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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"DO OR DO NOT. THERE IS NO TRY!"- YODA

I thought I would get your attention by quoting one of the great philosophers of our time, Yoda. I sometimes think, boy he was off with this statement. Really, I know I tell Josh at baseball, "good try". But when you really dig into the guts of this statement, it really is a philosophy to live by. When you enter into anything in life, set goals, and have a true desire and passion to get something done, you do it!

As Knights of Columbus, this is very true. We are all volunteers, doing God's work. We are also helping one another accomplish that mission. A lot of the activities we do, we are very successful with, whether it is raising money for St. Francis, doing something for the kids, focusing on a charity, or just putting together an event that we in our council can enjoy. This council is full of "do-errs"! It is why we have been successful over the last 20 years and will continue to do so for the next 20!

One of my goals as your Grand Knight over the last 2 years has been to engage more of you as members to get involved. This is your council. This is your opportunity to serve God and engage yourself and your families into this organization. The reason I want to do this is because it has been so very rewarding for me. My faith and spirituality have grown and I have drawn closer to God. My family has been by my side and they have benefited the same. I think the biggest reward for me has been the friends I have grown with and made just by being involved. I want each of you that are members of this organization to be involved, to be the do-errs in this world, because the reward you will get is incredible!

If you have been sitting on the side lines and are ready to get involved, please let me know. We can find an activity or event that you will enjoy. Even if it is only 1 hour a month of your time, engage yourself into our council. It is an experience of a lifetime!

In closing, our council is celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year as a council in the Knights of Columbus. We are almost at 290 members. Last year we were awarded "Best Council in the State" by the Maryland State Council. We have more members than the older councils in our district and any council formed in the last 25 years! We give away almost \$30,000 a year to people and organizations that need help and we volunteer countless hours doing so. I am proud to have been part of this council's history in the last 20 years and look forward to being part of it in the years to come. I hope you will as well.

Happy 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council!

Keith Marchiano  
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# KNIGHTWORKS NEWS

"STATE CONVENTION EDITION"



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My worthy brother Knights: This edition comes out a few days late so we could announce the convention award results. Our labors over the past year have produced much fruit!

Roughly 20 Knights and Ladies came down for the convention, got up early and attended the awards ceremony. When our council name and number were announced and Keith and Beth walked forward we had the loudest cheers and raised the roof!

Without further fluff, here's the stuff you've been waiting for – the results!

- 2nd Place - Membership (percent of new members relative to quota)
- 1st Place - Insurance (percent of new members relative to quota)
- 1st Place - First Degree Team
- 1st Place - 1st Degree Chancellor – Ray Traube
- 1st Place - 1st Degree Grand Knight – John Schmidt
- 1st Place – Website – Rob Hardy
- 1st Place - Ladies Auxiliary - Overall
- 3rd Place - Ladies Auxiliary - Best New Event
- 1st Place - Ladies Auxiliary - Best Recurring Event
- 1st Place - Church Activity
- 1st Place - Council Activity
- 2nd Place - Culture of Life
- 2nd Place - Family
- 3rd Place - Youth
- 2nd Place - General Excellence
- 3rd Place - Community Supreme Activity Award
- 1st Place - Family Supreme Activity Award

Once again this year, one of our reports is being sent to the international conference and will go up against councils around the rest of the world. We also came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place this year with the General Excellence award (we were awarded first place last year). This is certainly an impressive feat to make the top three councils two years in a row and that's something to be proud of!





# ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

"HAPPY EASTER! HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!"

So we made it through Lent once again. How did we do? Did we accomplish everything we set out to do at the beginning of Lent? Did we make it to the end doing the things we gave up as a sacrifice? Did we drop the ball halfway through? Did we even make it that far? I'm sure everyone did the best they could to make this a Lent well spent!

I'm sure you will all agree that it's important for us to strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Just because we didn't accomplish all we planned doesn't give us a license to give the whole thing up and chalk it up to a bad experience. It does give us an opportunity to find out why we didn't do well and find a way to make it work this time.

What is most important in Lent is that we became closer to our Lord. If we gave up M&M's and didn't quite make it, then maybe we need to try something else. Not necessarily something easier, but something that will remind us every day that our Lord is waiting to hear from us and wants to be closer to us. It is not just the season of Lent that's at stake here; it is our relationship with God. That is what Lent is all about – getting closer to God.

It is my sincere hope that you will find a way to deepen your love for God every day of your life. In doing that you will become friends with God. I give you my word, God never ever forgets his friends. May God bless you and your families during this Easter Season, and please know that God is waiting to hear from you TODAY!

Peace and All Good  
Deacon Jim



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## HONORARY FIRST DEGREE AWARD

In honor of Deacon Stine's 27 years of service at St. Francis de Sales and in appreciation for his service to the order, our first degree ceremony on April 24<sup>th</sup> was held in his honor. This is something that has only been done a couple other times over our twenty year history! We'll miss seeing your face around the Parish and we wish you and Blanche well on your well deserved retirement!



# PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

Brothers: we are in need of multiple activity directors for next year. If you are interested in a position or know someone who is, please contact me! Find below a list of people running for chaired positions as well as empty activity positions as of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

- Grand Knight – Greg Ward
- Deputy Grand Knight – Rob Hardy
- Chancellor – Larry Shannahan
- Warden – Paul Bartha
- Recorder – Bruce Miller
- Treasurer – **Open**
- Financial Secretary – Mike Novak
- Advocate – Keith Arndt
- Trustee 1 Year – Mike Georgulas
- Trustee 2 Year – Jeff Gutowski
- Trustee 3 Year – Keith Marchiano
- Lecturer – **Open**
- Guards – Will Glassman / John Young / John Myers, Larry O'Toole
- Golf Chairmen – **Open**
- Car Raffle Salesman – **Open**
- Church Activity Director – **Open**
- Community Activity Director – Larry O'Toole
- Council Activity Director – Jeff Gutowski
- Culture of Life Director – Cliff Wendell
- Family Activity Director – Paul Bartha
- Youth Activity Director – Bruce Miller

**Church – Jeff Lawson (410-322-5028 or [jeff-lawson@comcast.net](mailto:jeff-lawson@comcast.net))**

The golf tournament for the month of May has been cancelled. With the promotion of a new golf chairmen, we look forward to having this event next year. We'll be having a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Come on out wearing your green polos and enjoy a Mass together with your brother Knights!

**Council – Jeff Gutowski (410-925-1762 or [jgutowskiwtsb@gmail.com](mailto:jgutowskiwtsb@gmail.com))**

The Leo Bernt and John Myers Horseshoe Tournament will be held June 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 – 4 PM on the church grounds. Come on out and grab a bite to eat and throw some horseshoes. All proceeds go towards Parkinson's research. Our previous activity – CPR Training – was a great success and we had 12 people certified!

**Community – Jerry Connolly (443-693-3233 or [jaconnol@comcast.net](mailto:jaconnol@comcast.net))**

We'll be having our annual Spaghetti Dinner on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 PM in

Kilduff Hall. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$7 for kids, \$9 for seniors and \$10 for adults. Prices go up \$2 at the door. Our annual May Day at John Archer was a success as 10 of our guys presented a check for more than \$2300 – our best year yet!

**Family – Paul Bartha (248-872-2063 or [pzbartha50@gmail.com](mailto:pzbartha50@gmail.com))**

The Touch a Truck event was very successful and raised roughly \$1800 for the parish. Currently we do not have any other events planned but stay tuned for further updates.

**Culture-of-Life – John Schmidt (443-686-2441 or [johnrschmidt@catholic.org](mailto:johnrschmidt@catholic.org))**

We'll be preparing Marigolds to distribute for Mother's Day on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. We ask that Knights that would be attending Mass on Mother's Day be available to help distribute flowers for about 10 minutes following Mass.

**Youth – Bruce Miller (410-913-7268 or [bmille45@jhu.edu](mailto:bmille45@jhu.edu))**

Our next youth activity will be the Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament held at the Fish-In-Barrel in White Hall, MD on June 28<sup>th</sup>.



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Greg Ward

*Chancellor and Program Director*



# FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

Our next assembly meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> here at Knights of Columbus hall at 8:00 PM. We'll be holding elections so come on out!

Lee Eder  
*Faithful Navigator*  
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## LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT



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The Ladies have been busy this spring with some new and some recurring activities. Once again we had the pleasure of providing ice cream to the Religious Education classes; it was wonderful to see how excited and appreciative the children are of this small gesture. We are in the process of planning a June trip to St. Martin's, the Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the needy elderly in Catonsville, to provide an ice cream social for their 51 residents. We will attend Mass with them and then serve ice cream after lunch. Hmmm, do you see a theme here?

We are looking forward to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration the men are planning at Columbus Garden. In honor of this landmark year, the ladies have made a photo book of our first 20 years....a big thank you to Connie Piotrowski, and all who sent her photos, for making this happen.

We are so happy for Deacon Richard and Blanche Stine on their exciting news of retirement to Florida. But we are so very saddened at the loss of an **amazing** couple who have given so much to the Saint Francis de Sales Church Community. Blanche

has been an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary and will be sorely missed. All our best wishes to Blanche and Richard on this new chapter in their life!

Mark your calendars, the ladies have set a date and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer and Wine Tasting with Silent Auction will be held in Kilduff Hall on November 8th, 2014. More information will follow as we begin planning this wonderful event.

The Ladies Installation Dinner will be held at Bellissimo's Restaurant in Bel Air on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Make sure you send your money and RSVP to Martine Uveges by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Once again, thank you to the men for continuing to support this event.

We have one new member this month, Marianne Burger. Welcome Marianne, we are so happy you have joined us!

Our next meeting will be May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Knight's Hall at 7:30 pm. There will be a presentation by SARC before our meeting at 7pm in Kilduff Hall. As always, all women of the parish are welcome to attend...come check us out!

Annie Arndt  
*Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary*

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH — MARCH

This month's family of the month is Jerry and Karen Connolly. For those who may not know, Jerry and Karen will be moving to Ocean City within the next month as Jerry transitions to a new job. We wish them luck down in Ocean City and we'd like to thank them for all their time and dedication over the last few years. Jerry has put together some spectacular events as Community Activity director and we'll miss his bright and smiling face. Make sure to keep in touch Jerry and Karen!



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



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With the addition of 3 new members, Paul Paulsen, Bruce Snyder and Joe Ciampi who took the first degree on April 21<sup>st</sup>, the council has reached the supreme quota for membership for the current fiscal year. The council can now expect to receive its 18<sup>th</sup> STAR COUNCIL award, Congratulations Brothers!

Brother Will Glassman definitely wins the IRON MAN award for our council. It was unbelievable to see Will doing his job as registrar for our first degree on Monday. Will not only checks your card, checks your signature, he also checks for GOOD PENMAMSHIP. Thanks Will... You're a great guy!!!!

Bill Hengemihle  
*Membership Director*

# THREE MONTH PLANNER



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
Thurs.	15	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting – Father Wolfe Council	7:30
Sat.	17	St. Francis de Sales Spaghetti Dinner	4:00 - 8:00pm
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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	6:30-10:30pm
JUNE 2014			
Mon.	2	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Mon.	9	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	13	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun.	15	Father's Day	
Mon.	16	Council Meeting, 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremonial & Social	7:30pm
Mon.	16	Ladies Auxiliary Installation - Bellissimo	
Sat.	21	Council – Leo Bernt and John Myers Horseshoe Tourney	12:00 - 4:00pm
Fri.	27	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat	21/28	Youth – Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament	TBD
Sun.	29	Church Activity – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Group Mass	9:00am
JULY 2014			
Fri.	4	Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!	
Mon.	7	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Fri.	11	Bingo	6:00pm
Mon.	14	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Sat.	19	KofC Installation	6:15pm
Mon.	21	Council Meeting & Social	7:30pm
Fri.	25	Bingo	6:00pm

Check out <http://www.kofc11372.org/calendar-date> for a full listing of our events!



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