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“Our problems are man-made; therefore they may be solved by man.
No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings.”
— John F. Kennedy

Great quote by one of our great Presidents. As we reflect on all the blessings we have during this time of year, our council continues to keep the poor and less fortunate in the front of our minds. We will be donating over \$2,200 to feed the poor in our local community during Thanksgiving and Christmas and we will be volunteering our time to enhance the kids and families of our local outreach. There are so many people that have so little. I know you all will do your best to help those in need whenever we hear their cry for help.

As I have stated before, Christmas is my favorite holiday. As the month proceeds, it is an escalation to the joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus! I think we all see the commercialization of Christmas occurring before us. Thanksgiving is now preceded by Christmas sales and the stores have decorations up. It is bad enough that stores open on Sundays, but now they are opening on Thanksgiving. Time for family is being replaced by the hope we will spend our money and forget what this time of year is all about. We as Christians know the true meaning of Christmas. Pray daily that you will reflect and demonstrate that belief on a daily basis. Deacon Jim and PGK Rich Sosna recently spoke some powerful thoughts at one of our recent meetings that I want to pass on. You will be heading to Mass and dealing with people that may have never attended our Church or may only attend at certain times of the year. Instead of losing our patience in the parking lot or being upset by the increased crowds, use this as a time to reach out and be welcoming to people you may have never met. God may be using you as a way to bring these “strangers” back to His Church. Be welcoming to these people just as Jesus was to many people that were considered to be outcasts in His time. Be the light and example that you reflect all the time as members of Father Wolfe Council!

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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Justice – Part 2

Let us continue our study from the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Luke's Gospel chapter 18 verses 9 to 14. The Gospel story of the Pharisee and the tax collector is almost totally void of justice. To be fair, when the Pharisee takes the place of prominence in the temple, it is probably his normal place. As an official of the temple he would have had his own special place to pray. There is nothing wrong with thanking God for the gifts we are given. It's when the Pharisee compares himself to the rest of humanity saying that he is better than everyone; and when he compares himself to the tax collector (who is truly sorry for his sins), that the Pharisee is treading on dangerous ground. The Pharisee doesn't seem very fair or just in his judgment does he? If he had just prayed for the forgiveness of his own sin and not compared himself to others, he would have been fair and just. To be fair once again, don't we compare ourselves to other people? "I wish I could play tennis as well as Joan." "If only I made as much money as Joe." "The boss likes Harry because he's a brownnoser." I think you get the idea. It's easy to fall into the trap of unfair judgment and treatment of others, isn't it?

When Francis of Assisi was dying he gathered his brothers around him and said, "I have done what is mine to do, may Christ teach you what is yours to do." Francis does not ask his followers to do what he did, but to be themselves and do what they need to do. God already has a Joan, Joe, and Harry. He already has St. Francis, St. Clare and many others, he doesn't need another one. What he does need is for you and me to do his work, perhaps learning from others but not comparing ourselves to them or vying for top place. What he wants from us is for us to do what is ours to do with justice and love and a giving heart.

Peace and All Good!

On November 16th the ladies hosted their 3rd Annual International Wine and Beer Tasting Event with Silent Auction. This was an amazing event. Kilduff Hall was transformed into an enchanting winter wonderland! We sold 119 tickets and this event was not only a beautiful and fun evening, it was also very profitable. The Ladies would like to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to all the individuals, Ladies and Knights, who helped make this evening such a fabulous success. This event would not have been possible without the generous donation of time and energy from so many!

The Ladies have also been busy with their Thanksgiving activity: providing the Parish Outreach with food as well as money for the Thanksgiving turkey vouchers.

Visit the Ladies webpage at www.kofc11372.org/ladies for information about our group and contact information. Our next meeting will be December 16th at 7:30 pm in the Knights Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Please consider joining this wonderful group!

The Ladies Auxiliary Getting It Done



The Ladies Auxiliary collects supplies for the needy at Thanksgiving (Connie Piotrowski and Debbie Sosna)



The magnificent hors d'oeuvres for the guests at the Wine Tasting



Our Ladies put on a first class event. Well done, Ladies!

What's Going-on in Our Council

Lots of great thing are going-on and let's get right to it!!!

Jeff Gutowski – Council – 410-925-1762

On Dec. 4th our Council in cooperation with Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10% of the proceeds to our Council. Please help support our council by not eating any more cold turkey sandwiches and take the family out to dinner. Eat, drink and be merry! Remember to download and print the required coupon found on the kofc11372.org website.

Also, Our Parkinson's Dinner previously scheduled for November 18th has been postponed until January 20th due to scheduling conflicts. Please change your calendars and attend this fun and worthy cause. And Finally, Saturday, January 11th our council will host a pot luck Christmas party at Kilduff Hall. Bring a meal to share. All Knights, Spouses and their children are encouraged to attend this fun evening event.

Bruce Miller – Youth – 410-913-7268

As our newest Activity Director, Bruce has hit the ground running in the planning of our kids' bingo set for February 8th. Details will sure to follow

Jeff Lawson – Church – 410-322-5028

Yes it has already started....Jeff is hard at work planning our single biggest one day fund raising event; The Second Annual Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council Golf Outing. Mark your calendar to attend this year's outing, to be held on May 9th at the Wetlands Golf Club. More details will be forth coming but start telling your friends!

Paul Bartha - Family - 248-872-2063

Paul is in the final planning stage for the Kids' Christmas Party, this fun family event will be held on December 7th from 12 to 3PM. Paul is still in need of help on the day of this event, so please let us know your availability. New and improved entertainment has been arranged for this year event and I am sure Santa will be making the rounds but to only the good little boys and girls!

Jerry Connolly - Community - 443-693-3233

On November 2nd we conducted our first community shredding event. People from around the parish community brought documents they wanted to safely and confidentially dispose of and this event gave everyone that opportunity. Council also collected and recycled: old computers, monitors DVD players and had approximately 120 advantage of these



For the Needy in our again be hosting the St. Outreach Christmas Party. will warm your heart in a better Christmas, please in this event.

In addition, the destroyed or cell phones, VCRs. In total we cars stop by to take valuable services.

community, we will Francis de Sales This is an event that helping others have help in participating

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

John is coordinating with Father Chuck a special mass and ceremony honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. The celebration will be held in the Stone Chapel on December 8th at 2:15pm.

But Wait there is More, Don't forget:

1. Rob Hardy is selling the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas cards and ornaments! These are beautiful cards and trinkets remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.
2. There will be a First Degree Ceremony on Dec. 16th AND a Second Degree Ceremony on Dec. 18th
3. There will be a 5th Sunday in Dec which gives the Council an opportunity to celebrate mass together. This will be celebrated at the 9:00am mass.

Membership

Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252

Our final first degree of the year will be on Monday December 16th. Please make an effort to get your prospect lined up and ready to go no later than 7:00 PM. We need at least 3 candidates. Lets git er dun.....
I take this opportunity to wish all of the membership a very Merry Christmas and a healthful New Year.

Bill Hengemihle, Membership Director

Fourth Degree News

Lee Eder FN

Thanks to all those who supported the John Carroll Assembly Memorial Mass on Nov. 21th .Father Foley did a wonderful Mass.

The John Carroll Assembly Color Corps has been busy with council memorial masses
The next 4th Degree Meeting will take place at St Ignatius Council ,Forest Hill .on Dec 19th . This will be a holiday social meeting. Please watch for more details by e-mail.

Please remember the 4th Degree exemplification up coming on March 8th 2014 in Frederick,Md.

Lee Eder
Faithful Navigator
John Carroll Assembly #2378

Quote of the Month

It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.

George Washington

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



THREE MONTH PLANNER

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
Sun.	8	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration – Worship Center	2:15pm
Mon.	9	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri	13	Christmas Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	14	St. Vincent de Paul/Outreach 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
Sun.	22	Raven's Home Game – Fund Raiser at M&T vs. Patriots	1:00pm
Wed.	25	Christmas	
Tues.	31	New Year's Eve	

JANUARY 2014

Wed	1	Happy New Year	All Day
Sat.	4	Council Ice Skating at Ice World	6:30pm
Mon.	6	Council Meeting - Knight's Hall	7:30pm
Fri.	10	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	11	Council's Potluck Christmas Party – Kilduff Hall	6:00pm
Mon.	13	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Sun.	19	Recruitment Drive After All Masses	
Mon.	20	Parkinson's Awareness Dinner	6:30pm
Wed.	22	March-for-Life in Washington D.C.	All Day
Fri.	24	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat.	25	Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park	1:00pm

FEBRUARY 2014

Mon.	3	Council Meeting & First Degree in Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon.	3	First Day to Sign-up for the MD State Convention	TBA
Sat.	8	Children's Bingo	6:00pm
Sun.	9	Pancake Breakfast	8:00am-11:00am
Mon.	10	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri	14	Bingo	6:00pm
Fri.	14	St. Valentine's Feast Day	All Day
Mon.	17	Council Meeting in Knight's Hall	7:30pm
Mon.	17	Lady Knights' Meeting	7:30pm
Wed.	26	Second Degree Ceremony	7:30pm

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