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On the 12th of this month, Beth and I celebrate our 17 years of marriage together. Marriage is not easy folks, it takes a lot of communication and unconditional love to keep it going. It also takes having God at the center of that marriage. My opinion, but I feel there is a high level of divorce and the majority of that is due to God not being front and center. The vows that we take when we are married are sacred and not to be discarded. I have been blessed with Beth, Emma, and Josh. The Lord put this wonderful woman in my life! As the lyrics in the song "Crazy Girl" by Eli Young Band say, "Before she came along, I was living life all wrong, the smartest thing I ever did was make her all mine!"

We have some incredible husband and wife teams in our council. These teams are what make our council so incredible and get things done! To all the married couples in our council, I say thank you. Continue to have God at the center of your relationships, He is there for you all you have to do is call His name! This is a prayer for you to pray as a family.

"Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which You, O Father, eternally show with Your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let Your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness, and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth, ay always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever." - Amen

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano
Grand Knight

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The Dishonest Steward

A few weeks ago in Luke's Gospel on the 25th Sunday of Ordinary time, we heard the story of a steward who worked for a rich man. In the story, the steward was dealing with his master's property and goods inappropriately. The rich man caught him in the act and told him to be prepared to find employment elsewhere. The steward was really in a tight spot as he was not strong enough to do manual labor and too prideful to beg for his daily bread. He decided to reduce the debt of those folks who owed the rich man money in hope that they would look kindly on him after he had lost his job. He reduced the debt for three of the debtors that we know of. Probably many more received favors at this time. The ironic part of the story is that his master compliments him for acting prudently. Not the behavior we would expect for someone who has been cheated.

We're not really sure what happened that day. Perhaps the steward gave his commission to the debtors. Maybe he overcharged the debtors to begin with and only gave back the amount he overcharged. We're really not sure. We do know the master is not angry with what he has done. So it's a pretty safe bet that he didn't give away any of the master's resources. The fact of the matter is he probably gave back what wasn't his to begin with. His motive of course was to save his own skin. In the process he helped those who owed his master money. The debtors got a break. If they owed money to begin with, it's safe to say they were not rich people. The discount could have saved them from ruin. It may have made them a small profit. And most of all, it may have given them hope to keep on keeping on. Was the man justified in reducing debt just to save his own skin? That's a question we'll all wrestle with. I do know, in the end, he was charitable with the debtors. He helped those who were down and out while helping himself at the same time.

The question we need to ask ourselves in light of this story from Luke is: are we doing enough for those who have less than we have? Could we do more? Could we be like the steward doing the best we can in a bad situation? Will charity and hope heal those we offer it to and heal our own wounds too? The Gospel from the 25th Sunday of Ordinary time places numerous challenges before us. What will we do with message? How will we grow from hearing this story?

*Peace and All Good,
Deacon Jim*

The Ladies are busy planning and organizing their **3rd Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event with Silent Auction and Raffle** to be held Saturday, November 16th from 6-9:30pm in Kilduff Hall. This event has been very successful the past two years due to the hard work of the ladies and many of the Knights. The proceeds from this event have allowed us to continue our charitable giving to so many worthwhile organizations at our Church, in the community and beyond.

Please support this beautiful and fun event by attending, purchasing an advertisement in the program, and/or donating an item to the Silent Auction or Raffle.

To purchase tickets, donate items or advertise, please contact: Diane Traube at 443-987-5167 or Mary Celeste Eder at 410-538-4433.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 21st at 7:30pm in the Knight's Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Program Director's Report

Greg Ward

As our kids returned to school and got back into their routine so did our Council. September has always been a busy month and this month was no exception.

We started off September with a Pancake breakfast. The Council served close to 145 parishioners on a beautiful sunny Sunday morning. Many new faces helped with this activity and that is always great to see new Brothers getting involved in our Council. The work was tough at times but it was all done with a smile. Many of our patrons commented on how good the breakfast was and how nice the service was. Thanks to all who stepped up and helped make our Pancake Breakfast such a wonderful success.

Also during the month of September there were two Raven football games played at home; and we all know what that means.....serving our faithful fans refreshments at M&T Stadium. Lee Eder's team of servers worked quite fast to satisfy all who came to our stand. If the work was anything like last year, we can be sure they worked hard, fast and had a great time doing it! And an added bonus was the Ravens were victorious against the Browns and the Texans, GO RAVENS and THANKS to all who gave of their time for the betterment of our Council and those in need!

John Schmidt, Activity Director - Culture of Life, put together a much needed activity to benefit Birthright of Harford County. On Saturday Sept. 21st, John organized a crew of eight to paint the Birthright facility. Six Brother Knights, Greg Ward, John Young, Paul Bartha, Mike Hickey, Ed Petrovic, John Schmidt as well as Wendy Ward and Andrew Ward painted four rooms and a hallway in record time! This team did a great job and would rival any professional painting company in Harford County. However, as the day went on more grunts and groans were heard from our illustrious team. John's painters came to the conclusion that if they went into the painting business the company would probably be named, "The Knights of Aches and Pains, Inc." Their work was extremely appreciated by the Director of Birthright who couldn't say enough praise and thanks for everyone's efforts and hard work in completing this large task.

The Council enjoyed the Second Annual Shrimp Feast held before our Council meeting on Monday Sept. 16th. Jeff and Ron Gutowski spearheaded this event and upon our arrival we all found the entire Gutowski Family hosting this event! They did a great job in putting on this event. They prepared all the food, shrimp, bar-b-que, salads and cakes....it was a meal fit for a king....I mean, a Knight and his family! On behalf of all those in attendance that night, I'd want to thank the entire Gutowski family for a job well done! We are thankful you are all part of our Knights of Columbus Family.

To round out the month of Sept our council once again took part in the two monthly Parish Bingos. The Bingos seldom get mentioned in the monthly newsletter, maybe because they are held twice a month, they seem to run on "auto-pilot", what can be written differently about an event held about 23 to 24 times a year? MUCH can be written, it doesn't run on "autopilot", every event something different always happens and the amount of time it takes to put on our Council's number one fund raising event is equal to a part-time job. The person who has been running these bingos for the last 1 to 2 years, giving 20-25 hours a week, always smiling (at least on the outside) our very own, Bill Orloski. And now it has come time that Bill has decided to step down from this duty. Bill has done nothing short of a superb job! You will be missed in this job but we are also very happy you will still be part of our Council. Thank you for all have done and continue to do, God Bless you Bill.

What's coming up in October?

Take a look at the Council's Calendar; we have some fun and exciting upcoming events. Don't miss the District Horseshoe Tournament held at Eden Mill on Sunday Oct 6th. If you are not into throwing horseshoes bring the family and enjoy the cookout earlier in the day. Make plans to attend the Columbus Ball on Saturday Oct. 12 or get your tickets for the St. Francis de Sales Bull and Oyster Roast on Saturday Oct. 19th. Don't miss the scream of the year at the annual Trunk or Treat held on Saturday Oct. 26. For this and all the October events check-out the Council's calendar in this newsletter!

The John Carroll Assembly #2378 is having a toiletry drive for the veterans at Perry Point VA medical center. Please see the list of needed products

Needed Toiletry Items (Not small travel size)

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| Body Wash | Razors (at least triple blade please) |
| Shampoo | Shaving Cream |
| Toothpaste | Combs |
| Toothbrush | Denture Adhesive |
| Powder | Denture Cleanser |
| Deodorant | |

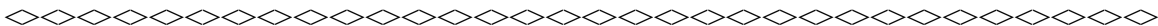
Membership

Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252

October, 2013

Supreme Council has initiated a recruitment program that I feel has much merit, I wonder if it can take hold at the council level. The program requires that 13 new members be recruited by the current officers. If this is accomplished Supreme will award 26 thousand reward points. (double if done by (12/31/13). To date 3 officers have recruited a new member. Can they do 10 more??? I'm willing to help are YOU?

Bill Hengemihle, Membership Director



Do You Know The Signs Of A Stroke?

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. You can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. Chicken Soup)
3. Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
4. New Sign of a Stroke ----Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Recent "Families of the Month"



Georgulas Family



Hardy Family

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



THREE MONTH PLANNER

OCTOBER 2013			
Fri	4	Youth Bingo	6:00pm
Sun.	6	District Horseshoe Tournament – Eden Mill	11:30am
Mon.	7	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Mon	7	Raffle Tickets are Due at Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	11	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	12	Maryland State – Columbus Day Ball	7:00pm
Sun.	13	Raven's Home Game – Fund Raiser at M&T vs Packers	1:00pm
Mon.	14	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs.	17	Arch. John Carroll Assembly Meeting	8:00pm
Sat.	19	SFds Bull and Oyster Roast	6:30 - 10:30pm
Mon.	21	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	21	Lady's Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	25	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	26	Trunk or Treat @ SFds	TBD
NOVEMBER 2013			
Sat.	2	Recycle and Shredder Event	9:00am-1:00pm
Sun.	3	Daylight Saving Time	2:00am
Mon.	4	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Tues.	5	Election Day	All Day
Fri.	8	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	9	Memorial Mass in the Stone Chapel	9:00am
Sun.	10	Raven's Home Game – Fund Raiser at M&T vs Bengals	1:00pm
Mon.	11	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	18	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	18	Lady Knight's Council Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	22	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun.	24	Raven's Home Game – Fund Raiser at M&T vs. Jets	1:00pm
Thurs.	28	Thanksgiving Day	All Day
Thurs.	28	Raven's Home Game – Fund Raiser at M&T vs Steelers	8:30pm
DECEMBER 2013			
Mon.	2	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Sat.	7	Children's Christmas Party	12:00 – 3:00pm
Sun.	8	Raven's Home Game – Fund Raiser at M&T vs. Vikings	1:00pm
Mon.	9	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs.	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration	TBD
Fri	13	Christmas Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	14	St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party	12:00pm
Mon.	16	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Mon.	16	Lady Knight's Meeting	7:30pm
Wed.	18	Second Degree Ceremony @ SFds Hall	7:30pm
Wed.	25	Christmas	
Tues.	31	New Year's Eve	

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