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"Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service."
— Martin Luther King Jr.

Words cannot express how I feel about the Brothers and Ladies of Father Wolfe Council. No, we are not famous, but there is no doubt that on Monday, November 19th, we approached greatness. Not only did we get educated by a great speaker, Cliff Ishmael, on Parkinson's disease, we also remembered Leo Bernt, we honored John Myers, and we raised over \$2,500 for Parkinson's! For all of those who helped in putting this effort together, I say thank you! To Bill Hengemihle and Ron Gutowski who planned this great event, I am extremely proud of you both and words cannot express the gratitude in my heart for putting this together for our council. It is times like this that make me extremely proud to be your Grand Knight!

Well, Thanksgiving is behind us. I hope you all were able to spend time with your family and friends during this holiday. It is a time to sit back and reflect on all the gifts God has given us.

December is my favorite time of the year and Christmas is my favorite holiday. As the month proceeds, it is a build up to the joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus! While the words Christmas continue to be taken out of the vocabulary of the "politically correct folks" and at the same time retail operations continue to turn Christmas into shopping mayhem, we as Christians know the true meaning of Christmas. Pray daily that you will reflect and demonstrate that belief on a daily basis. We also pray for those who may not have the means to celebrate Christmas and those that cannot afford even a hot meal.

On behalf of Beth, Emma, and Josh, I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas. May the peace and joy of God's love be with each of you this Christmas season!



Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano

Grand Knight



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Happy New Year

Wait a minute! The New Year is a month away. Or is it? The New Year we are accustomed to celebrating is indeed a month away. But the New Year I am referring to is the church's new year that begins on December 2nd, the first Sunday of Advent. This past year has brought us many challenging changes in our Mass. Although most of them had to do with the presider, many of the prayers we used over the past 30+ years changed. Holy Mother the Church decided that a closer translation of the original Latin texts should be implemented on the first day of the church year. What we now say in these changes is closer to what was originally written in Latin since the beginning of church history. These changes may seem minor to us, but when we begin to think about what we are saying, we see how much more meaningful our responses and prayers can be. I know it was difficult for us to get used to these changes. I encourage each one of you to try to look to the good that change brings to our lives. When we repeat anything too often it becomes second nature and sometimes we say things without even thinking. Now we had an opportunity to pay attention to what we are doing and perhaps have a more meaningful prayer experience during our liturgies. I encourage each of you to look at these changes as a way to a closer relationship with our loving Father, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. New things can be good. It all depends how we receive them. Happy New Year!

*Peace and all Good,
Deacon Jim*

Note: This is a repeat of a previous article. Due to personal circumstances, I was unable to write a new article this month.

Ladies Auxiliary

Annie Arndt



Our next meeting is **Monday, December 3rd, at 8:00 p.m. in Kilduff Hall.** (Reminder: there is no meeting on 12/17).

After a brief agenda, the meeting will focus on our **Christmas** activity. As we discussed at our last meeting, we will be providing the **Harford County Homeless Shelter** with paper goods and Christmas gift bags:

- **Please bring a paper product to the meeting.** Items the shelter needs are: paper plates, cups, napkins, bowls, and plastic utensils. (Men are welcome to bring items to their meeting as well!)
- There are currently 25 men and 6 women at the shelter. Connie Colvin will purchase the recommended items, and **we will assemble the gift bags at the meeting.**

Also, the men will join us in Kilduff after their meeting. The Ladies will supply the desserts. **If you can bring a baked good to the meeting, please let me know.**

Activity Director's Report

I hope everyone had a wonder Thanksgiving!

As a Council we have much to be thankful for and proud of all the Accomplishments we did during November and the entire year:

Jeff Lawson, Church Activity Director, organized a very nice Memorial Mass. Our Council paid tribute to all the Brothers, family members and friends that have gone before us. Fr. Chuck, our Celebrant, whose kind words during the ceremony made this a truly heart warming and loving memorial mass.

Keith Arndt for Culture of Life continues with a month long activity that raised money for Birthrite; through our first *Baby-Bottle-Boomerang Program*. Baby bottles were handed out to the parish community with a request to fill the bottle with spare change. The response has been great with 100% of the money raised goes to Birthrite. All funds generated will go to buy baby supplies and expecting mothers. As of this writing, we have collected well over \$300.00, we ask you to get your filled bottles in as soon as possible.

Keith Arndt and Lee Eder are the co-chairs for the Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie-Roll campaign benefiting the John Archer School for the mentally handicapped. Lee and Keith got off to a great start maintaining a high level of enthusiasm for the duration of this activity. The goal for this program is \$1,500.00, it is projected that we should exceed our goal. Great job and many thanks to Keith, Lee and the Brothers who helped with this activity.

Charles Johnson, Youth Activity Director, conducted his first activity, Trunk or Treat. A fun time was had by all 120 children that came to this event with the approximately 40 cars that were decorated for the occasion. The parish grounds were packed! The children had a great time "trick or treating" the cars parked in the lot, having their face painted or participating in a "mummy wrapping" competition. Only the strong put their hands in questionable "guts" searching for a treat. A "spooky" trail was set up in the woods for the bravest trick-or-treaters. This annual event was a huge success as it continues to grow in fun, fright, follies and folks.

As the Council Activity Director, I am so thankful for Keith Arndt, Jeff Gutowski, Ron Gutowski, Shawn Harper, Charles Johnson and Jeff Lawson, who are among the best group of Activity Directors this Council has ever had. I am also thankful for Keith Marchiano, Rob Hardy, who gave me the encouragement and inspiration to continue as your Chancellor, and finally the many Brother Knights who have help me and my family and get through the past 4-5 months.

Membership

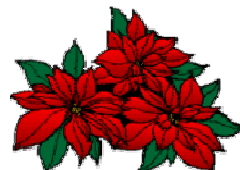
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We will close out the year with 267 members. RETENTION of members is a major problem for the council as well as the entire Knights of Columbus organization. Brothers when you recognize a new member please greet him and ask him to get evolved in a council project – any project will do.



You can help LET'S DO IT!!!!!!!

Have a Blessed Christmas...



Our Council Activities

Another solemn and successful Memorial Mass



**The Honor Guard gathers in prayer and then escorts
Father Wible and Deacon Sullivan to the altar.**



We remember our brothers and ladies who are now in God's loving embrace.



Lighting a candle for each of the departed.



And we end with fellowship and the recollection of fond memories

This Year We Go All Out For Parkinsons



The entire Myers clan turns out to honor and support John Myers who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's. Our wonderful guest speaker, Cliff Ishmael, is sitting next to Sally Myers



We change the Leo Bernt Horseshoe Tournament to the Leo Bernt – John Myers Horseshoe Tournament. All proceeds from the tournament go to Parkinson's research



Grand Knight Marchiano expresses our support to John



Grand Knight Keith Marchiano uses the opportunity to also present Father Chuck with a check for \$1500 to go towards the Parish Building Fund.

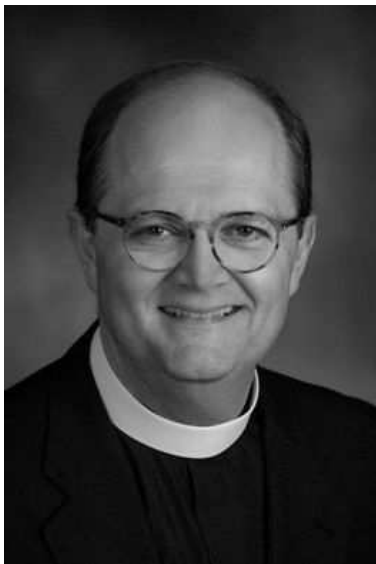
After a night of fellowship and games, a total of \$2500 was raised for Parkinson's research.

Did you know?

That Pope Benedict established a program whereby members and priests of the Church of England, (started by King Henry VIII and known as Episcopalians in the United States) can become Catholics and retain much of the liturgy they are used to using? Or that Episcopal priests, married or unmarried, after a training period, can become Catholic priests?

The program is called the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. The ordinariate allows the new Catholics to keep their Anglican form of worship, including the Book of Common Prayer.

This year twenty four Episcopal priests have been ordained as Catholic priests and a further sixty nine are in training.



One candidate, the Rev. Larry Gipson, pictured left, was the former rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston, the largest Episcopal church in the United States, where his parishioners included former President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara, from 1994-2008

The Episcopal and Anglican churches have been shaken by the ordination of practicing homosexual priests and bishops as well as the ordination of women. The Rev. Gipson, who became a Catholic this October, and is scheduled to be ordained a Catholic priest soon, stated that he did not leave the Episcopal Church in anger but "I don't have the right to ask the Anglican Church to change its traditions for me," he said. "I'm the one who has got to make the changes. Anglicanism has always been hesitant to define doctrine because it has opposing factions. It has left doctrine blurry. People can believe almost mutually opposing beliefs."

Our best wishes go out to our Anglican brethren who have joined or will join us in the Catholic body of Christ.



Quote of the Month

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Winston Churchill

Come one, come all!

The Father Wolfe Council Children's Christmas Party

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THE MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



THREE MONTH PLANNER

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
Sun	9	4 th Degree turnout Holy Rosary Church - Baltimore	11:30am
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	First Degree Ceremonial and Council Meeting	8:00pm
Sun	23	Ravens Home Game vs. Giants	1:00PM
Tues	25	Christmas	
Fri	28	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun	30	5 th 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	First Degree Practice	9:00am
Sat	19	Council Christmas Party	6:00pm
Mon	21	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Mon	21	Ladies Knights Meeting	8:00pm
Fri	25	Bingo!	6:00PM
Sat	26	First Degree Practice	9:00am
Sat	26	Polar Bear Plunge	PM
February 2013			
Sat	2	Youth Activity – "Rolling-in-the-Dough"	9am – 12pm
Sun	3	Pancake Breakfast	8:00am
Mon	4	First Degree Ceremonial and Council Meeting	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon	11	Officers' Meeting	7:00pm
Fri	15	Fish Fry	3:00pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Fri	22	Fish Fry	3:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo	6:00pm



Lee Eder, PGK, Mary Celeste, Alex, and Bethany send wishes to all Ladies and Brothers for a spiritual and joyous Christmas.



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Brother Jeff Lawson, Kathy and Liz extend their best wishes for the Christmas season and wish for a Happy New Year to the brothers and ladies of Father Maurice Wolfe Council

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