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Winter is in full force. As I write this article it is a nice chilly 20 degrees and the chance for snow this evening, but Father Wolfe council is thriving with warm hearts!

We recently celebrated our Christmas party together as a council at Bellisimos' Restaurant. This was a wonderful time for our council as we came together to have a good time. I even learned some new things about some of our members. For one, Deacon Richard Stine and Blanche have been married 56 years! Steven and Vi Herpel have been married for 40 years! The bond of marriage and family is certainly present in our council. I truly believe that when the entire family is active in Church and in an organization like the Knights of Columbus, those bonds of marriage and family can only strengthen. Our council is built around family and the love for one another as the family of Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council.

So, as we come upon Valentine's Day, which in my opinion is a Hallmark holiday where florist can mark up roses to a ridiculous price, please make it your goal to love your spouse 365 days a year, not just this one day. I say this prayer to you from Pope John Paul II:

"Lord God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, you are Love and Life. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love. Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world. Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love. Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weakness and trials through which our families sometimes pass. Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family. Through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life forever and ever. Amen."

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano
Grand Knight

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Associate Chaplain's Report

Deacon Jim Sullivan

Lent

I can't believe in a few weeks it will be Ash Wednesday. It seems like only yesterday we were opening up Christmas gifts and celebrating the birth of Jesus. The older we get, the faster time goes by.

Lent has always been a somber time in the Catholic tradition. We give up some of the things we like the most in order to offer thanks to God for all the gifts he gives us. I think we can all agree that it's important for us to make sacrifices in our lives. If we give up something we like to eat, it reminds us that there are many who have nothing to eat and fast every day. If we are kind to someone, perhaps it will remind us that we like to be treated kindly too, and maybe that will help us to be better people. I know that Lent is hard, and we would much rather get through it without sacrificing.

That wouldn't be much of a Lent, would it? Sacrificing isn't always easy. Being kind, giving up a favorite food, and not eating meat on Fridays probably aren't our favorite things to do. But sacrificing can make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. It can remind us of those who have nothing, who are hungry or maybe just need someone to be nice to them. If we can touch one person every day of Lent, it would make a difference in our lives, and I know it would make a difference in theirs.

Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim

Ladies Auxiliary

Annie Arndt

The ladies would like to thank the men for another wonderful Christmas Party that was held at Bellisomo's restaurant. All who attended agreed it was a lovely evening and we really enjoyed being entertained by Elvis!

The ladies held their annual baby shower for Birthright at our January meeting. We were able to donate money and diapers to Birthright as well as individual gifts that the ladies brought in.

We are off and running after the holidays with several upcoming events. We are planning a family night for KofC families in March.... keep your eyes open for an "e-vite" coming your way! We are hoping to have a Yard Sale in April and are in the planning phase for that event. The ladies will be sponsoring Donut Sunday on March 3rd and are planning to use that event to promote our organization and hopefully get a few more ladies in our parish involved with our group.

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be held February 18th at 8 pm in Kilduff Hall.

Activities Report:

Ron Gutowski – Council Activity Director

Elvis Has Left The Building but if you were able to attend The Council's Christmas Party that was on Saturday, January 19, You would have seen the King himself! Everyone in attendance had a great time! Ron did a wonderful job putting this together for the Council and Bellissimo's Restaurant put out a spread fit for Royalty. Elvis sang a few of his favorite songs and few brave souls got up and did a little dancing. However, no one was seen wearing their blue suede shoes. Dianne Traube, Beth Marchiano and few others couldn't stay in their seats, the music just took them away. But the prize for the most enthusiastic, heart stolen fan has to go to Joy DiMagio.

Keith Arndt – Culture-of-Life Activity Director

In anticipation of the 2013 state legislative session and in regards to the repeal the death penalty; the Archdiocese and our Council wanted to provide parishioners with a history on this issue along with a convenient means to express their opinion to their Legislative Representative in Annapolis. Keith Arndt, did an excellent job coordinating this activity by compiling the information, made approximately 1,500 copies with detachable postcards and inserted it by hand in the parish bulletin. A sincere appreciation goes to Keith and the fellow Knights who helped with this very important message. This further demonstrates our Council's impact not just on our community but on our state; we do make a difference!

Another important activity the Council participated with was our annual ice skating outing held at Ice World. Not only did we assist financially with the rink rental but the Knights helped collect the "admission price" of a canned food donation for St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. It was such a success that we needed a large vehicle to transport all the food back to the storage facility.

Polar Bear Plunge

How far will our Council go to give back to the Community in Chgarity's sweet name? How about 28 degrees! We have a group of brave souls who are going to risk it all by jumping in the cold water of the Chesapeake Bay all in the name of Special Olympics! They participated in the Maryland Polar Bear Plunge held at Sandy Point Park on Jan 26th Your donations were their motivation in knowing that our council is making this dive into the cold water worth their efforts. Until we write the final check, our Council will still take your donations; whatever you can do to contribute would be greatly appreciated. Pictures and the names of these brave souls will be highlighted in next month's newsletter.



Year of Faith: October 11, 2012 – November 24, 2013

During this Year of Faith make a commitment to take some time to live out your faith by doing one or more of these 10 ways that you can rediscover and renew your Faith and deepen your personal relationship with Jesus.

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| 1. Participate in Mass | 6. Study the Catechism |
| 2. Go to Confession | 7. Volunteer at St. Francis de Sales |
| 3. Learn about the lives of the saints | 8. Help those in need |
| 4. Read the Bible daily | 9. Invite a friend to Mass |
| 5. Read the documents of the Second Vatican Council | 10. Incorporate the Beatitudes into daily life |

The Council gathers to celebrate Christmas and fellowship



Grand Knight Keith Marchiano and Beth, PGK Ray Traube and Diane, and DGK Rob Hardy and Pam



Lot's of great food



Elvis belts out a ballad



And he charms the ladies



Come out and join your friends

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Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252

Feb. 2013

We are on target to reach our membership goal this month. We can do it....let's keep our eye on the goal.....STAR COUNCIL...

It was very rewarding to see so many members turn out for the Holiday Party at Bellissimo's . Elvis Lives....Be sure and update your insurance program for the new year. Give Ed O'Keefe a call (410-569-6141) and get it done.....

Quote of the Month

If man is not governed by God, he will be ruled by tyrants.

William Penn, founder and first governor of Pennsylvania

From State Deputy William Kuchmas

Thanks to all those who attended the 40th Annual March for Life and Mass in Washington, DC on January 25th. We as Knights and Families stand united in the defense of the innocent babies and must continue to speak out "*Even Stronger*" for the defenseless and most vulnerable in our society.

There is another very significant opportunity in February to express our opposition to the Culture of Death. On February 18th the Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) will sponsor its annual Lobby Night from 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM in Annapolis, Maryland. Assembly and registration will be at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 620 Bestgate Road in Annapolis from 3:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Bus services to shuttle between St. John's and State Circle will be provided. Those attending will hear about current issues in the legislature and have an opportunity to meet our Bishops and legislators. I strongly urge you to attend this very important event

I want to thank everyone who attended the Mid-Term meeting on January 5th. We had a very good turn out and a special acknowledgement to the many attending Deputy Grand Knights and their Ladies. I have heard many positive comments that the meetings were informative and useful. Thanks to the Executive Staffs, all the presenters, the Wardens to the State Deputy, Donna's Ladies Team, and to our Liturgy Team for a great day.

In closing I want to encourage everyone to keep membership as a top priority. Please make it a point to ask every eligible Catholic man that you meet if he would like to join our honored Order. Only 3% of Catholic men belong to the Knights of Columbus. There is much opportunity out there, let each of us take advantage of that opportunity and recruit a new member. We have six months left in this fraternal year, let's make it the best six months Maryland has ever had in recruitment.

A reminder also to keep the elderly in your council plans and to help them in any way that you can. Also, remember to pray daily to our Blessed Mother for the continued success and accomplishments of our Church, the Knights of Columbus and our great country.

Thank you for all you do to *Strengthen the Bonds of Faith and Fraternity.*

Insurance check-up for 2013

Where did 2012 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2012. Now, the first quarter of 2013 is speeding by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. I don't know exactly how this works, but I've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

Edward A. O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL

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Our Intrepid Polar Bear Plungers Raise \$1000 Plus for Special Olympics



FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



THREE MONTH PLANNER

FEBRUARY 2013			
Sat	2	Youth Activity – “Rolling-in-the-Dough”	9am – 12pm
Sat	2	Second Degree Practice	
Sun	3	Pancake Breakfast – Kilduff Hall – SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	8:00am
Mon	4	Council Meeting & First Degree Ceremony w/ Judging	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat	9	Kids Bingo	6:30pm
Mon	11	Officers’ Meeting	7:00pm
Tues	12	Second Degree Ceremony w/ Judging – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	15	Seafood Chowder - Sale	3:00pm
Sat	16	Cleaning the Church	8:00am
Mon	18	Council Meeting & Social	8:00pm
Mon	18	K of C Ladies’ Meeting	8:00pm
Sat	19	Roadside Clean-up	8:00am
Wed	20	Pizza Hut in Riverside, 20% goes to the Council	5:00-9:00pm
Thurs	21	Arch. John Carroll Assembly Meeting – Place: TBD	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo	3:00pm
MARCH 2013			
Fri	1	Fish Fry	3:00 - 7:00pm
Mon	4	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo	6:00pm
Fri-Sun	8-10	Malvern Retreat, Pennsylvania	All Weekend
Sun	10	Wellness Fair – Kilduff Hall	6:30 – 1:30pm
Mon	11	Officer’s Meeting	7:00pm
Fri	15	Fish Fry	3:00 - 7:00pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting and Social – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	18	Lady Knights Meeting – Knight’s Hall	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun	24	Palm Sunday	
Fri	29	Good Friday	
Sun	31	EASTER	
APRIL 2013			
Mon	1	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Mon	8	Officer’s Meeting	7:00pm
Fri	12	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting and Social – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	15	Lady Knights’ Meeting – KofC Hall	8:00pm
Fri	26	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun	29	5th Sunday KofC Mass Celebration	9:00am

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