clear whether it will be. The so-called accommodation does not take into account those that are self-insured, like the Archdiocese of Washington, and in any case religious

institutions would inevitably be forced to subsidize all of this through increased premiums or fees. Even if there were such a thing as free contraceptives, this isn't about the money. This is about the government forcing us to violate our beliefs.

The Catholic Church has not picked this fight. We are simply trying to defend our — and other faith groups' — long-standing rights. While the administration wants to regulate religion, we are not trying to force anything on anyone. Allowing religious organizations to serve the public does not violate the separation of church and state. Conscripting us into advancing government objectives against our conscience does.

This struggle is all about the Bill of Rights. You don't have to agree with the Catholic Church and its teachings to agree that the government shouldn't force us to violate our beliefs. People of all faiths or no faith should cherish the right to follow one's conscience. We do not want to tell the government what it must do. We simply ask the same of them.

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Fraternal Benefits

Ed O'Keefe

Cover two people with one policy

In this month's article, I want to discuss a type of life insurance product with which you might not be familiar. This product offers a way for you to help your heirs meet estate settlement costs without subtracting from the total value of your estate. After all, you've worked hard to accumulate wealth or build a business over the years and you want to pass along that value to your family, charity or church in its entirety.

To this end, the Knights of Columbus designed a Survivorship Universal Life (SUL) product. SUL is a second to die, or survivorship, life insurance program that covers two people, (usually husband and wife) and the death benefit is paid upon the death of the surviving second person — which is normally when an estate would be taxed. This can be an important part of an estate plan.

Keep in mind, an SUL policy is one policy that covers two people. This has advantages, including a lower cost than two individual life insurance policies. It is a great option for a married couple with children. It can provide funds for the legal guardians chosen to care for children in the event both parents die, which is especially attractive to parents of a special needs child.

If you have a child or children, you need life insurance. If you intend to pass on any property or wealth, you need life insurance. A SUL policy is one option that we can discuss when we meet for an insurance review.

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District Deputy Message June 2012
Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 5/1/2012)

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 13-5	11	0	11	4
9815 / 8-3	6	0	6	3
10100 / 8-3	1	6	(5)	0
11372 / 17-6	12	2	10	1
District Total	30	8	22	8

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

Congratulations to each council in the District for a great year of service to our parishes and communities. It has been an honor to serve as your District Deputy for the past two years. I wish the incoming DD Ron Perzinski and DW John Schmidt the best and expect each council to give them the fine support that they gave me and Ron.

Thanks to all that attended the State Convention. Vince Grauso was elected to State Warden. We wish him all the best as well.

Many awards were received at the convention as usual.

Ceremonials: First Degree: Team-2nd place,

Chancellor-Ray Traub

Grand Knight-John Schmidt.

Second Degree: Chancellor-John Schmidt

Financial Secretary-Lee Eder.

Activities: Church: Father Wolfe 11372 (2nd) , Council: Father Wolfe 11372 A-(3rd) , Long Green Valley 8736 B-(3rd), Community: Father Wolfe 11372 A-(3rd), Family: Father Wolfe 11372 A(tie 2nd), Youth A-(1st)

General Excellence: Father Wolfe 11372 A-(3rd).

Best Single Council Activity: Father Wolfe 11372 (3rd).

A few key dates to remember:

District Picnic & Horseshoe Contest June 10, 2012

First Degree at Father Wolfe on June 18, 2012

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Cross, District Deputy #4

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL

THREE MONTH PLANNER



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
Sun	10	Council Activity – Leo Burnt Horseshoe Tournament	12:00pm
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	Annual Installation of Officers	6:15pm
July			
Mon	6	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	10	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	13	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	20	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	24	Bingo!	5:00pm

Please Note

Your Editor is taking a summer vacation this year. Since things are usually quiet during the summer, we will publish a combined July-August issue on July 1. The next newsletter after July-August will be published on September 1st.