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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE "VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"



Brothers All,

Fall has arrived and this begins one of our busiest times of our Fraternal year. With the many activities, we have planned come the opportunities to volunteer. Just a quick rundown of the activities we have planned for the months of October and November:

1. Pit Beef, Ham and Turkey to be sold on Sunday's when the Ravens have a 1:00pm Kickoff
2. Bingo on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month
3. Oktoberfest on Saturday October 14th. This will be a joint venture with Corpus Christie Council. Proceeds to Benefit SFDS Food Pantry and the Archdiocese of the Military.
4. Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 28
5. Sunday October 29th Wine/ Spirit Tastings with our Ladies Auxiliary at Fiore' Winery 2:00pm
6. November 4th our annual Memorial Mass and Reception.
7. Ladies Bingo – Fund Raiser for our Ladies Auxiliary

Our Program Director Steve Herpel will cover the bulk of the activities in his message so I am going to focus on two specific events that dramatically impact our ability to raise funds:

Bingo

It not only benefits our Council but Our Parish as well. We have found ourselves on occasion in a difficult position, very few volunteers to assist with Bingo. We need your help, if you can volunteer for just one of the Friday Bingos a month it would greatly be appreciated. Our Bingos are held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month and we could really use a hand. YOU NEED NO EXPERIENCE TO WORK BINGO. Please let Greg Ward at gjward63@gmail.com know of your availability.

Our Pit Beef, Ham and Turkey Sandwich

We will be selling Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey Ravens Sandwiches from 9:30 to 1:00pm on the Sundays that the Ravens are playing at 1:00pm. This venture replaces our working the Tankard Stand during Raven home games during the season. I ask that you support this venture as it enables us to support the SFDS Food Pantry, Youth, Family, Community and Culture of Life Activities. If you have some spare time on a Sunday during the season and would like to help, send Lee Eder an email at salebylee@comcast.net

Finally, know the qualifications for membership. If you have a friend who might be a perspective member, talk to him and his wife about how the Council benefits the family. Also, I am inviting those who have not been active in our council activities, over a period of time, to come back and join us. I'm sure that with your support and prayers we will have a very successful Fraternal Year.

Vivat Jesus

J. Michael Novak, Grand Knight

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Associate Chaplain's Report

Pride and Humility

We all remember the story of the tax collector and the Pharisee. The Pharisees were not bad people. They worked regular jobs and studied scripture every night. They prayed often, fasted, tithed, and were careful to observe all 612 laws of the Jewish faith. The trouble was that the Pharisees were self-righteous and self-serving. They expected others to live the way they did. They considered the law more important than people.

The tax collector, on the other hand, was not so reputable. A tax collector at the time of Jesus applied to the government to levy the Roman tax in a particular territory. The collector was a Jew and his fellow Jews considered him a traitor. They were considered the worst of sinners because they compromised their neighbors and friends.

At different times in our lives we might be like the Pharisee and the tax collector. We are like the Pharisee because at times we trust in ourselves rather than in God, we look down on those around us and thank God we are not like them. We must always be careful to remember that everything we have comes from God. The fact that we can accomplish anything is a gift from God.

We are sometimes like the tax collector because we acknowledge our sinfulness and dependence on God. The tax collector knew he was sinful. His neighbors reminded him daily. Full restitution was the only path that would allow him to straighten out the mess he was in. He saw the error of his actions and humbled himself publicly to ask for God's forgiveness. We are not exactly like the tax collector either, but there might be something in our lives that needs reconciliation. Maybe we are unable to make restitution, and we need to throw ourselves into God's arms, asking him to help us to forgive and love to the fullest.

The challenge is to find a balance between the pride of the Pharisee and the humility of the tax collector. That is the mission handed to us. God hears all prayers. God's hearing is not limited to a special few. God wants us all to live in harmony and peace.

There is no sin in being joyful over our accomplishments. It is only when we think we are superior over another that we flirt with danger. The tax collector practiced humility and Jesus commended him for his conversion. We can ask God to help us to be what he wants us to be, truly humble and prayerful people. Trying our best to live a life that is more about other people and less about us! Trying to see the



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way to holiness with prayer, fasting and humility. Trying to reconcile with those we have hurt, and those who have hurt us. Trying to be like Jesus.

Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

Indian Summer days are upon us as we officially have crossed over to Autumn on September 22. The cool weather will be soon upon us but Council Activities abound and are heating up. Our last September event is September 30th. . Need a new automobile? Try your luck by purchasing a raffle ticket (\$1.00; Winner will be drawn at the annual Columbus Day Ball on October 7) for a new Ford Mustang. Sixty cents of each ticket sold comes back to our council. Want to contribute to our favorite charity for John Archer School? Please donate to our ongoing Tootsie Roll campaign. Want to go crazy being German. Join us as we work with the Corpus Christi Council (Prince of Peace) for the Oktoberfest scheduled for October 14! The Oktoberfest will benefit the Coats for Kids Program. Sales for Pit Beef, turkey and ham for Ravens' games will continue before each 1:00 PM Sunday game. Grab a hearty sandwich to eat as you watch the game on TV.

Steven Herpel- Program Director

Activity Chairs

Church

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We had a successful Pancakes for Priesthood event on Sunday, September 17th from 8am to 11am. Bring the family out for breakfast after mass or come help us serve to the Church!

Culture of Life

Ed Petrovic. A big thank you to Ed Petrovic for stepping up to take on this very important role and being the activity director. Stay tuned for some great activities from Ed!

Community

Charlie Gill 410-679-3703 sfmanager@archbalt.org

Charlie is planning a road side cleanup. Did you know we sponsor Box Hill South Parkway from Wegman's up to Abingdon Road? We need help cleaning it up. If you can help, please contact Charlie!

Family

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The next big family event will be the Trunk or Treat event at St. Francis de Sales on October 28th. We need brothers to help with parking, judging costumes, and helping the youth program with the event. Please bring your car to decorate it and hand out treats to the kids. Plus, bring your kids or grandkids for the event, it is always a lot of fun. The event starts at 7pm. If you want to help, please show up at 6:30pm.

Youth

Jeff Gutowski 410-925-1762 gutowskijr@gmail.com

Jeff is planning future events- stay tuned for details!

Council

Rob Hardy, 410-459-6132 rob@robhardy.net

Our annual Christmas party is currently in planning. This is always a lot of fun! Once we have more information, we will pass it along.

Other Activities:

Volunteers are always needed for Bingo held on the second and Fourth Fridays of the month.

**Call Steve Herpel, Program Director, with questions or to volunteer. Cell: 410-987-5621
olmchsoccer@yahoo.com**

Tootsie Roll Campaign



Ray and Amanda volunteering to hand out tootsie rolls to raise money for John Archer School

We need help! Please contact Keith Arndt
kmaba123@yahoo.com

Saturday, October 7

10-12 Denise and Mike Walsh

12-2 Lynn Cousler* and _____

2-4 _____

Sunday, October 8

10-12 _____

12-2 _____

2-4 Ray and Amanda Traube

Saturday, October 21

10-12 _____

12-2 Gloria Millard and Margaret Wise

2-4 _____

Sunday, October 22

10-12 _____

12-2 Sandy and Charlie Gill

2-4 Cynthia Santiago* and _____

*Need a second person. I do not schedule ladies on a solo basis.

Ladies Auxiliary

On Saturday, September 8, 2017, the Ladies participated in the Little Sisters of the Poor Nun Run 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk. The ladies donated towards the water fund to sponsor the event. Everyone who attended had a successful and enjoyable time. Since this is an annual event, the Ladies will most likely participate next year.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR- NUN RUN



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

Our next meeting will be Monday October 16, 2017 at 7:30 at the Knight's hall. As always we welcome all ladies of the Parish. Join us as we serve the Church, Community, Youth, Council and Family. Hope to see you there!

April Holdun, Secretary, aprhholdun@icloud.com

October Membership Report



Bill Hengemihle
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Please continue to pray for our brother and friend, William Hengemihle, as he recovers from being in the hospital.

We will be having an Admissions degree on Monday, October 16th.

Let's give it an earnest effort and invite one Catholic Man who is not a Knight to join us to do God's work! All you need to do is get 1 new member to make a difference!

Bill Hengemihle

Membership Director

District Deputy's Report

We are in the process of putting together a 2nd degree. Stay tuned.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Georgulas, District Deputy



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INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

The Sandwich Generation

Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF, LUTCF



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Life Insurance for Life and Beyond

Why I am talking about life insurance? Because life insurance may be the most underused strategy to protect large retirement balances from being decimated by the highest levels of taxation. Who's most at risk? Those who have the largest IRAs or other tax-deferred savings accounts. Just so you know... I don't sell life insurance, so why should I care? I don't sell stocks, bonds, funds, insurance or annuities.

I am a tax advisor, but it's about the taxes. I also believe most people don't understand how life insurance works as an effective planning tool. I don't sell it and I am no expert in exactly how the various life insurance contracts work. That's why there are life insurance professionals that you need to work with for all the details. But I do know how life insurance can fix lots of money and retirement problems, and even create wealth, tax-free wealth! And you know... I love tax free! I only care about the end result-the benefits. I want you to know how powerful the end result is. I want to give you enough here so that you'll understand what life insurance tax planning can do for you and your family; both during your lifetime and after your death. So why don't most people take advantage of life insurance? Because every time you hear life insurance you tune out, or put it off. Most times when you hear about life insurance you are hearing about it from someone who sells it, so you feel like you are being sold rather than being advised. They're just trying to sell me something ... you think. So you avoid the meeting or the discussion. And you may be right. Maybe you feel that you are just being sold, so you don't see a benefit to you. But you could be wrong!

I want you to understand what's in it for you from an objective, unbiased tax benefit point of view. Please contact me as I am willing to discuss this with you.

State news and Events



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My Brothers All,

October is the month in which we honor our namesakes, Christopher Columbus. We have many activities at the State level to help us do that; the Ball, the Parade and the DC Celebration. Hopefully many of you will attend one or more of these events. However, each council should do something to honor our namesake. In this time, when people are attempting to denounce the discoverer of the New World, we should be doing something to keep his name in the forefront. If you are attending the parade please be visible, wear your council shirts, hats, jackets; carry your council banner.

On September 24, 2017 the tenth annual Zylla Cup was held at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg. This is an annual flag football game played between two of our college councils, University of Maryland and Mount Saint Mary's. This year's game was won by the team from the Mount. Congratulations to both teams for keeping this tradition going. Thanks also goes out to Bryan and Steve Adamczyk and Dirk Griffin for their help in making this event go off smoothly.

This year, the Supreme Council sent a film crew to video the game, speak with college knights and alum, and show our college Knights in action. Look for this video soon on the Supreme website. The Maryland Jurisdiction continues to do well in the area of Growth. We are weekly adding new members to our ranks. The month of October is also the month for our first Church Drives. Hopefully, your plans are made and ready to implement. This is an outstanding time to make every council in Maryland membership active. Let's make this our goal in October.

Many opportunities have recently become available to us to increase our Charitable Outreach. The hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico have seen record donations to aid our brothers in these areas. Our Pennies From Heaven campaign continues throughout the year.

We are looking forward to a great year for Coats for Kids and please see your Chapter representatives in regards to this.

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen M. Cohen

More information about the state council can be found at: <http://kofc-md.org/>

Supreme News and Events

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

WE ARE CALLED TO LOOK BEYOND OUR OWN IMMEDIATE CONCERNS AND TO REACH OUT TO THOSE MOST IN NEED



PERIPHERAL VISION – what we see “out the corner of our eye” is important. If you’re driving along a busy highway, peripheral vision enables you to glimpse that car just emerging from your blind spot. In a crowded room, peripheral vision helps you see people around you. It can also help you to notice a person who is off to the side, overlooked or in need of attention.

People sometimes suffer a loss of peripheral vision with age and declining eyesight, while even those with 20/20 vision can miss what should be visible to them. At a restaurant, for instance, otherwise attentive waiters sometimes seem to suddenly lose their peripheral vision if you’re anxious to pay the check.

Something similar can also happen in the depth of one’s heart. The peripheral vision of our hearts diminishes if we do not make it a habit to see beyond our own wants and needs. If our hearts ignore inconvenient truths and realities on the right and on the left, our field of spiritual vision will

narrow.

THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS

We may think that our spiritual vision is 20/20 because we see clearly what is right in front of us. A hobby might claim most of our attention, or we may be rightfully concerned about things such as the well-being of our families, our performance at work, or long-term financial goals. It’s even possible to be so wrapped up in our own spiritual lives that we cannot see the spiritual and material needs of those around us.

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us, “The lamp of the body is the eye. If the eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Mt 6:22-23; see also Lk 11:34- 36). Just as our physical eyes perceive natural light, so too the eyes of our hearts are meant to perceive the light of God’s love and truth and the dignity of our neighbor.

Pope Francis has repeatedly called us to “go the peripheries.” He once said in an interview, “We need to come out of ourselves and head for the periphery. We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a Church that is wrapped up in its own world.”

The Holy Father tells us that a self-referential Church will grow old and dim. He challenges us not to focus so intently on our own concerns that we fail to see the needs of others. He urges us to develop, with the help of God’s grace, “a heart which sees” to use a phrase from Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical **Deus Caritas Est**. Our hearts must see those who are on the margins of the Church and society. In fact, “a closed heart,” Pope Francis has observed, “cannot understand what Christianity is.”

BEYOND OUR COMFORT ZONES

Where, then, are these peripheries to be found? Surely, they are found in the poorest, most undeveloped countries on earth. Pope Francis drew attention to such peripheries, for example, when he visited the Central African Republic in 2015. Such countries are out of the line of sight of many, if not most, who live in highly developed countries. The pope has called our attention to the plight of refugees and immigrants by his visit to the Italian island of Lampedusa. Thousands lose their lives in the Mediterranean as they try to make their way to mainland Europe in rickety boats.

Pope Francis has likewise called us to focus on the plight of those persecuted for their Christian faith in the Middle East and elsewhere. So often we miss the fact that our fellow Christians are losing their lives and suffering dreadfully simply because they are Christians. The pope also calls our attention to the poor and the sick in our midst. In the city of Baltimore, where I reside, there exist devastated and violence-ridden neighborhoods where a sense of hopelessness pervades the streets.

There are also spiritual peripheries. Think of the many people in every parish who no longer attend Mass or take part in parish activities. We might sometimes lament their absence but, in the end, adopt an attitude of “out of sight, out of mind.” The pope tells us that we must not allow these fellow Christians to escape our field of vision. Instead, we must reach out to them, listen to them, come to know their concerns, and look for opportunities to invite them back to the faith.

How, then, can we increase the peripheral vision of our hearts? First, we need to be aware of what hampers our vision, such as attitudes of defensiveness, fear and indifference. Next, we need, with God’s grace, to become adept at going beyond our comfort zones and encountering those whose lives, viewpoints and concerns are very different from our own. This is not easy, but it is the attitude of each true missionary disciple.

Our field of vision broadens as we encounter others with deep charity, a sense of fraternal solidarity, and a desire to break down barriers, to create unity. In a phrase, we must bring to those encounters an awareness of God’s merciful love. And once our field of vision broadens, those on the peripheries are no longer peripheral. They are squarely in our line of sight.



Special Intentions

September 2017

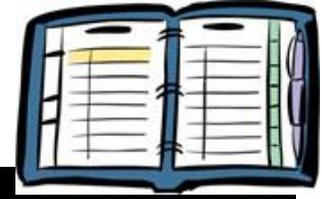
Keep in your prayers the following Brothers, family members and friends:

Ed Colvin Family
Dan Forte
Father Jaime Garcia
Mercez Garcia (Fr. Jaime's mother)
Will and Pat Glassman
Ron Gutowski
Rob and Pam Hardy and Pam's mother
Steve Herpel's brother, David, and mother, Mildred
Bill Hengemihle
John & Sally Myers
Patricia O'Connor (Brian's mother)
Mallory O'Keefe
Mike Novak's brothers, Al & Walt
Rich Wolfe
Cooper Young
Eric Young

Pray for our country's peace keepers serving around the world and first responders, especially the police officers. We pray that they may always be safe while protecting us in service to our country, state and county's citizens. Pray that more personnel will enter the Catholic vocations.

THREE MONTH PLANNER

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



October			
Sun	1	Raven Game Day Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey Sales	9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Mon	2	K of C General Business Meeting	7:30 PM
Sat	7	Ticket Sales for New Mustang (Darlington Apple Festival)	All Day
Mon	9	Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	13	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Sat	14	Oktoberfest Festivities @ Prince of Peace (Coats for Kids)	7:00 PM
Sun	15	Raven Game Day Pit Beef, Ham, & Turkey Sales	9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Mon	16	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon	16	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30 PM
Sun	22	Raven Game Day Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey Sales	9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Fri	27	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Sat	28	Trunk or Treat (Church Parking Lot) (Youth Activity)	6:00 PM
Tue	31	Official Halloween – BE SAFE OUT THERE!	All Day
Sat	TBD	Roadside Clean-up (Community Activity – Charlie Gill)	TBD AM
November			
Sat	4	K of C Memorial Mass (Stone Chapel) (Church Activity)	9:00 AM
Sun	5	Ravens Game Day Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey Sales	9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Mon	6	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	10	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Mon	13	Officers Meeting	7:30 PM
Sun	19	Ravens Game Day Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey Sales	9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Mon	20	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon	20	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30 PM
Thu	23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	All Day
Fri	24	Black Friday! (Shop To You Drop)	All Day
Fri	24	Bingo Night	6:00 PM

December			
Sun	3	Ravens Game Day Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey Sales	9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Mon	4	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	8	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Sat	9	Children's Christmas Party (Youth Activity – Jeff Gutowski)	TBD
Mon	11	Officers Meeting	7:30 PM
Sun	17	Ravens Game Day Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey Sales	9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Mon	18	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon	18	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	22	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Mon	25	CHRISTMAS DAY – CHRIST IS BORN!	All Day
Sun	31	Ravens Game Day Pit Beef, Ham & Turkey Sales	9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Sun	31	New Year's Eve – BE SAFE OUT THERE!	All Day

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