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Well the weather finally is getting cooler, the leaves have changed colors, and the deer are running wild all over the place. It is hard to believe the year is almost over. At our meeting on October 21st, I was honored to have been presented the Star Council award for 2012-2013 for Father Wolfe Council. As Catholic and Christians, we are called to evangelize and to share God' love with other people. This is not the sole duty of our beloved Priests and Deacons, we are called to be Disciples of Christ. As Knights, the easiest way to do this is to recruit a new member. By doing so, you are living this mission and helping another man or woman to help us in doing God's work. Please continue to keep this focus.

With all the things going on with our government, the escalating crime in our communities, stores opening on Thanksgiving day (and Sunday's), the job loss/layoffs, and the media doing a pretty good job of dividing us, it is easy to lose focus and not thank God for all the blessings He has provided us. The Thanksgiving holiday helps us re-focus and remember all the things we are thankful for as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth. Our council budgets every year to make sure we help feed the poor and homeless this time of year. I am sure each of you helps in some way also. If you have the means, try to do a little more this year.

I am thankful for all the members of our council and all the things we continue to do on a daily basis to help others and to help our Church. I leave you with this prayer that I found on the American Catholic website.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

This Thanksgiving let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve on another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Keith Marchiano
Grand Knight

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Justice

Last Sunday we celebrated the 30th Sunday in Ordinary time. In the first reading from the book of Sirach, we hear about God and his justice. It says that God is not partial but hears the cry of the weak. He hears the wail of the orphan or a widow who complains. Prayer, lowly prayer, pierces a cloud and the most high God responds and judges justly.

What is justice? Is all justice the same? Jailhouse justice, or sometimes called lynch- mob justice, is fast sometimes extremely harsh. Years ago I did communion services in the detention center in Forest Hill. A man was admitted to the jail and his crime was child molestation. I can still remember his face as he swore to me he did not molest any children. Three weeks later I returned and found that on his hand was a very large bandage. I asked what happened and he said his hand got stuck in the electric door. When I asked if he could have pulled it out, he said the other inmates held it there as the door closed. This is an example of jailhouse justice. As far as the other inmates were concerned, he was guilty and this was the punishment.

The justice we see on a regular basis is hopefully more fair than the above example and perhaps not as swift. It is the restitution we make for breaking the law. The severity of the punishment matches the act. For example, an armed robber would be punished more severely than someone who went through a red light.

God's justice is quite different. God's justice is always fair. It means that all people are treated equally. God will answer all prayers. Everyone gets a fair chance to be in God's grace.

The Gospel story of the Pharisee and the tax collector is also about justice. There is not enough space in this column to completely explore what happened. My challenge to you, brothers and sisters, is to read Luke's Gospel, chapter 18 verses 9 to 14. In light of the above, see if you can find the justice and injustice in the story. Next month we will explore this part of the reading in more detail.

*Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim*

The International Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction

hosted by the K of C Ladies and Friendship Wine & Liquors is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for November 16th, 2013, from 6-9:30 pm in Kilduff Hall. There will be a large selection of Wine and Beer with Delicious Gourmet Lite Fare and Desserts. The cost is \$35 per person (\$40 at door). Purchase your tickets in advance and save...contact Mary Celeste Eder 410-538-4433 or Diane Traube 443-987-5167.

This is a fun and beautiful event. Bring your friends and have a wonderful evening...

Thank you for your continued support!

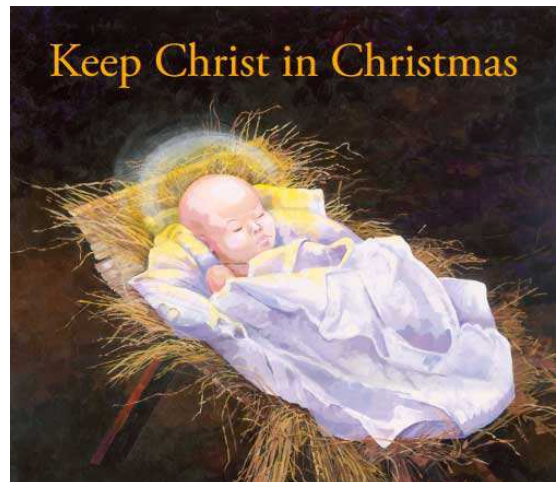
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

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Christmas is not just a day of giving and receiving gifts, but Christmas is a special day of love and peace because of God's gift to the world- the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

This contest is open to students in Grades 1 through 8.



Use your imagination and draw in crayon, water colors, paints, ink, or all and let us know what Jesus Christ and Christmas mean to you.

All drawings are due no later than November 20th. Drawings may be turned in to Education office (formerly room 201).

For more details call Keith Marchiano, Knights of Columbus 410-937-4890



Membership

Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252

November, 2013

Please welcome new members Arick Stall, Pat Waldt and James Clark III, each received the honors of the first degree on October 21st. The council now has recruited six new members for the current fiscal year. Again, I am asking the chair officers to step up and recruit a new member. We now have five of the thirteen new members needed to reach our goal. Good Luck.....

Program Director's Report

Greg Ward

Wow, this council continues to do some great things for our parish and our community. I want to thank all of those who continue to step up and support our activity directors with these wonderful events and ask you to get involved in one of our upcoming events.

Jeff Gutowski – Council – Contact- 410-925-1762

Our Parkinson's Dinner previously scheduled for November 18th has been postponed until January 20th due to scheduling conflicts at the Church. Please change your calendars for this. Also, Saturday, January 11th our council will have a pot luck Christmas party at Kilduff Hall. Bring a meal to share. Spouses and kids are more than welcome to attend.

Bruce Miller – Youth – Contact – 410-913-7268

Thank you to Bruce Miller for stepping up to be our youth activity director. Bruce is starting to plan our kids' bingo for February. In the meantime, our Grand Knight has stepped up! He helped coordinate the Trunk or Treat event that occurred in October and has rolled out the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Deadline for posters is November 20th. See this newsletter for more details.

Jeff Lawson – Church – Contact – 410-322-5028

Jeff did an incredible job of coordinating our seminar series on our patron Saint Francis de Sales. Once again the seminar series was very educational. Our Worthy Warden Larry Shannahan, his wife Pat, and Bruce and Laura Miller planned a fun Bull and Oyster Roast that occurred on October 19th. Special thanks to the members of our council who bartended and ran the money wheels. It was a fun night that rose over \$1,200 for our parish. The next event is our Memorial Mass on November 9th.

Paul Bartha – Family –Contact- 248-872-2063

Paul is planning the Kids' Christmas Party that will occur on December 7th. Paul needs help the day of this event, so please talk to him at an upcoming council meeting or give him a call. Paul is planning new entertainment for this year and I am sure Santa will make an appearance!

Jerry Connolly - Community – Contact 443-693-3233

Jerry just held a roadside cleanup this past month. The road is now sparkling! He is also planning a new event that will benefit everybody. On November 2nd we will conduct our first community shredding event. Bring your documents that you want to safely have shredded- bank statements, investment information, health documents, etc., along with any computers you want recycled. The event will be on the parish parking lot from 11am-2pm.

John Schmidt- Pro Life – Contact 443-686-2441

John recently conducted an event to paint the office at Birthright. Special thanks to all who helped with this event. John is coordinating with Father Chuck on a special Our Lady of Guadalupe mass or ceremony. This will be held in December. Stay tuned for details.

Don't forget to see Rob Hardy. He is selling the Keep Christ in Christmas cards and ornaments this year!

Fourth Degree News

Lee Eder FN

The next 4th degree meeting will be Nov.21th at Long Green Valley Council ,St John's Church ,Hydes MD.This will be an Memorial Mass / Reception. Dress for officers is Black tuxedos. Black tuxedos or business suit for all others.

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will take place Sat. March 8th 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Fredrick MD 21703. Any brothers wanting to make his 4th Degree, contact Lee Eder, Mike Novak or your Grand Knight.

The John Carroll Assembly is still collecting toiletry items or cash donations for the Vets at Perry Point.

Lee Eder -
Faithful Navigator -
John Carroll Assembly #2378

September Family of the Month

Mel and Connie Piotroski



Best Council in the State is Awarded Star Council Yet Again

In 20 years Father Wolfe Council has been named a Star Council 18 times



Your Council at Work
Painting the Birthright Offices



Greg Ward and John Young



Wendy and Andrew Ward



Greg and Andrew armed with the roller



Mike Hickey painting the fine details



Four rooms, a hallway, and a set of stairs.

A job well done.

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



THREE MONTH PLANNER

November			
Sat	2	Shredding Event- St. Francis parking lot	10:30am-2pm
Mon	4	Council Meeting- Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	8	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat	9	Memorial Mass- Stone Chapel	9:00am
Sun	10	Ravens versus Bengals- Fundraiser M&T	1:00pm
Mon	11	Officers' Meeting- Knights' Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting, Knights' Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting- Room 203	7:30pm
Wed	20	Keep Christ in Christmas Posters due	7:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo!	6:00pm
Sun	24	Ravens versus Jets- Fundraiser M&T	1:00pm
Thu	28	Happy Thanksgiving!	All day
Thu	28	Ravens versus Squeelers- Fundraiser M&T	8:30pm
December			
Mon	2	Council Meeting, Knights' Hall	7:30pm
Sat	7	Family Activity- Kids' Christmas Party, Kilduff Hall	11:30am
Sun	8	Ravens versus Vikings- Fundraiser M&T	1:00pm
Mon	9	Officers' Meeting- Knights Hall	7:30pm
Thu	12	Pro Life Activity- Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration	TBD
Fri	13	Christmas Bingo	6:00pm
Sat	14	Outreach Christmas Party- Kilduff Hall	11am-1pm
Mon	16	Council Meeting- Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	16	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting- Knights Hall	7:30pm
Wed	18	2 nd Degree, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Sun	22	Ravens versus Patriots- Fundraiser M&T	8:30pm
Wed	25	Merry Christmas	All day
January			
Wed	1	Happy New Year!	All day
Sat	4	Family Event- Ice Skating @ Ice World	6:30pm
Mon	6	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Fri	10	Bingo!	6:00pm
Sat	11	Council Activity- Pot Luck Christmas Party Kilduff Hall	5:00pm
Mon	13	Officers Meeting, Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	20	Parkinson's Dinner	6:30pm
Fri	24	Bingo!	6:00pm
Sat	25	Polar Bear Plunge- Sandy Point State Park	1:00pm

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Lee Eder PGK



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