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As we all enter into March, there is a hope that spring is coming soon. Boy, this has been the first real winter we have had in a long time. The cold and snow have been sometime overwhelming.

Spring is a rebirth and so is as Catholics we begin to take our Lenten journey towards Easter. It is really a time I enjoy because it reminds me to look inward. How can I be a better Christian, Catholic, father, husband, and grand knight? I fall so short of what God expects of me. This is the time for some spring cleaning of my heart.

As I enter into my final 4 months as your Grand Knight, there are so many things I wish I could have done. At the same time, I really feel we have accomplished a lot of great things over the last 2 years. Part of my Lenten journey is to reflect on all the positives that have occurred over the last 2 years and some of the wonderful things we have planned for the next 4 months.

Please take some time to review the calendar in this newsletter. Pick some events that you would like to either volunteer at or lend a helping hand. Maybe your reflection is how to get more involved here in our council, doing God's work, and building friendships with some wonderful people. I encourage you to do so.

March is known for the madness of college basketball, the beginning of baseball Spring training, and the rebirth of trees, flowers, and plants. What will you make your March known for?

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano
Grand Knight

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Who was Father Wolfe?

Our council is named for and dedicated to Father Maurice J. Wolfe. But just who was he?

Father Wolfe, born in 1918, was a native of Washington D.C. He attended Gonzaga High School and later studied at Mt. St Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg as well as St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained in the Archdiocese of Baltimore by Archbishop Curley.

St. Francis de Sales had been a mission church since its founding in 1864. In 1866 the Stone Chapel was hand built by the parishioners who quarried and moved stone by wagon from over ten miles away. For 100 years, St Francis was a mission church of first St. Ignatius in Hickory and later St. Stephens in Bradshaw. But in 1964 St. Francis was made a parish by Lawrence Cardinal Sheehan. As pastor, Cardinal Sheehan selected Father Maurice J. Wolfe

Father Wolfe had always parishes in Baltimore so it transferred out into the rectory as the old one built and beyond repair. In Father Wolfe to live a purchased by the parish for parish grounds. Eventually, own savings, purchased a Harbour near the there until his death.

Father Wolfe was a rather loved by many of the there was no doubt about parishioners didn't agree to other parishes. But he loved by all the rest. Where out was in his relationship them greatly and they often played the guitar for became an annual event communion service as he first communicants and the altar. While Father Wolfe was fighting cancer and staying at Stella Maris, he recorded a number of songs to be played to the first communicants during the Mass. There were many tears shed that day as well as many smiles from the children..



served in inner city was a great change to be "country." There was no in 1879 was dilapidated order to find a place for second hand trailer was \$2000 and placed on the Father Wolfe, using his home in Long Bar campgrounds. He lived

old fashioned pastor parishioners. However, who was in charge. A few with his style and moved was greatly admired and Father Wolfe really stood with the young. He loved returned the feelings. He the children and it during the yearly first sat down with the young sang to them in front of

Father Wolfe was a thrifty pastor always stashing surplus funds in a number of savings accounts. In addition, he began a building fund to first build Kilduff Hall which was built in 1971 and later to build a new Worship Center. This served the parish well since after Father Wolfe died, there was a substantial core of funds to inaugurate a new building fund. This eventually led to the building of the current Worship Center.

Year by year, Father Wolfe guided the parish especially during the turbulent years of the Vietnam War. Sadly, in 1984, Father Wolfe was diagnosed with lung cancer. After a brave battle, Father Wolfe succumbed to cancer on December 11, 1984. He is buried near the entrance to the Stone Chapel. Many of us who knew him still miss him.

A Lent Well Spent

Ah, Lent! A time of sacrifice and a time of giving up things we enjoy. There is always a tendency during Lent to inflict a little pain on ourselves. Many of us were taught how much Jesus suffered and were encouraged to suffer along with Him. These are honorable things to do. But perhaps we could employ a different attitude, surrendering the negative in order to have a more positive Lenten experience.

This is the perfect time in our lives to take a prolonged look inside of ourselves and take a spiritual inventory to see where we are in our relationship with our loving God. The hunger pangs of a lunch skipped or the yearning for a sweet forsaken could very well be a reminder to say a little prayer for those who are less fortunate. It could be a reminder to thank our Creator for all He has given us. It could be a reminder to give the next few moments to our God, putting aside, if for only a short period, our current task at hand. This, in itself, is what Lent is all about – a chance for us to let God become an integral part of our busy lives and to serve others.

This is the perfect time to take a hard look at what we are doing for each other. Could the price of that skipped lunch or forsaken sweet be given to the poor? Could this be the time to develop an ongoing relationship with Jesus that goes beyond the six weeks of Lent? Could this be the time that will change our lives forever?

Does God really care if we skip lunch or go without sweets for 40 days? Probably not as much as we think. What He does care about is that we share what we have with those who have none.

This is a repeat of an article from a former Lent, but it is still appropriate.

Peace and All Good

Deacon Jim

Historically the ladies have had a Baby Shower for Birthright in January. This year, for the first time, we are inviting the entire parish to participate in this worthwhile event. We will be combining the event with our Donut Sunday on Sunday, March 2nd. There will be a bin in the Narthex for parishioners to drop their baby gifts and all are invited to join us, after all Sunday Masses, in Kilduff Hall for donuts, fellowship and an opportunity to learn more about Birthright as well as the K of C Ladies Auxiliary. We hope to see you there!

The ladies have two new members who joined this month, Cynthia Santiago and Maryanne Grotto. Both of these ladies have already volunteered to help with our Donut Sunday...welcome ladies!

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 17th at 7:30pm in the Knight's Hall. As always, all ladies of the parish are welcome to attend

What's Going-on in Our Council

Kids Bingo to Benefit Juvenile Diabetes

On Feb. 15, days following snow fall after snow fall, the timing for this been planned any better! Kids and Parents were going stir-crazy after from school and hours spent in the house together. The need to get out proven in the attendance of this event; 70 kids brought 40 of their great time especially our big winners.



event couldn't have so many days off for a few hours was parents. All had a



The Ayala Family won the Joseph was one of the other 15



jackpot prize and game winners!



Bruce Miller did a great job in planning this bingo party, in buying all the food, prizes Bro. and Lady Knights to put on a successful

and organizing the many fund raiser.



All were winners in having fun that cold and rainy night but the absolute BIGGEST winner was the beneficiary from this fund raising event, the Council raised over \$750.00 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Annual Golf Outing

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...have you put together your foursome yet!

Our semi-annual Pancake Breakfast was held on Feb. 9; we all worked hard had even more fun. Jeff cooked enough eggs to feed a.....parish and Frank cooked enough pancakes to keep even Paul Bunyan happy! Will kept all the finances in check as he met all the parish members at the door to Conner (our youngest member, age 5) finished drying all the dishes. We had a total of 23 volunteers help put on our pancake breakfast; on behalf of the Council I want to thank every one of you for your time, hard work and friendship. You made this event a success and very pleasurable. Thank you.

Greg Ward, Chancellor and Activity Director

December's Family of the Month



Best wishes to the Sosna family, December's Family of the Month

Fourth Degree News

Lee Eder FN

Brother Knights,

This coming March 8th brothers from our council and from all over the state will attend the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree in Fredrick Maryland. This is a beautiful and memorable degree ceremony. Please congratulate your brothers Sir Knights when you see them.

If you are not a Sir Knight in the Fourth Degree yet, and are considering joining or have any questions, please contact me at 410-591-1948 or at salebylee@comcast.com. Additionally, all new Sir Knights are welcome to join the Color Corps.

The next Fourth Degree meeting of the John Carroll Assembly will be held at St. John's Hyde, home of Long Green Council at 8pm at March 20th.

Lee Eder
Faithful Navigator
John Carroll Assembly #2378

Only Having "Through Work" Insurance Doesn't Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has been drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty now. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

Only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage will likely cause a shortfall at the insured's death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. It will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

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February 17th was great night for the Knights of Columbus and an especially great night for Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council as it bestowed the 1st degree on seven new brothers. Jordan Mancones, Desmond Okoubo, Francis Ciccini, Robert Schaeferbain, Ed Meloni, Edwin Hernandez and Reinaldo Aleman all became new members of our council.

This is a wonderful group of men that I have had such a great pleasure of introducing each of them into our order, please wish them well and welcome them to our order.

Bill Hengemihle, Membership Director

Dear Brothers,

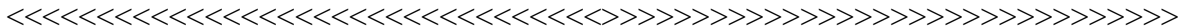
For Sunday February 9, the first reading was from Isaiah, 58:7-10. "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own...then light shall rise for you in darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." The full four verses describe what we as Knights and Christians are called to do for others and the blessings we will receive from our Lord. Are we doing what we are called to do? Are we adding such acts into our plans for the new council year?

For those brothers who are ready to take the 2nd Degree, the District team will hold a 2nd Degree on Monday March 17 at Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council. The Degree begins at 7:30 PM; candidates must be there by 7:00 PM. Long Green Valley Council has scheduled a 1st Degree on Tuesday March 25 beginning at 8:00 PM and candidates must be there by 7:30 PM. For those ready to take their 3rd Degree, the State Council will hold a 3rd Degree Exemplification on Friday March 21 at Father A. Leo Abendschoen Council beginning at 7:30 PM. Candidates must be there by 7:00 PM.

Each Council will hold election of officers in May or June. A nominating committee will be established to prepare a slate of officers for the election. If you are asked to stand for election for an officer's position, please give it serious thought and consider the opportunity presented to serve your brother Knights in the Council. There is no bylaw stating that only one man can stand for election for any office. Your Council and our Order needs your leadership qualities.

I hope to see you at the next Council meeting.

Vivat Jesus!



Quotes of the Month

For many years I have kept a file of quotes I came across and liked. Those are where my Quote of the Month came from whenever there was space to put it in the newsletter

This is my last newsletter. Rob Hardy takes over next month so I'm leaving a few final quotes.

There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live. -John Adams

The further a society drifts from truth the more it will hate those who speak it." - George Orwell

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6:16

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His mercy, to implore His protection and favor... That great and beneficent author of all good that was, that is, or ever shall be, that we may then unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people." --George Washington

"Much of the social history of the Western world over the past three decades has involved replacing what worked with what sounded good." - --Thomas Sowell

FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



THREE MONTH PLANNER

MARCH 2014			
Mon.	3	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wed.	5	Ash Wednesday	All Day
Fri.	7	Seafood Chowder Pick-up – Pre-orders only	4:30-5:30pm
Fri. – Sun.	7 - 9	Council Retreat to Malvern	Weekend
Sun.	9	Daylight Savings Time	2:00am
Mon.	10	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	14	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	17	Meeting, 2 nd Degree Ceremonial & Social – St. Pat'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	4:30-5:30pm
Mon.	7	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	11	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	14	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	18	Good Friday	
Sun.	20	Easter	
Mon.	21	Council Meeting, 1 st Degree Ceremonial & Social	7:30pm
Mon.	21	Lady Knight's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	25	Bingo	6:00pm
Fri.	4	Seafood Chowder Pick-up – Pre-orders only	4:30-5:30pm
MAY 2014			
Thurs	1-4	KofC State Convention, Ocean City, MD	All Weekend
Sat.	3	John Archer May Day	9:00am
Mon.	5	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	9	Council's Annual Golf Outing	7:00am
Fri.	9	Bingo	6:00pm
Fri.	9	Marigold Prep	TBD
Sun.	11	Marigolds for Mother's Day (handouts after all masses)	
Mon.	12	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	19	Council Meeting and Social	7:30pm
Mon.	19	Lady Knight's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	23	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	26	Memorial Day	
Sat.	31	Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council's 20 th Anniversary Celebration	6:30-10:30pm

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