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Our Lady, Queen of the Knights

"Our Lady Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order. Keep us true to our pledge to extend the kinship of thy Divine Son on Earth. Through your intercession, win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and in our private lives the virtues which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. *Make us always aware as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged and our order appreciated.* Accept O Mary this renewed pledge of Faith and devotion of thy servants, The Knights of Columbus, Amen."

The prayer above is one we read at our meetings. It is a prayer to Mary for her to continue to look over us as her Knights. This is a wonderful prayer that if you take a closer look at the words, gives us direction on how to be great Knights of Columbus. It also gives us guidance on how to be a strong Christian leader. I put one section in italics: **"Make us always aware, as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. A true Christian leader puts the Mission above his own, and incorporates others' hopes, dreams and desires into that Mission. He develops an ability to help others see what they are capable of seeing in the Mission for themselves. He/she works with them to reach the goals God wants for them. The leader shares in a greater reward from God because they share in others' growth and victories, and because they are tested more severely. Yet the true leader forgets himself and concentrates on the greater mission. The rewards aren't important anymore.**

God has given us a wonderful mission and a wonderful council. Fraternity is the key to everything above. When we work together and put the mission above ourselves, there is nothing we cannot do! I hope the next time you say this prayer, soak in the words, keep the words Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in your mind at all times.

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano
Grand Knight

Membership

Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252

Please welcome new first degree members Charles Johnston and Jerry Connolly. The members received their first degree on August 20th. Jerry was recruited by John Myers and Charles by Shawn Harper. Wow...the third member recruited by Shawn this year.

Please continue to search for new members. Many thanks to our new members who are doing a great job of becoming involved in the council programs.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY...AVOID SUSPENSION NOTICES

The Legend of St. Lawrence

There is a legend about St. Lawrence, a deacon in Rome around the middle of the third century. The story says that Lawrence was responsible for the material wealth and goods of the Church and the distribution of alms to the poor. When he knew he was going to be arrested, he gathered all the widows, orphans, and poor people he could find and proceeded to give them all the money he had on hand, even selling sacred vessels. When the Prefect of Rome heard this, he imagined that the Christians must have a great deal of treasure. He had Lawrence brought before him and said that Christians should render all the Church's material goods to Caesar. Lawrence's reaction was a classic. He told the Prefect that the church was indeed rich and offered to show the Prefect how rich but needed time to prepare an inventory and gather all the wealth. It took three days, and when Lawrence was done, he had gathered all the poor, the widows, the orphans, the lame, the lepers, all the outcasts he could find. When the Prefect arrived to claim his treasure, Lawrence stood in front of the multitude of poor and said, "These are the treasures of the Church." Lawrence found the Kingdom of God in daily life. Caring and seeing to the well-being of those who need help is to enter the Kingdom. It is there that we find the great treasures of the Church. The Prefect was so angry he ordered Lawrence to be barbequed. Lawrence, after cooking a while supposedly said "It is well done. Turn it over and eat it!"

We often hear about the Kingdom of God. We are told it is here, it is now. We might think that the Kingdom is in some faraway place, almost unattainable. Yet we hear about Lawrence, Jesus and so many others who believed the Kingdom of God was present in their daily lives. People who believed the Kingdom of God was the greatest treasure on earth.

We too can find the treasure of the Kingdom. It's right here before us. It's not a treasure we can sell or dig up. It's not a treasure that will line the coffers of our bank accounts. It's more than that! It is a treasure that can make our lives more livable. It is a treasure that can bring us peace and hope and love. It's a treasure money can't buy. It's the greatest treasure of all. It's the treasure of each other!

*Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim*

This is a repeat of a former article. I'm still in summer mode. Thought you'd enjoy it just the same.

The Ladies next big event is the Beer and Wine Tasting with Silent Auction and Raffle co-sponsored by Friendship Liquors. As many will recall from last year's event, this was a beautiful evening that was well received by all who attended. Many of the Knight's participated last year as well and we know we will have their support again this year. Diane Traube will be running the Silent Auction and Raffle. If you have any items to donate, please contact Diane as soon as possible. We are also looking for advertisers for our program, if you know of anyone who would like to advertise please contact Connie Piotrowski. Tickets for this wonderful event can be purchased from Diane Traube or Connie Piotrowski.

The Ladies will participate again this year with a Bake Sale at the Craft Bazaar held on November, 17, 2012. Be sure to attend and bring home some yummy baked goods.

The 2012-2013 year looks to be an exciting and busy year for the Ladies Auxiliary. We have several new members and will begin planning some new events for the coming year.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 17th at 8 p.m. in the Knight's Hall, all ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Activities Report:

Just as in many years past, September is the first of four busy months for our Council, and this year is no exception. A lot of hard work, fund raising and fun awaits us, all in the name of charity and giving back to our community.

First, the not so good news... the Atlantic City Bus Trip is Cancelled
The trip originally scheduled for 9/8 has been canceled due to an insufficient number of attendees.

The Good News and Updates:

One of the many fundraising activities we conduct, the Ravens Tankard stand at M&T Stadium has gotten off to a great start. Lee Eder and Mike Georgelous' teams have worked hard and fast serving up the many Ravens' fans during the preseason. The official first game of the season is a Monday night game, Sept. 10th, you can be sure the men from our Council will be there. Due to the many officers that will be working this game, the Officer's meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday the 11th

John Young has once again energized the K of C car raffle ticket program. This year John has instilled a friendly competition among the members with the goal of selling 3000 tickets! Go for it! Everyone please help our Council and sell at least 20 tickets, together we will make a difference.

St. Francis and the Knights continue their winning ways with two Bingo events this month, Sept. 14th and the 28th. Please show your continued support by either attending or working this important event for our Church and our Council. Contact Bill Orloski to help.

On the 15th, the Council will be putting on a family movie night, come one come all, bring the kids. Want to know what the feature presentation....come and find out! A great time will be had by all with food and refreshments served.

Stay late, but not too late, the next morning we will be holding our first Pancake Breakfast of the fraternal year. Serving starts right after the 7:00am mass on Sept. 15th and ends around 11am. Come meet and socialize with your fellow parishioners.

We will be doing things a bit differently before our Council meeting on Monday Sept 17th; along with the Lady Knights we will be having a pre-meeting get-together. We will be serving three main dishes: shrimp, meatballs with rolls, and hotdogs. This is a great meal and refreshments for \$15 and no cooking on a Monday Night. In Kilduff Hall at 7:00 PM.

The month concludes with two more Raven's games on the 23rd and the 27th, contact Lee or Mike if you would like to help.

Upcoming events in October, make plans NOW, don't miss our

Dinner Theater at Toby's – O'Donnell St. Location, on Nov 3 2012

Quote of the Month

Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.

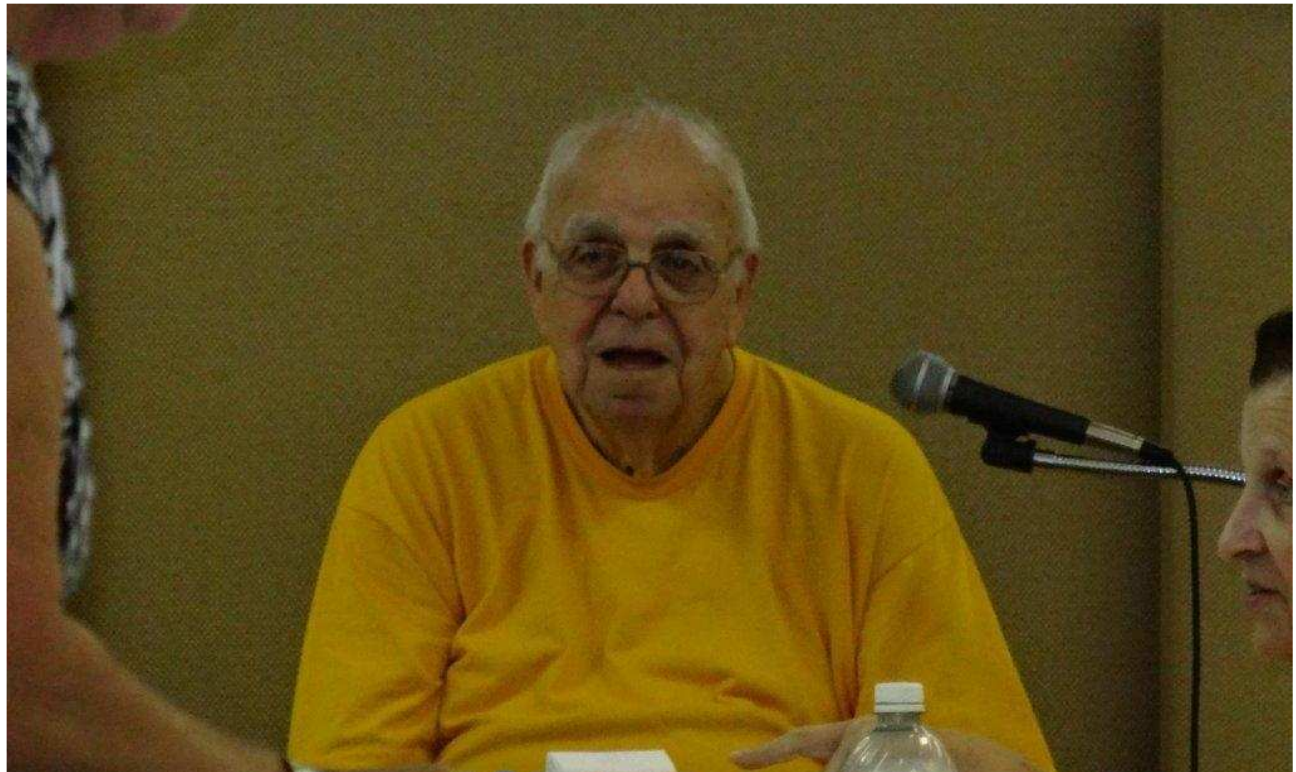
Marcus Aurelius

YOUR COUNCIL IN ACTION

You can't have bingo without callers. And we have some of the best!



Mel Piotrowski



Jack "Chicken Legs" Kreiner

How Could We Have a Council Without Our Ladies

Officers for 2012 – 2013

What a lovely group they are!



Mary Celeste Eder
Vice President

Diane Traube
President

Annie Arndt
Secretary

Connie Piotrowski
Treasurer



How About a Night at the Theatre?

Dinner Theatre at Toby's
O'Donnell St. Location, on November 3, 2012

Join the Knights and spouses for a night of great food and a musical performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream coat". This is a lively upbeat musical featuring a Biblical Story set to music of all types. Ticket price is \$60 per person and is being coordinated by fellow Knight, Mike Yuran. Dinner is served from 6 -7:30 and show starts at 8PM.

***Payment is due no later then Sept 29. Mail your reservation/payment to:
Knights of Columbus Council 11372, 27 Huxley Circle, Abingdon, MD 21009***

Addition information may be obtained by contacting Mike at 410 569 9168

A SOLID PRO-LIFE TICKET FOR A PRO-LIFE AMERICA

National Right to Life Praises Romney-Ryan Ticket

WASHINGTON – Today, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, praised Governor Mitt Romney’s choice of pro-life Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan to be his running mate. National Right to Life announced its endorsement of Governor Romney in April.

“We are thrilled that Paul Ryan has been selected to run with Governor Romney. Congressman Ryan has a deep, abiding respect for all human life, including unborn children and their mothers, the disabled, and the elderly,” said National Right to Life President Carol Tobias. **“Together, they form a solid pro-life ticket that truly represents the pro-life majority in the United States.”**

In his previous elections for the U.S. House of Representatives, Paul Ryan has received the endorsement of both National Right to Life and its state affiliate, Wisconsin Right to Life.

Ryan has maintained [a 100 percent pro-life voting record](#) on all roll call votes scored by National Right to Life through his entire tenure in the House, which began in 1999. This includes support for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, and most recently the District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, among others.

[In a February 2009, op-ed published in The Journal Times of Racine, Wis., Ryan wrote](#), “Personally, I believe that life begins at conception, and it is for that reason that I feel we need to protect that life as we would protect other children...I remain committed to restoring the value of human life and fighting for the rights of the unborn...Most importantly, we must ensure that the most vulnerable among us – both unborn children and mothers struggling with unplanned pregnancies – are afforded the compassion and opportunities they need to choose life.”

“The pro-life Romney-Ryan team stands in sharp contrast to the avowed pro-abortion administration of Barack Obama and Joe Biden,” Tobias added. **“With the election of a Romney-Ryan ticket, America, and her children, will be in good hands.”**

Founded in 1968, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia.



New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, delivers the closing prayer at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., Aug. 30. His benediction included appeals for God's blessing on the unborn, those at the end of their life, for immigrants and for all those who suffer. He also asked for a renewed respect for religious freedom.

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 flatscreen television. It's not something you can —show off□ 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 need 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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Some few years back, just after the introduction of Random Breath Testing, the Police officers of a small country town had to show the community that the RBT was working. They decided to stake out the local Knight's of Columbus Hall, then as the night wore on, eventually a knight slowly came down the stairs and got into his car. The moment he started the engine the two officers approached him and asked him to "blow into the bag". He did of course but to the amazement of the officers proved negative. Fearing a faulty bag they tried again, with the same results. Sure of a possible conviction, they then escorted him to the Police Station to do a blood test, with it also proving negative. Being upset with this they then asked him what had gone on and what he had done that evening, to which he answered, "The Worthy Grand Knight was there, the Worthy Deputy Grand Knight was there and all the Worthy Trustees as well as many knights were there and we had a great evening.

"Well, what are you then?"

"I'm the Worthy Decoy."

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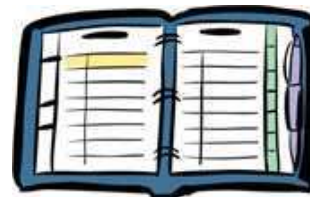
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THREE MONTH PLANNER

September 2012			
Mon	3	No Council Meeting – Labor Day	
Mon	10	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:00pm
Mon	10	Ravens Game vs. Bengals	7:00PM
Fri	14	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat.	15	Family Movie Night – Toy Story - Kilduff Hall	7:00pm
Sun	16	Pancake Breakfast	8-11AM
Mon	17	Council Meeting with Shrimp Feast - Kilduff Hall	7:00pm
Sun	23	Ravens Game vs. Patriots	8:20PM
Thurs	27	Ravens Game vs. Browns	8:20PM
Fri	28	Bingo!	5:00pm
October 2012			
Mon	1	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00PM
Tues.	2	Salesian Presentation – 1 of 4 (need not attend all 4)	7:00PM
Mon	8	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:00PM
Tues.	9	Salesian Presentation – 2 of 4	7:00PM
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00PM
Sat	13	Roadside Clean-up	9:00AM
Sun	14	Ravens Game vs. Cowboys	1:00PM
Mon	15	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00PM
Tues.	16	Salesian Presentation – 3 of 4	7:00PM
Tues.	23	Salesian Presentation – 4 of 4	7:00PM
Fri	26	Bingo!	5:00PM
Sat.	27	Trunk or Treat	6:30- 8:30PM
November 2012			
Mon	5	Council Meeting – Labor Day	8:00PM
Fri	9	Bingo!	5:00PM
Sat.	10	Memorial Mass with Reception	8:00-11:00AM
Sun	11	Raven's Game vs. Raiders	1:00PM
Mon	12	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30PM
Sat	17	St. Francis de Sales Craft Fair	All Day
Mon	19	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Thurs	22	Happy Thanksgiving	
Fri	23	Bingo!	5:00pm