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Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things, through Christ who gives me strength"

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INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE AGENTEdward A. O'Keefe CLU,ChFC These are words that I have lived by for the last 10 years. These are the words I turn to when I feel overwhelmed, when others say I cannot do something, and in everything I do.

It is with great honor that I accept the position of Grand Knight for Father Maurice J. Wolfe #11372 Knights of Columbus Council. It was in 2006 when I was sitting there enjoying some pancakes, sausage, and bacon when this guy asks me "are you a Knight of Columbus?" Thank you Bill Hengemihle! Not only was I looking to improve my faith as a Catholic, I was looking to strengthen my relationship with Christ. I asked myself, "why not join the Knights of Columbus?" Joining the Knights, and this council in particular, has been one of the best decisions in my life. Not only has my faith and relationship with Christ strengthened, I have met a group of women and men that amaze me everyday and who I consider to be my extended family. Through our joys and our sorrows, we are there for one another and it is because of Christ who strengthens each of us as the family of Father Wolfe Council!

God was working in my life well before I read this Bible verse. He introduced me to my rock, a lady who strengthens me as a man, and the woman who told me, "You should be a Knight!" My wife Beth is smart, strong, and supportive for me in every way. I can do all things through Christ who gave me this amazing woman! I would not be your Grand Knight if I did not have her support or the love of my two wonderful kids.

I want to challenge all of you this year! It is hard for a council that does so many great things to raise the bar even higher, but as I stated, you are a group of women and men who amaze me everyday. If you are not an active member, become active in more of our great activities or donate to our charity corporation. If you are active, take on an additional role within our council. Let's make a combined effort to ask others to become a Knight of Columbus or join the Ladies Auxiliary, they may just be sitting there wanting somebody to provide a way for them to improve their faith and relationship with Christ. Christ gives us the strength and together as a council, and with Him, we can achieve many great things and change people's lives!

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano Grand Knight

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Please welcome new first degree members Mike Yuran, Tom Maras, Aristide Chikando, George Gambichler, George Gapinski, John Esce, and Brian Primus. Mike Yuran, George Gapinski and George Gambichler have stepped up and give us a big hand at the last bingo. Please show them your appreciation to them for donating their time at the bingo.

A new year is starting and I am the lucky guy who will be your membership director for another year. We must succeed with our membership.....

LET'S HOPE THAT GOD WILLS IT

Associate Chaplain's Report

Getting to Know You

Jesus continually challenges us to prayer, almsgiving and forgiveness. There is a lot more in these three simple things than meets the eye. Let's explore them one at a time.

People at the time of Jesus thought if they prayed really loud, God would be able to hear them and answer their prayers. Jesus teaches us that God already knows what we need. We don't have to tell God anything at all! So then, why pray? We need to pray often because when we pray we admit that we are powerless and need God to help us. We are saying to God, "We believe in you and trust that you will help us." We are developing a relationship with God.

Jesus always had a special place in his heart for the poor. The poor can be any person or group of people who are down and out. He reminded his listeners to always help the poor. When we care for the poor we are reaching out to those around us. When we reach out to others, we develop a relationship with them. As we are all the body of Christ, we are not only reaching out to a person, we are reaching out to God himself. We are developing a relationship with God and each other.

Last but not least, we are asked to forgive. This may be the hardest thing we do in life. The key is to make a decision to forgive. We will still feel the pain of another's selfishness, but we decide to forgive them anyway. When we learn to forgive as God does, to make a decision to forgive, we learn what forgiveness really is. We also learn to accept the forgiveness God offers us. Again, we enter into a relationship with the person we forgive and God too.

These three simple teachings go a long way in our relationship with God and each other. Jesus thought they were important enough to teach over and over. Let's try our best to follow that teaching. Let's try our best to enter the relational invitation of Jesus, not only with him but with each other. I think we will enjoy what we receive in return: the love of God **and** each other everyday of our lives!

Peace and All Good! Deacon Jim

Ladies Auxiliary

Cindy Rock

The Ladies held their Installation Dinner at Bellisimo's restaurant in Bel Air on June 18th. Thirty Ladies were in attendance and we welcomed two new members; Shirley Bradshaw and Joann Gutowski. Our new officers are: Diane Traube, President, Mary Celeste Eder, Vice President, Annie Arndt, Secretary and Connie Piotrowski, Treasurer.

This year at the Knights of Columbus Convention in Ocean City, MD the Ladies received second place for the State of Maryland Ladies Auxiliary.

Our bake sale after Masses on Father's Day was a success, between the sale of baked goods and the raffle of jewelry and a sports themed gift basket we made \$1,000.00. Thank you to all the ladies who worked to make this event a success.

Our next big event is the Wine and Beer Tasting with Silent Auction to be held October 6th. This will be held in Kilduff hall and if you attended last year you know what a truly beautiful, fun event this was....if you did not attend, make sure you don't miss it this year!

Our next meeting will be July 16th in Kilduff Hall at 8pm. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us.

Program Director's Report

Activities Report:

Program Director Greg Ward

I'd like to thank all the out-going Directors for all their hard work, time and the dedication they gave to their position. Working along side you as a fellow director this past year, I believe you did a wonderful job, this was further demonstrated by the number of awards we earned during the Maryland State Convention! Well Done Gentlemen

To the New Directors, I look forward to working with you and putting together some very rewarding, fun and beneficial activities in the coming year. The proverbial "bar" has been set and from what I have seen so far we are off to a great start.

Youth: David Michalov

Approximately 10 kids participated in the Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament held at Bynum Lake with awards and food following at the Knights Hall. All the kids and parents had a great time.



Nothing but Fun

Look Mom, "Fish On!"

Church: Jeff Lawson

On Saturday, June 9th, a few members from our Council cleaned the exterior windows of the Worship Center and all windows in the Rectory. The hard work and 3 hours of time demonstrated the "crystal clear" impact the Knights have on St. Francis.

Community: Jeff Gutowski

Besides a few Road side Clean-ups, Jeff will do a great job and look forward to his leader ship!

Council: Ron Gutowski

The next event planned for our Council is a bus trip to Atlantic City, September 8th. Cost will be \$30 with \$20 in free coupons provided on arrival. Details to be announced at future Council meetings and in the next newsletter.

The river dinner cruise aboard Lantern Queen has been cancelled.

The Annual Leo Bernt Horseshoe Tournament was held in conjunction with the District Tournament on June 10th raised \$260 for the Parkinson Foundation. One of the favorites, Scott and Brian, from the Mason-Dixon Council, won the tournament; BUT from the Fr. Wolfe Council, we took home: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place. Lee Eder and Mike Georgelous brought home high honors for the council.

Lee Eder and Mike Georgelous came in a respectable 3nd Place. Danny and Andy Brown both home 2nd Place, Dan Trout and Greg Ward came in 4th Place and Bill Hengemihle and DD Jim Cross came in 5th.

Prolife: Keith Arndt

The Silver Rose Program, "One Life, One Rose" pays tribute to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, The prayer service will be held on July 1st 3:30 pm in the Stone Chapel. The prayer service will be followed by refreshments Knights' Hall. The Color Corp will be present during this ceremony and our Hispanic Community are highly encouraged to attend.

Family: Shawn Harper

Shawn has some great ideas as the new Family Activity Director, we look forward to Shawn's direction in his new role

I stand in awe of You. And everything You've done for me.

You speak Your words into my life and where You are is where I want to be. I stand before you Lord Humbled by the love You give away A widow's mite, my will and pride It's all I have to offer anyway. I'm holding on to Your love I'm letting go of myself I say so long to everything else.

(Matt Maher, Letting Go)

Proposed 2012 - 2013 Budget for Fr Wolfe Council The budget will be voted on at the council meeting on July 16

ITEM	BUDGETED INCOME	BUDGETED EXPENSE	ACTUAL INCOME	ACTUAL EXPENSE	REMARKS
General Council Operating Activities					
Dues (245 dues paying					
members @	Ф 7 ОГО				
\$30 each) 50/50	\$7,350 \$600				
Bingo Proceeds	\$10,000				
2 Pancake Breakfasts	\$1,600	\$900			¢1,000 to Souizao ¢500
Ravens Stand	\$8,000	\$1,500			\$1,000 to Savings \$500 Start-up
Spaghetti Dinner	\$1,295	\$900			•
Columbus Day Ball		\$100			
Fund Raisers To Be Determined	\$3,500				
Christmas Cards	\$700	\$600			
Car Raffle	\$1,800	\$720			
RSVP- Seminarian Refund	\$100	·			
Sub Total	\$34,945	\$4,720	\$0	\$0	
Charitable Donations					
Leukemia Society		\$100			
St. Francis Capital Campaign		\$1,500			
Transfer to Scholarship Fund		\$3,000			
Cystic Fibrosis		\$100			
Juvenile Diabetes Society		\$1,000			Proceeds from Kids_Bingo
Parkinson's Foundation		\$100			Proceeds from Leo Bernt Tournament
Youth Group BYCC		\$600			
Seminarian Support		\$500			
St Vincent de Paul		\$1,200			
Mary Our Queen Parish Support		\$500			
Courage Lion Program		\$500			
SVDP Thanksgiving & Christmas		\$800			
Other Charitable Donations		\$775			
Sub Total	\$0	\$10,675	\$0	\$0	
Officers Expenses					
Installation of Officers		\$3,200			
Ladies Installation		\$300			
Grand Knight Expenses		\$250			Donate to St Wencerlaus &
					St. Jude Children's
Financial Secretary Stipend		\$650			Research Hosp
Financial Secretary Expenses		\$100			
Sub Total	\$0	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	
State and Supreme Expenses					
District Expenses		\$200			

Supreme Assessment		\$1,700			
State Assessment		\$1,900			
Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Per Diem		\$125			
Sub Total	\$0	\$3,925	\$0	\$0	
State Convention Expenses					
Ladies Auxiliary at					
Conventions		\$100			
Delegate to Convention		\$200			
Grand Knight Expense		\$400			
District Hospitality Room		\$400			
Ad in Convention Program		\$150			
Sub Total	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$0	
Advertising /Recruiting Expenses					
Recruiting / Retention		\$100			
Ad in Columbus Day Ball		\$75			
Ad in 4th Degree Program		\$100			
Other - Supreme		\$0			
Sub Total	\$0	\$275	\$0	\$0	
Council Expenses					
Degree Expenses		\$750			
Postage Associated With					
Mailings		\$650			
Council Meeting Expenses		\$1,100			
Operating Supplies		\$1,000			
Utilities		\$1,700			
Liability Ins. Miscellaneous		\$1,000			
Sub Total	<u> </u>	\$50	<u>۴</u> ۵	ድር	
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Activities Income and Expenses					
Church Activities					
Memorial Mass &		• • • • •			
Breakfast		\$300			
Remaining Budgeted Operating					
Expenses of \$600		\$300			
Sub Total	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$0	
Council Activities					
Holiday Party (75 @ \$25					
ea)	\$2,000	\$1,875			
Leo Bernt Memorial					
Horseshoe Tournament		\$50			
Remaining Budgeted		φ30			
Operating					
Expenses of \$2,300.		\$375			
Sub Total	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$0	\$0	
Community Activities					

Difference	\$0		\$0		
Total	\$37,945	\$37,945	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	
Operating Expenses of \$1,400.		\$200			
Remaining Budgeted					
Keep Christ in Christmas	, ,	\$450			
Kids Bingo	\$1,000	\$650			
Fishing Trip		\$100			
Youth Activities Jerry Meany Memorial					
Sub Total	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$0	
Operating Expenses of \$400.		\$250			
Remaining Budgeted		φισυ			
Birth Right Marigold Program		\$200 \$150			
Pro Life Activities		\$ 0000			
Sub Total	\$0	\$1,050	\$0	\$0	
Remaining Budgeted Operating Expenses of \$1050.		\$50			
Ice-Skating Party		\$350			
<i>Family Activities</i> Kids Christmas Party		\$650			
Sub Total	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$0	
Expenses of \$400.		\$400			
Remaining Budgeted Operating					

PLEASE NOTE!

Due to the rising costs over the last several years associated with conducting all of our activities and the increases in Supreme and State assessments to our council, a discussion and vote will take place on July 16th to raise our annual dues beginning in 2013 from \$30 per year to \$36 per year. Cuts have been made to our budget over the last several years to keep pace with these changes, however in order to continue funding our charities, we need to have the above discussion.

Quote of the Month

I consider the government of the United States as interdicted by the Constitution from intermeddling with religious institutions, their doctrines, disciplines or exercises."

Thomas Jefferson's Letter to Rev. Mr. Millar, Jan. 23,1808



WORD OF LIFE

Every great religious revival in America has led to an advance in civil rights – from the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights to the end of slavery and the pursuit of racial equality. But all this has been achieved in the face of established power structures strongly and often violently opposed to these rights. So this is a time for choosing – choosing whether as Catholics we will stand together to keep open the doors of religious liberty. If we do so, then we will make possible the next great awakening in America that will bring us closer to building that culture of life and civilization of love about which John Paul II so often spoke.

> Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Address to the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast (April 19, 2012)



FAITH FALLACIES

Modern men, and even our Protestant brothers, tend to make two mistakes about the nature of religious faith. First, they consider it an emotional feeling about God. In fact, faith is a highly rational act, defined by Saint Thomas Aquinas as an intellectual acceptance (or assent) of truths about God. Most of these otherwise unattainable truths have been revealed by God through the prophets, through the Holy Scripture, and of course, by Jesus himself. (Some truths about God, such as knowledge of His existence, can be deduced using reason apart from revelation.) Sometimes we "feel" our faith; often we do not. The important thing is that faith allows us to accept truths about God

Moderns also mistakenly think of faith as something one can obtain, and there are valid ways to regard faith this way, but paradoxically, the Church teaches that faith cannot be obtained like material possessions or intellectual prowess, but rather, that faith is a freely given gift from God that gives our will the ability to accept religious truth. This permanent, ongoing gift began at our baptisms. If a person has been baptized, they have the gift of faith. Our job as Catholics who care about the souls of others is not necessarily to help people find or attain faith, but to enflame the faith they have already been given at baptism, no matter how dormant it may seem to be.

If faith is a gift and already present in the baptized, it is not some far-away treasure on a mountaintop requiring our friends to take a long, arduous journey to obtain, but rather it is something very, very close to them--inside their hearts. Faith for them is a highly combustible fuel, and needs the spark of our love, our prayers, our fasting, and our willingness to strike a flint in close proximity, to burst into flames.

You were baptized. You have faith.

Shopping that all men should do

By nature, most men do not like to shop. At the risk of sounding chauvinistic, that inclination seems more likely to drive our wives, daughters, mothers or other females we know. Sure, there are exceptions. Maybe you enjoy trips to the hardware store for a tool to help on a home improvement project. Maybe you're a collector or you like to shop for cars. Maybe you like to find the best deal on the newest high-tech gadget for your living room.

When you do decide it's time to make a purchase, if you're like me, you want to get the best value for your money. You want the best customer service possible. Sometimes, this requires lots of research and planning. But one of the most important purchases you can make can be put into motion through a simple meeting with me, a brother Knight.

The core product offered by the Knights of Columbus is not glitzy. It's not like a new car or a classic one. It's not like a laptop or a flat screen television. It's not something you can —show off \Box to your friends, but you can brag about it. Life insurance is something that everyone needs. If you have some life insurance, the odds are great that you need more. If you don't have any coverage, you should stop to consider all the benefits of a whole life policy. Remember, it's not about you. It's about your family. When was the last time you shopped for life insurance? If the answer is —a long time ago or —never, it's time you speak with me.

Have you considered your retirement and how you will afford to maintain your current lifestyle? Our annuities can help. Is your income protected in the event of a serious illness or injury? Are you prepared to cover the expensive costs of long-term care should you or your spouse needs it? The Knights of Columbus can help provide solutions to these common situations, too.

Please schedule an appointment with me today.

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1st Degree Dates for the Upcoming Fraternal Year.

August 20th- Kilduff hall reserved October 15th- Kilduff reserved December 17th- Kilduff reserved February 4th- Kilduff Reserved- 1st degree judging April 15th- Kilduff reserved June 17th- Kilduff reserved

Due to a faith formation class in February, we were unable to get Kilduff for the 18th, but were able to get it earlier in the month for our degree.

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FATHER WOLFE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Date: July 28th, 2012

Time: 6:30pm

Your invited to attend 5pm Mass at St. Francis de Sales then celebrate the installation of your slate of officers for 2012-2013 after Mass! Dinner will be served after the installation with a celebration of our past year achievements and recognizing our scholarship recipients. Please join us!

SAVE THE DATE!

Dinner provided by:





Greg Ward with a double ringer at the Leo Berndt Tournament

More Jerry Meany Fishing Photo's





FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL THREE MONTH PLANNER

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		July	
June 21	July 4	Fortnight for Freedom	
Sun	1	Church Activity – Silver Rose of our Lady of Guadalupe – Stone Chapel	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
Wed	25	Practice – Installation of Officers	7:00PM
Fri	27	"Christmas In July" Bingo	5:00PM
Sat	28	Annual Installation of Officers	5:00PM
Sun	29	Fr. Wolfe Council, Celebrate Mass Together	9:00AM
		August	
Mon	6	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00PM
Fri	10	Bingo!	5:00PM
Mon	13	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30PM
Fri	17	Ravens Preseason Game	8:00PM
Mon	20	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00PM
Thurs	23	Ravens – Preseason Game	7:30PM
Fri	24	Bingo!	5:00PM
Sat	25	Youth Activity – Pool Party	8:00PM
Sun	26	Parish Picnic	11:00AM
		September	
Mon	3	No Council Meeting – Labor Day	
Sat	8	Atlantic City Bus Trip	All Day
Fri	14	Bingo!	5:00PM
Mon	10	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30PM
Mon	10	Ravens Game	7:00PM
Sun	16	Pancake Breakfast	8-11AM
Mon	17	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00PM
Fri	21	Bingo!	5:00PM
Sun	23	Ravens Game	8:20PM
Thurs	27	Ravens Game	8:20PM
Sun	30	Fr. Wolfe Council, Celebrate Mass Together	9:00AM