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Pope Benedict has declared October 11, 2012 through November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the "Year of Faith". No where in the Catholic Church is living our faith more evident than in the Knights of Columbus, especially with our council.

Since I became your Grand Knight, together we have achieved many great things as we live our faith. We all continue to look for other Catholic men to join our council and make it your goal to recruit just 1 new member this year. Our council raised over \$3,400 during the car raffle and those funds will go to support the many charities we sponsor. We started our fraternal year off with the Silver Rose Program in which we celebrated the sanctity of life by honoring our Lady of Guadalupe and brought together the diverse members of the St. Francis de Sales Community. During October we hosted a seminar series for members of our council and Church to learn more about our patron saint. These are just a few examples of what we have done so far.

How can you celebrate in this year of faith? I ask you to continue to focus on inviting Catholic men into our order. Get involved in our council; we are doing a lot of great things to live our faith. Participate in the Tootsie Roll program in November. 100% of the money we raise during this effort goes to special needs kids at John Archer School here in Harford County. If you have not been active in our council, come to a council meeting! Deacon Jim continues to guide and teach us spiritually. Our worthy lecturer, Rich Sosna, has done an incredible job providing additional insight to our Catholic Faith and living the life of Christians.

In this effort, it is important that as brother Knights, we realize more profoundly the Christological dimension of our work, especially as it is revealed in the Eucharist and the Word of God. I hope all of you and your families may draw closer to God during this "Year of Faith". Thank you for your commitment to the order and our council. Together may we strengthen our brother Knights in Faith so that each one of us may truly be the strong right arm of St. Francis de Sales!

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano - Grand Knight

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## ***Associate Chaplain's Report***

***Deacon Jim Sullivan***

### ***Are you blinded?***

*On the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, we will witness the Gospel of Mark 10:46-52. It's the well-known story of Bartimaeus, a blind man, who sat by the roadside begging. When he heard Jesus was passing by, he began to cry out saying, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Many in the crowd tried to discourage him but he kept crying out all the more. Jesus stopped and told the crowd to have Bartimaeus come to him. When the blind man arrived, Jesus asked what he wanted. Bartimaeus said, "Master, I want to see." Immediately, Bartimaeus could see again and followed Jesus on his way.*

*I'm sure you will agree that this is one of the more moving stories in the Gospels. Poor Bartimaeus, he was probably able to see at one time but somehow lost his sight. He is asking only one thing from Jesus, to see. The story seems to talk about physical sight, but it's perhaps more likely the whole scene is a lesson not to let ourselves be blinded by everything around us. It is so easy in today's world to let our morals be compromised by what's popular or what everyone else is doing. We go along with the crowd because it gives us a sense of belonging. It is important that we discern every major decision we make to assure that we have not been blinded by the selfishness of the norms we witness daily.*

*There will always be people who take the easy way out. As long as they adhere to God's law, there is really nothing wrong with that. It is only when the law of God is broken, when we think only of ourselves and not others that we are blinded too! It's then that we need to call out "Master, I want to see."*

*Peace and All Good,  
Deacon Jim*

## ***Ladies Auxiliary***

***Annie Arndt***

### **The Ladies met on Monday, 10/15:**

Our Wine and Beer Tasting was a success! Many thanks to all of the Knights and Ladies who worked so hard to make it a beautiful evening.

We are gearing up for our bake sale at the annual Craft Bazaar being held in Kilduff Hall on Saturday, November 17th. We welcome all donations of baked goods! If you can assist or have any questions, please contact Phyllis Pahutsky (410-569-0005) who is chairing the event.

### **Upcoming events/meetings:**

There will be no November meeting, although we have been invited to the Knights' social on Monday, November 19th. More detail on that to come.

Our next meeting is December 3rd in Kilduff Hall. We will be preparing gifts for the Harford homeless shelter and finalizing plans for our BirthRight "baby shower" in January.

Any questions, please call Diane Traube, Ladies President, at 410-569-0591.

## **Activities Report:**

Take a deep breath in relief....busy October is over

What a great month we had with so many things going on in our Council.

The St. Francis de Sales Lecture Series came to a close on Tuesday October 23; those that attended all 4 lectures or attended just one lecture left with an inspirational feeling that may just last a life time. The series was giving by Fr Paul Henry who did a wonderful job. I'd like to thank Jeff Lawson who put this together and arranged all the details, great job Jeff!

Shawn Harper put together a fun activity for our Council and family members on Saturday October 20th. A hay ride and pumpkin picking was held at Brad's Farm and those who attended had a great time.

Jeff Gutowski and a team of 6 successful completed another rode-side clean-up on Saturday morning Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. This is another example of our Council having an impact on our Community. Thanks Jeff and your team for all your work.

Keith Arndt for Culture of Life raised money for Birthrite through our first Baby bottle-boomerang campaign. Those who received a baby bottle were asked to fill it with spare change and return the bottle the following week. The final results of this successful activity will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Our newest member to the Activity "A" team is Charles Johnson who was responsible for his first activity, Trunk or Treat. If this event was like previous years...all that attended had a great time. Please welcome Charles who not only completed his first activity but just joined the Knights too! Talk about having an immediate impact, way to go Charles.

John Young has just wrapped-up our contribution to the State's annual raffle ticket program WITH HUGE SUCCESS! Our Council has sold a whopping 3,439 tickets; almost doubling last year's sales of 1,725 tickets. Our triple digit ticket sellers are: Keith Marchiano with 165 tickets sold, Ed Petrovic at 193, George Gambichler sold 200, Jeff Lawson sold 205, Bill Hengemihle sold 530 tickets and the highest number of tickets sold by one person at 715 tickets goes to.....JOHN YOUNG!

Finally, Kudos to the Lady Knights on their success with the Annual Beer and Wine Tasting. The reports, comments and accolades were out of this world. Congratulations to the Lady Knights for a job well done.

And now November begins!!!

Ron Gutowski for Council will be putting together a Parkinson's Awareness Night on Monday, Nov. 19 – 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Join us as we learn more about Parkinson's Disease. Our guest speaker will provide an overview about this affliction that strikes one million people primarily over the age of 65. Following this we will have a homemade Italian Dinner and Dessert. In addition, we will have some games and chances to win some delicious cakes.

Also going in November:

- The Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council Memorial Mass will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the stone chapel
- The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive to benefit the John Archer School will be held throughout the month of November
- Two bingos will be played on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, your help is highly needed and much appreciated.
- Don't forget about the one Raven home game our Council will be working on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Brothers, I want to thank you All for all you do all around our Council, God Bless.

## District Deputy Report

Ron Perzinski

Greetings from our Worthy State Deputy, William C. Kuchmas III,

### **Incentive Raffle Program Winners;**

1st 2013 Ford Mustang - Herman Milovtz  
ticket sold by St. Charles Borromeo Council # 3960

2nd iPad 3 - Bruce Hedding  
ticket sold by Bishop Sebastian Council # 5058

3rd \$200 gas gift card - Frederick Lipscomb  
ticket sold by Prince George Council # 2809

During November we honor our deceased Brothers and Family members with an Annual Memorial Mass and Reception. This will be held on 11 November 2012 at St. Clements Church in Rosedale. Necrology to be read at 2:30PM and Mass at 3:00PM.

**This year two questions are on the ballot that are important to our beliefs as Catholics;**

#### **Question#6**

**Marriage between one man and one woman has always been one of our Christian traditions. Question #6 is not just a redefinition, but a major shift from what we believe Marriage to be. Our Faith asks us to vote no on Question #6 and preserve the true meaning of Marriage.**

#### **Question#4**

**"The Dream Act" is an issue of education. Let us be fair to the children and young people of our state by voting yes for Question#4.**

10/30 - 2nd Degree Fr. Maurice J Wolfe Council #11372 Abingdon  
11/27 1st Degree Long Green Valley Council #8736 Hydes

### **State Council Calendar**

November 2012

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 All Saint's Day                           | 8 Baltimore Chapter meeting |
| 2 All Soul's Day                            | 10 State Soccer Challenge   |
| 3 Navy Football Outing                      | 11 State Memorial Mass      |
| 4 Daylight Savings Time ends                | 11 Veterans' Day            |
| 6 Election Day                              | 22 Thanksgiving             |
| 8 One day couples retreat/ marriage seminar |                             |

December 2012

- 8 State Council Christmas Party Cardinal Gibbons Council
- 13 Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Christmas Party
- \*Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- \*Tootsie Roll money due

Remember to promote our Third Principle' Fraternity, in your council. Without Fraternity we won't have Unity.

Vivat Jesus

Ron Perzinski DD#27

## Membership

**Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252**

Charlie King was reinstated into our council in June Of 2002. Charlie always had the time to spin a few yarns....please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Four new members received the honors of the first degree on October 15<sup>th</sup> :

Joe Cooper, Scott Obrien (sponsored by Keith Marchiano), Larry Del Prete (sponsored by Charlie Duke) and David Savitsky (sponsored by Bob Roddy) were the new members.

**We have thirteen new members so far this year. Do you know how many more members we need to attain Star Council???**



### Quote of the Month

Tolerance is the virtue of a man without convictions.

G. K. Chesterton

## **Ravens Matt Birk Tapes Videos for Marriage** *Urges Vote AGAINST Question 6*

Matt Birk, Center for the Baltimore Ravens, has long been a supporter of marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Catholic, and a married father of six, he taped a series of videos for the Maryland Marriage Alliance urging Marylanders to vote AGAINST Question 6.

Birk's [second video](#) warns voters not to be misled by the Question 6 ballot language. "Marylanders should not be fooled into thinking we can redefine marriage and still protect our religious liberty."

"Changing the definition has consequences and you are not being given all the facts when you read the brief language on the ballot," he said.

He also wrote an opinion editorial for the Baltimore Sun concerning the institution of marriage. Birk noted that marriage is more than about two people in love and that "government has a vested interest in ensuring that our children, the next generation, are raised in the best way possible. ... If marriage is only about recognizing the love between two people, then why shouldn't the government bestow the benefits of marriage on two elderly sisters living together?"

"We applaud Matt's decision to speak out and support marriage as a union between one man and one woman," said Derek McCoy Chairman of the Maryland Marriage Alliance, "Matt's views are held not only by the vast majority of Catholics, but also by most Americans."

Birk, a Harvard graduate, was drafted into the NFL in 1998 and began his career with the Minnesota Vikings. In 2012, he was named NFL Man of the Year.

## Been on a hayride lately?

Well, thanks to the efforts of Shawn Harper, a group of knights and their families went on a hayride and pumpkin picking at Brad's Farm on Calvary Road on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.



It's going to be a great day!



You mean *no one* remembered the beer!



**The Hardy's .....and the Gutowski's  
introduce a new generation to the fine art of pumpkin picking**



**We found ours!**



**When does this wagon start moving?**

## **And on a more serious note**

**Jeff Lawson organized a 4 week series of lectures on St. Francis de Sales which our sponsoring parish is dedicated to. Father Paul Henry, retired pastor of St. Patrick's in Havre de Grace and the spiritual director and retreat master for the Archdiocese of Baltimore and a fount of knowledge on St. Francis conducted the lectures. They were very enjoyable and enlightening evenings.**



# FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



## THREE MONTH PLANNER

November 2012			
Mon	5	Council Meeting	8:00PM
Fri	9	Bingo!	5:00PM
Sat.	10	Memorial Mass with Reception	9:00AM
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 & Parkinson's Disease Awareness Dinner	8:00pm
Thurs	22	Happy Thanksgiving	
Fri	23	Bingo!	5:00pm
December 2012			
Sun	2	Ravens Home Game vs Steelers	4:14pm
Mon	3	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Fri	7	Drop and Shop	6:30-8pm
Sat.	8	Children's Christmas Party	10:00-3pm
Mon	10	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thurs	13	Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe	
Fri	14	Christmas Bingo	6:00pm
Sun	16	Ravens Home Game vs. Broncos	1:00pm
Mon	17	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Sun	23	Ravens Home Game vs. Giants	1:00PM
Tues	25	Christmas	
Fri	28	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun	30	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, Celebrate Mass Together as a Council	9:00am
Mon	31	New Year's Eve	
January 2013			
Tues	1	Happy New Year	8:00PM
Sat	5	Family Ice Skating at Ice World	5:30pm
Mon	7	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon	14	Officers Meeting	7:30pm
Sat	19	Christmas Party at Bellisimos	TBA
Mon	21	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Mon	21	Ladies Knights Meeting	8:00pm
Fri	25	Bingo!	6:00PM
Sat	26	Polar Bear Plunge	PM

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