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Well, we are having a REAL winter this year! It has been awhile that I can remember it being both cold and snowy for a long period of time. We like to complain when it is cold like this and then when summer arrives we get to complain it is too hot. However, living in Maryland this is what we have to deal with and I think that is the beauty of living here. No worries, spring is just around the corner.

I recently was able to speak in front of each Mass at St. Francis de Sales to talk about our council and ministry. It gave me an opportunity to self-reflect on what the Knights of Columbus does for me personally and hopefully recruit other men and women to join our cause. I believe that is you give yourself to Christ and use our council as a means to serve Him, the rewards are amazing. I have been a Knight for the last 8 years and because of this I am a better faith filled Catholic, been able to get my kids and family more involved in our council's faith based and social programs, and it has given me an opportunity to participate in a variety of charitable activities.

Brothers and ladies we have an opportunity to work for God and neighbor! I am now speaking to the brothers and ladies who may not be involved in our council's activities. Your dues do help us fund these charities and I appreciate that a lot. We are able to do some great things with our dues money. However, if you want more from your membership and feel the warmth that our Christian charitable activities bring, but are not sure how to, please contact me (kmarch52@verizon.net or 410-937-4890). I will personally meet you to discuss this more, get you involved, and introduce you to the members in our council. We have done a lot for God and neighbor but could use more hands because there is a lot more to do!

February is a short month, but we do a lot of work in 28 days. So, embrace the snow and cold! Get involved in our council's activities because the things we do will warm your soul!

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano
Grand Knight

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Who Cares?

In 1st Peter 5:7 the author tells us, "Cast all your cares upon him because he cares for you." What a beautiful piece of advice. When we're in trouble dealing with family issues, money problems, disagreements and so on, we often ask advice from many different sources. I'm sure you've had your share of problems with family, friends and other relationships. I am also sure you've asked many different people for advice on how to deal with everyday life. Most of us have someone we can go to when life hands us some difficulty. Do we ever think about taking these difficulties to God and let him worry about them?

The Scripture verse above tells us exactly what we need to do when we have cares, worries, and struggles in life. It's not hard to understand; we don't need a commentary or special interpreter to explain what the author is speaking about. Basically the author is telling us to trust in God. He tells us to let God handle things that are just too much for us. That doesn't mean we shouldn't share our struggles with our friends and family. It does mean that we also need to share our struggles with our Lord. The Lord cares for us more than anything we can possibly imagine. He wants to hear from us – he wants to hear from you.

Who cares? I think you know.

Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim

The Ladies did not have a meeting this past month but Diane Traube wants to remind everyone:

The 116th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus will be held at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland on May 2 – 4, 2014.

*Opening day for making reservations is **February 3, 2014 beginning at 7 AM**. You cannot call sooner than this....but if you're planning on attending, don't delay -- rooms go quickly!*

What's Going-on in Our Council

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

On Saturday, January 11th our council had a pot luck Christmas party at Kilduff Hall. There was a great spread of scrumptious food available and everyone had a great time.

On January 20th an evening was held to raise money for Parkinson.s Research. See photos in this newsletter.

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

We are having a kids' bingo on Saturday, February 8th. Looks like the grand prize will be a tablet!

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

Jeff has planned a pancake breakfast for February 9th.

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

Paul coordinated an outing at Ice World on Saturday, January 4th. It was a fun night and a large collection of non-perishable food was collected for the parish pantry.

Jerry Connolly - Community – Contact 443-693-3233

Our next community activity is the Polar Bear Plunge taking place on Saturday, January 25th. Please go to our website, www.kofc11372.org to make a donation.

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

John is planning his next activity. See tuned for details

The next Archbishop John Carroll Assembly 4th Degree meeting will be held at St Francis de Sales, home of the Fr Wolfe council # 11372 on Thursday, February 20th at 8pm

Last month we held our Renewal Obligations at Long Green Valley Council. As Faithful Navigator, I deeply appreciate all the support from all the Officers and Sir Knights that has been giving to me.

*Lee Eder
Faithful Navigator
John Carroll Assembly #2378*

We stand strong on ethical ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side of capitalism.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this business model is incorrect. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very highly. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

“We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography,” said the Supreme Knight. “There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life.”

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality and not money-making. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order sound financially for generations to come.

“Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance,” said the Supreme Knight. “But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values.”

To learn more about our products, contact me today.

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2014 Ice World Outing



Our Youth Having Fun



Our Intrepid Ice World Work Crew

Parkinson's Research Fund Raiser

We held our second Parkinson's Fundraiser on January 20th. Cliff Ishmael, here pictured with John Myers, gave a speech laying out his struggle with Parkinson's. John also struggles with Parkinson's.



**Below, a large, attentive crowd, listening to Cliff Ishmael.
Thanks to the night's activities, \$3000 was raised for research into Parkinson's.**



Cliff Ishmael, Mrs. Ishmael, Jeff and Sara Gutkowski who organized the event. Great job, Sara and Jeff!

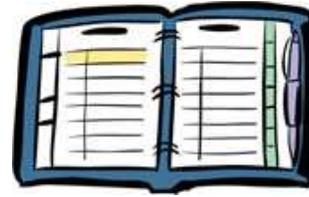


Grand Knight Keith Marchiano welcomes Cliff Ishmael to our Second Parkinson's Fund Fundraiser



FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL

THREE MONTH PLANNER



FEBRUARY 2014			
Mon.	3	Council Meeting & First Degree Ceremonial	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 and Social	7:30pm
Mon.	17	Lady Knights' Meeting	7:30pm
Wed.	26	Second Degree Ceremony	7:30pm
MARCH 2014			
Mon.	3	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Fri.	7	Seafood Chowder Pick-up – Pre-orders only	4:30-5:30pm
Sun.	9	Daylight Savings Time	2:00am
Mon.	10	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	14	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	17	Council Meeting and Social – St. Patrick's Day	7:30pm to.....!
Mon.	17	Lady Knights' Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	21	Seafood Chowder Pick-up – Pre-orders only	4:30-5:30pm
Fri.	28	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun.	30	Fifth Sunday of the Month – Mass with Knights	9:00am
APRIL 2014			
Fri.	4	Seafood Chowder Pick-up – Pre-orders only	4:30-5:30 pm
Mon.	7	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Fri.	11	Bingo	6:00 pm
Wed-Fri	16-18	Holy Week Celebrations	
Sat.	19	Easter Vigil - No 5 pm Mass	8:00 pm
Sun.	20	Easter	
Mon.	21	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Fri.	25	Bingo	6:00 pm

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