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Brothers and Ladies, it is hard to believe but we have come to an end to our fraternal year. Our year began on July 1, 2012 with the Silver Rose ceremony which joined together our entire Parish community of St. Francis in prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The greatest benefit of being active in the Knights is every meeting we have and almost every activity involves prayer and serving God!

Our beliefs as Catholics and Christians are shaped by our habits. What you believe about yourself shapes your life, I truly believe that. My goal this past year as your Grand Knight was to Unite ALL of us men and women in fraternity, provide meetings where you can improve your faith and relationship with God, and build our membership to have more hands serving God. I prayed constantly for our council and made a big effort to get more of our members involved and join in on the fun we are having! I ask you all to pray "How can I serve you Lord, how can I get more involved as a Knight of Columbus and have Mary guide me in being a better Christian and Catholic?" I continue to pray that each of our 275 members will get involved; this is an experience of a lifetime!

I want to thank everybody for your support this past fraternal year. It was a lot of fun serving as your Grand Knight and I look forward to my second year as such. This has been a very rewarding experience for me, I thank you for the trust you have put in me to do so and I continue to ask for your prayers. I also want to take this message thank my incredible wife Beth for her support. She has been my rock and my sounding board. We are unique in the fact that not only are we husband and wife, but also Grand Knight and Parish Manager. As you can imagine, the conversations sometimes cross over one another! She has been nothing less than amazing and her love and support always appreciated by me.

Lastly, we have a big party coming up and EVERYBODY is invited. Every member, spouse, and your kids are invited to the installation of officers on July 20<sup>th</sup>. We start with 5pm Mass that Saturday, followed by the installation, then a nice dinner and ceremony. It is a great way to get to know one another and it is always a good time.

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano  
Grand Knight

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**Gift of God**

*If we were to study the scripture from the Old Testament through the writings of the New Testament, we would realize that God wants to be an integral part of our lives. In the beginning there is nothing but formless waste. The sea is wild with giant waves, wind and rain. Everything is chaos. There is no form or anything that looks like our world until God decides to change it. The seas are calmed, they recede and land appears. God creates trees and plants, rivers and streams, fish and all kinds of animals. The crowning jewels of his creation are human beings. God has no need for humans. He, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are perfectly happy together.*

*We humans are not good at sharing the love God has given us. In Old Testament times people turn away from God over and over again. God's response is: "I forgive you, I love you, come back to me." God's love for us is so great that he sent the second person of the Trinity, Jesus our brother, to become one of us. Our response was to malign him, call him a liar and kill him by the cruelest form of death, crucifixion. What does God do? He forgives us and sends the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit's job is to teach us and clarify what Jesus taught. The Spirit never stops prodding us to live better lives – to be like Jesus: gentle, kind, and caring.*

*The only thing God asks of us is to love him as much as he loves us and to love our neighbor as ourselves. I don't think that's too much to ask for all we get from God, do you?*

*Peace and All Good,  
Deacon Jim*

The Ladies would like to congratulate the men on all the wonderful awards that they received at the State Convention, especially for receiving the Best in State...well done! We are also proud of our First Place award for Best Recurring Event, our Beer and Wine Tasting and Silent Auction.

Mark your calendars for June 15-16. The ladies will be having a Yard Sale on Saturday from 8am-1pm. We will be charging \$25 for 2 parking spaces and \$10 to rent a table. If you are interested in selling your items, or know someone who is, contact Mary Celeste Eder. We will be having our annual Father's day Bake Sale after Masses on Saturday and Sunday as well as selling our baked goods during the Yard Sale.

Our Installation of Officers dinner will be held at Bellissimo's Restaurant on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The cost of the dinner is \$18 and includes payment of annual dues for those who attend. If you are interested in attending this dinner please contact Connie Piotrowski by June 11<sup>th</sup>. The ladies would like to thank the men for their donation of money to help defray the cost of this dinner.

This would be a great time to consider joining our Ladies group as we start our new year. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Our June meeting will be the dinner at Bellissimo's. Come out and join us for a lovely evening and a year of fun and rewarding events.

## Activity Report for May Greg Ward, Chancellor

It is with great pride that I announce the success of the "A Team" with the awards they have earned during the K of C Maryland State Convention held in Ocean City. For those that aren't aware, I have often said that I have the best group of Activity Directors ever put together by any Council, and hence I referred to them as "The A Team". The A Team consist of: Jeff Lawson-Church Activity Director, Ron Gutowski-Council AD, Jeff Gutowski-Community AD, Shawn Harper-Family AD, Charles Johnston- Youth AD and last but not least Keith Arndt for Culture-of-Life AD; these gentlemen brought home six awards. These awards consist of earning: *The Surge-for-Service Award*, awarded to a Council for organizing an activity from each discipline for each quarter of the fraternal year one *Second Place Award* for Culture-of Life, three *First Place Awards* For Church, Family and Youth and a *Best in State* for a Council Activity. Gentlemen, on behalf of the Council, we are all very proud and thankful for all your efforts AND we'd also like to thank your wives for allowing you the time to do such a fantastic job,

Now as we wind down our fraternal year there was little time to coast and boast for May was filled with fun and rewarding events.

One of the biggest one day events put on by our Council was organized by Jeff Lawson. Even before the big day on May 10<sup>th</sup>, it was already touted as the "1<sup>st</sup> annual" and that was the golf outing. This one day event raised more than \$2,600.00; which half of the proceeds will go to the St. Francis de Sales Capital Campaign. The success of the golf outing is attributed to the 44 golfers who took part in the event and the 15 sponsors. And as soon as the event was over Jeff was already thinking about next year; he was overheard saying, next year we need to have 120 golfers and sponsors for every hole, just think of the needed people we can help with the money that would raise. Jeff, on behalf of the Council, thanks for all you did to make this such a huge success.

Another annual event held in May was the John Archer May Day Festival. We have been working with the John Archer School for a number of years providing the needed staff to service food during their Fair. It was at this time that Keith Arndt presented the school with a check for \$2,000.00, this was money raised from the "Tootsie-Roll" Campaign.

### Important Upcoming Events and Announcements:

**The Council is looking to fill two Activity Director Positions one for Family and one for Council; these jobs are very rewarding and fun to organized. Please see me for additional details, be a part of the A Team.**

**The Leo Burndt & John Meyers horseshoes tournaments will be Sat. June 22nd on St Francis de Sales campus. Food will be served around noon pitching by 1pm. Start looking for your partner, \$ 20. per team. All monies raised will go to Parkinson's Foundation.**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> is The Ladies' Yard Sale, please support their efforts and help us cook hotdogs and hamburgers.**

**Council t-shirts are on sale for \$8, show your pride in displaying our success in being named the most successful council in Maryland.**

**Membership**

**Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252**

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I sincerely hope that more members will try to attend the State Convention next year in Ocean City. It is a relaxing time and a lot of fun. Just a little bit different than your everyday weekend. Think about it...First weekend in May, 2014. Be there.....

Bill Hengemihle, Membership Director

**District Deputy**

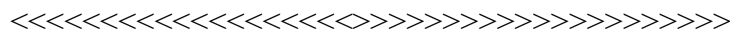
**Mike Sallèse**

Brothers,

June is the end of one fraternal year but also the beginning of the new year. You have the opportunity to finish this year on an up note by bringing in a new Brother Knight and you can continue that effort by getting a second Brother Knight for July. The new Brother Knight can take his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on Monday June 17, 2013 at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council. There are no 2<sup>nd</sup> degree exemplifications in the immediate area this month, but on Friday June 7 there will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification at Patapsco Council in Catonsville. The new schedule for July and August have not been established.

On Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM, our Worthy Supreme Chaplain and the Archbishop of Baltimore Most Reverend William E. Lori will celebrate Mass at the Basilica to begin a Fortnight for Freedom for Catholics and all people of religion to come together to pray, study and prayerfully act in support of all our freedoms, and especially the freedom of religion. Please make plans to attend and show the world the power of prayer. For more information go to the website [www.archbalt.org/fortnightforfreedom](http://www.archbalt.org/fortnightforfreedom).

Vivat Jesus!  
Mike Sallèse



**A Special Thank You**

Jeff Lawson donated a new hot water heater for the Knight's Hall and Will Dietz of Dependable Plumbing and Heating installed it. So now we have hot water to use for washing in the restroom.

Keep Will Dietz of Dependable plumbing and heating (410 808 3092) and Jeff Lawson of Lawson Construction (410-939-4068) in mind when you need a job done.

Many thanks to both of you.



# It's That Time Again

## The Leo Berndt and John Myers Horseshoe Tournament

The Leo Berndt and John Meyers horseshoes tournaments will be Sat. June 22nd on St Francis de Sales campus.

*Starting food @ 12 noon*

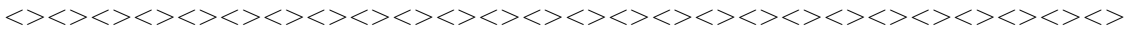
*Start pitching by 1*

*Start looking for your partner \$ 20. per team*

*Council will provide food & drink.*

*All monies raised will go to support Parkinson's Research*

*Any questions call Lee Eder*



A young man and a priest are playing golf together.

At a short par-3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole my son?"

The young man says, "An 8-iron, Father. How about you?"

The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray."

The young man hits his 8-iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards.

The young man says, "I don't know about you Father, but in my church when we pray, we keep our head down."

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A postman, on his route, picked up a letter from a mailbox that was addressed to God. The postman, seeing that the letter was not sealed, and there being no postage on it, opened and read it.

It was from a man who was down on his luck and was asking God for help. The letter asked for \$50 to get his family through the next week.

The postman, being a Mason, took the letter to Lodge that evening, read it, and asked for donations for the unfortunate fellow. The Masons, wanting to help, took up a collection, and received twenty five dollars from the brethren. The Secretary placed the cash in a Lodge envelope, and gave it to the postman to deliver the following day, which he did.

Another day passed, and the postman again found an unsealed letter in the mailbox addressed to God. Again he opened and read the letter, which thanked God for the money, but instructed him to send it through the Knights of Columbus next time, as the Masons kept half.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently, you may have read in the news about a number of issues within our own Archdiocese that should raise concern for all us who are proud to call ourselves Catholic Americans.

Earlier this spring, Johns Hopkins University's Student Government Association was widely criticized for denying official club status to the anti-abortion student group, Voice for Life. It was only after much public outcry and scrutiny in the media that a panel of student judges reversed this decision.

Such selective stifling of our constitutional freedoms to speech and religion is eerily similar to the attempts by Baltimore City to enact an ordinance that seeks to compel pro-life crisis pregnancy centers to post signs referencing abortion. Two lower court decisions have agreed with the Archdiocese and representatives of these centers that such an ordinance targets these centers purely because they are pro-life.

And, in early May of this year it was announced that two residents of Carroll County are filing a lawsuit in federal court to prevent the County's Board of Commissioners from beginning its meetings with a prayer. They are being represented by a lawyer for a group whose goal is to promote "a progressive society where being good without a God is an accepted way to live life."

These are just three examples of the many ways in which God and all things of God are being marginalized, and those who believe in God are asked to practice their faith solely behind the closed doors of a church. This is the heart of our argument against the proposed HHS Mandate which is scheduled to go into effect this August when many religious employers, businesses operated by people of faith, and individuals will be forced to violate their religious principles to comply with the new healthcare law.

For these reasons, the Catholic bishops of the United States have called for a Fortnight for Freedom in the days leading up to the Fourth of July. This is a time when we as Catholics—people who believe in the Constitution and the freedoms guaranteed by it—can come together to pray, study, and prayerfully act in support of those freedoms, most especially the freedom of religion.

This will begin with an opening Mass here in Baltimore, the Premier See, at our Basilica, a shrine to religious freedom erected under the guidance of Archbishop John Carroll, whose family was instrumental in the earliest days of both our Church and our Nation, and with the interest of our Nation's third president, Thomas Jefferson, who had direct influence over the designing of America's First Cathedral.

I hope you will join me at the Mass, which will take place on June 21st at 7 p.m. More information about the Mass, a list of events, resources, and other opportunities for marking the Fortnight for Freedom can be found at [www.archbalt.org/fortnightforfreedom](http://www.archbalt.org/fortnightforfreedom).

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori  
Archbishop of Baltimore

# FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



## THREE MONTH PLANNER

<b>JUNE 2013</b>			
Mon	3	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Sat.	8	Parish Dance	7:00pm
Sat	8	Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament	8:00am
Mon	10	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri	14	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat	15	Yard Sale sponsored by the Ladies KofC	10:00am
Sun	16	Father's Day	
Mon	17	First Degree Ceremony & Council Meeting	8:00pm
Mon	17	Lady Knight's Meeting – KC Hall	8:00pm
Mon	17	Crab Raffle Drawing	8:00pm
Thurs	20	Arch. John Carroll Assembly Meeting @ TBD	8:00pm
Sat	22	Leo Burnt/John Meyers' Horseshoe Tournament at SFDS	12:00pm
Fri	28	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun	30	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday - Knight's Celebrate Mass Together	9:00am
<b>JULY 2013</b>			
Mon	1	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Mon	8	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Mon	15	Lady Knight's Meeting	TBD
Wed	17	Practice for Installation of Officers – Worship Center	7:00pm
Sat	20	Installation of Officers	5:00pm
Fri	26	"Christmas" Bingo	6:00pm
<b>AUGUST 2013</b>			
Mon	5	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri	9	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon	12	Officer's Meeting	7:30am
Thurs.	15	Raven's Pre-Season Home Game	7:30pm
Mon	19	Council Meeting and Social	7:30am
Mon	19	Lady Knight's Meeting	TBD
Thurs	22	Raven's Pre-Season Home Game	8:00pm
Fri	23	Bingo	6:00pm



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