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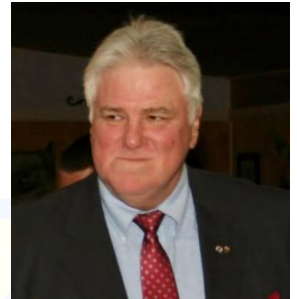
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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"



Brothers All,

As the daylight grows shorter and we enter the Advent Season, we contemplate on the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is a period of preparation and as we prepare for the coming of Christ on Christmas Day, we should count our blessings and reflect on those who have far less than we do. So, consider contributing a little extra in the poor box, giving a couple of food items to SFDS Food Pantry or donating a gift to a family in need.

We still have many events planned in December and with these activities come the opportunity to volunteer. Just a quick rundown of the activities we have planned for the month:

- 1. Pit Beef, Ham and Turkey to be sold on December 3rd and 17th*
- 2. The Our Christmas Bingo on December 8th. It's the only Bingo of the Month & Our Biggest*
- 3. December 9th, Kids Christmas Party*
- 4. Christmas around St Francis De Sales – This will be a Bi-Lingual Event and excellent opportunity to learn about the Christmas traditions of our Hispanic Community. December 17th at 6:30pm.*
- 5. Directing Traffic on church parking lot for Christmas Masses*
- 6. Please mark your calendar for the annual Right to Life March in our nation's capital on January 19th 2018. Information will be coming soon, please consider attending this worthwhile event.*

Our Program Director Steve Herpel will cover the bulk of the activities in his program director's section of this newsletter.

This is an exciting time of the year and as Knights, we should make every effort to bring peace and goodwill to all. We can do this, in part, by participating in Parish / Council activities scheduled throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. It is a time for families to attend mass, sing the hymns, carols, songs of the season and celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

From all the officers of the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, I want to thank you for your time, talents and energy. We also wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy / Healthy New Year. Remember, enjoy the holidays, drive safely, be responsible and don't drink and drive. God bless and take care

Vivat Jesus

Mike Noval PFN
Grand Knight

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

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FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR... WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNCIL?

We have several projects still ongoing as we closeout the month of November and I want to give kudos to our team of personnel that have been diligently collecting for our annual Tootsie Roll Program that benefits the John Archer School. This has been spearheaded by Brother Keith "Commander" Arndt, DGK, and his band of merry men and women. Thank you to all! Secondly, our new Pit Beef, Ham, & Turkey Sales will end December 17 so get 'em while they last. The Eder Family Crew and helpers have been great! The Activity Directors having been plugging along this Fraternal Year and I thank them for their support. We have many things to be thankful for this and my fellow Knights & the Ladies are right near the top. Thanks for all your work! Please be safe and have a great holiday season with your family & friends



Activity Chairs

Church

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We will need help with parking during the Christmas Eve Mass. If you are available, please let Larry know now, we appreciate it! Larry is planning our clergy appreciation dinner scheduled for January 27th- save the date! More details to come.

Culture of Life Ed Petrovic. e.petrovic@verizon.net

Ed is planning activities for our culture of life initiatives. He is currently putting together fundraising ideas to benefit BirthRite in Harford County. If you wish to help, please contact Ed. Also, on Friday, January 19th the annual March for Life will take place in Washington DC. We will be splitting a bus with St. Margaret's Parish. If you are interested, please contact Ed or Steve.

Community

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Where's the Beef?! We have many brothers being led by Lee Eder, PGK, in cooking pit beef, turkey, and ham from 9:30 until 1pm on Sunday's when Ravens have 1pm games. This will be benefiting the Coat for Kids program. Please come out and grab a sandwich or come help out!

Family

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Thanks to Steve for putting together some great events this year. He is busy planning activities for 2018 for our families and families of the parish.

Youth

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On Saturday, December 9th, our council will host the Kids' Christmas party. The event starts at 11:00 through 2:00pm. We could use some volunteers to help with set up around 10:00am. There will be food, events, games, and a visit by Santa! This will take place in Kilduff Hall. Please bring your kids or grandkids as this is always a fun time!

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:

We need volunteers for the Christmas Bingo being held on December 8th. We will need help decorating Kilduff Hall for this event and the Kids' Christmas party being held the next day. Please contact Steve Herpel or Greg Ward, PGK gward63@gmail.com if you can help.

**Call Steve Herpel, Program Director, with questions or to volunteer. Cell: 410-987-5621
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Tootsie Roll Campaign- thank you Keith Arndt for coordinating this year's campaign to benefit John Archer School for kids with special needs. Our council raised over \$2,000!



Ladies' Bingo

The 4th Annual Holiday Luncheon Bingo was held Saturday, November 18, 2017. Thank you to all who donated items, our many sponsors, K of C Ladies & Men and to all our BINGO players who purchased tickets and helped us make this BINGO a huge success.



Christmas Bingo

Get your tickets NOW!



Call Greg Ward, 443-243-1333

Ladies Auxiliary

On Sunday, October 29, 2017, the Ladies joined their Knights and went on a tour of the Fiore Winery. The tour was a lot of fun and everyone's "spirits" were joyful.

Fiore Winery & Distillery



October 29, 2017

Our next meeting will be Monday December 18, 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, aprholdun@icloud.com

November Membership Report



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Membership Director

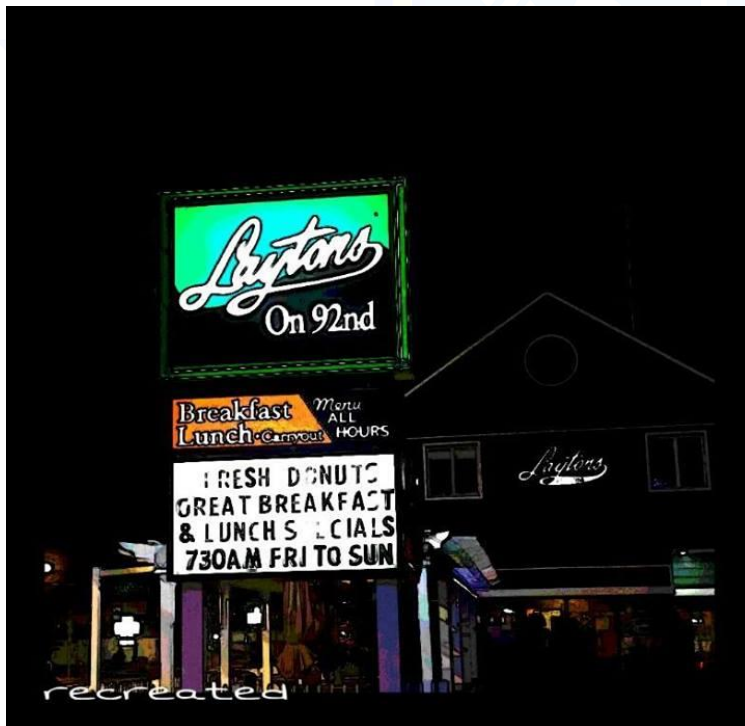
Hey brothers, its dues time once again. Our Financial Secretary is hard at work preparing the dues statements for 2018. I want to send a shout out to all the members who send in their yearly dues very faithfully even though they do not get or take the chance to be more active with the council. We fully understand. We need you and respect you as members of the greatest Catholic men's organization in the world. We have strength in our numbers.

We are looking to have an admissions degree (formerly 1st degree) on December 18th. Please let me know if you have any Catholic men looking to join our wonderful council.

Thank you in advance for your prompt dues payment and have a great 2018.

District Deputy's Report

We are in the process of putting together a 2nd degree. If you wish to help out to be part of our district formation degree team, contact me mikegeorgulas@gmail.com.



State Convention sign up date will start on January 8, 2018. Details to come!

The state convention will be held May 4th through 6th in Ocean City, MD. This is always a fun time, plus celebrating Mass together at St. Luke's Church is something you will always remember.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Georgulas, District Deputy



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INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

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



Each member of the Knights of Columbus has a dedicated, professional agent whom they can call on for their insurance needs.

Knights of Columbus agents are brother Knights first and foremost, and are charged with looking out for the best interest of our members and their families. These are good, Catholic men, who have taken on a career with the Knights of Columbus as their vocation. More than 1,500 full time agents work across the United States and Canada.

Each agent has approximately 800 Catholic families assigned to him, and it is his job to look after those families, meeting with them at least once a year. I am the dedicated agent for Father Wolfe Council.

Our agents are professionally trained and educated on our products and services. These agents are available to help you with your every need. If you have any questions regarding retirement, insurance coverage for you and your family, long term care, or anything else, please let me know.

Father Wolfe Charity Corporation

Did you know we have a charity corporation? Our charity corporation has 3 primary beneficiaries: St. Francis de Sales Outreach program, John Archer School for kids with special needs, and the Father Wolfe Scholarship program to benefit students attending Catholic High School and College.

Did you also know that you can designate the Father Wolfe Charity Corporation as the beneficiary if you or one of your loved one passes away? Instead of flowers, you can ask family and friends make donations to our charity corporation.

Own a business and want to make a tax-deductible donation? You can do that as well.

If you have any questions or wish to inquire about information from above, please contact Keith Marchiano, PGK and President of Father Wolfe Charity Corporation, kmarch52@verizon.net

State news and Events



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If we are to continue to carry out the Mission given to us, by the Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney we must bring new men into our councils and the Order to replace them in doing our good works. Keep up the great work already started this year and always ask that eligible Catholic man to join us as we fulfill this legacy.

As we just finished celebrating Thanksgiving with our family, what better way to give thanks then to reach out to others so that they may be thankful as well. Our Charitable Outreach programs give us that opportunity. Consider our Pennies from Heaven Campaign, our Box of Joy program, our Iraqi initiative to rebuild the town, our Coats for Kids and Food for families. These are just some of the many ways that we can reach out to the peripheries and help others less fortunate than us.

My sincerest thanks to all of those who participated in the Columbus Day Ball, Columbus Day Parade, the Car Raffle, and the Celebration at Union Station. We certainly honored our namesake in fine fashion. The parade saw the largest group of participants of Knights in a long time. Knights and their families came from all over the State to make a statement to the people of Baltimore that we support Christopher Columbus and what he stands for. Thank You!

On behalf of my wife Vicky, I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!!!

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen M. Cohen

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

Supreme News and Events

WE CAN OVERCOME DISAGREEMENTS THROUGH, AND FOR THE SAKE OF, OUR SHARED CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY



ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, the authoritative playbook on how to run a meeting, stipulates that meetings should include a segment called the "Good of the Order." This is time that is reserved for participants to offer comments or observations about the organization and its work. It is also time set aside for disciplinary matters involving fellow members.

That's what the phrase "the good of the order" means to those who are skilled parliamentarians. But when I hear this phrase, I also think about the Knights of Columbus. I think about the good of our Order, founded in 1882 by Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. Not even he could have imagined how his beloved Order would grow and the world of good it would do for its members, their families, the Church, and communities all over the world.

STRONG OPINIONS

I think about who makes up the Knights of Columbus and all that it does in service of others, and I ask myself, "How can I promote the good of the Order?"

Left to my own resources, I can't adequately answer that question, for the good of the Order cannot be reduced merely to my opinions. The same is true of every Knight of Columbus. The Order we joined is not a debating society, nor is it an arena where we play out a contest of wills. Rather, it is an organization rooted in charity, which expresses itself in genuine unity of mind and heart and in a brotherhood of service. In fact, our ability to do great good for our members, our Church and our world depends on our willingness to preserve and strengthen this solidarity.

Time and again, I have experienced the great dedication of many brother Knights. In their commitment to the Order, they are passionate about the principles upon which the Knights of Columbus was founded, about the brotherhood we share, and about the good works that we do. Such commitment and passion sometimes lead to strong opinions, and experience teaches that these opinions can differ. At times, we may disagree with a decision made by our local or state council, or with a decision that comes from Supreme. After we've expressed our opinion respectfully and cogently, we may be upset that our view did not prevail. When that happens, it's easy to throw our unity and charity under the proverbial bus. Sadly, some brother Knights may even decide to walk away.

If and when we reach such a crossroads, I firmly believe that we need to stop, look, and listen. We have to stop being angry, look at what the Order is really all about, and listen to the voice of the Lord.

SOLIDARITY IN CHRIST

The first step is quelling our anger. There is such a thing as just anger when we see injustice or corruption. However, that is not the same as harboring enmity, grudges, rivalries or even thoughts of vengeance against a person who gets under our skin. When we nurture our anger against leaders or

other members of the Order, we chip away at the unity and fraternity that makes the Knights of Columbus distinctive and great.

Second is the need to look carefully at what is central in the life of the Order. The charity we share is not merely our good will but the charity of Christ. The unity we share is not merely a human consensus but rather the unity of the Holy Trinity. And the brotherhood we share is that of the Son of God who became one of us and united himself to us. If you think this sounds a bit inflated, please reconsider! Our Order was founded as a Catholic organization by a parish priest to draw us closer to Christ and to the Church. Our principles come from the Gospel and lead us deeper into the Gospel.

Our solidarity in Christ, for example, is more than agreement based on common interests. It is a moral virtue and a God-given power to band together to do enormous good. Our fraternity is, to be sure, a path to great friendships that extend to our families and a source of real support in living our faith, especially in times of trouble. But in our solidarity, we are not confined to our individual interests and opinions. Rather, we participate in something much greater than ourselves and accomplish things we could never do alone. We share profoundly in one another's faith and humanity, and together we open ourselves to God's grace.

So, while it is natural to get upset when we don't get our way and our views are overridden, we must not stay angry and forget to look at the bigger picture.

Finally, we need to listen – first to the voice of the Lord and of the Church, then to our loved ones, and then to our brother Knights. From time to time, our strong opinions can make it difficult to pray so as to discern the will of God and to hear what the Church or others are telling us. Therefore, we need to keep things in perspective by developing our life of prayer – listening to the voice of the Lord and seeking his will in our lives. Then, when we speak, even if we disagree, our words will have the ring of wisdom and authenticity.

With this in mind, let us all devote ourselves anew to the good of the Order!





Special Intentions

December 2017

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

Dave Brown (SFDS Parishioner)
Ed Colvin Family
Charlie Carpenter (Rich Sosna Father-In-Law)
Charles Duke
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
Margaret Kholes
John & Sally Myers
Patricia O'Connor (Brian's mother)
Mallory O'Keefe
Mike Novak's brothers, Al & Walt
Rich Wolfe
Cooper Young
Eric Young
Greg Ward and his family as they mourn the death of Greg's mom Theresa Ward

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. We pray for those who were killed in Texas. We pray for Christians in the Middle East that are persecuted for their religious beliefs. Pray for our local priests & deacon and that more personnel will enter the Catholic vocations.

THREE MONTH PLANNER

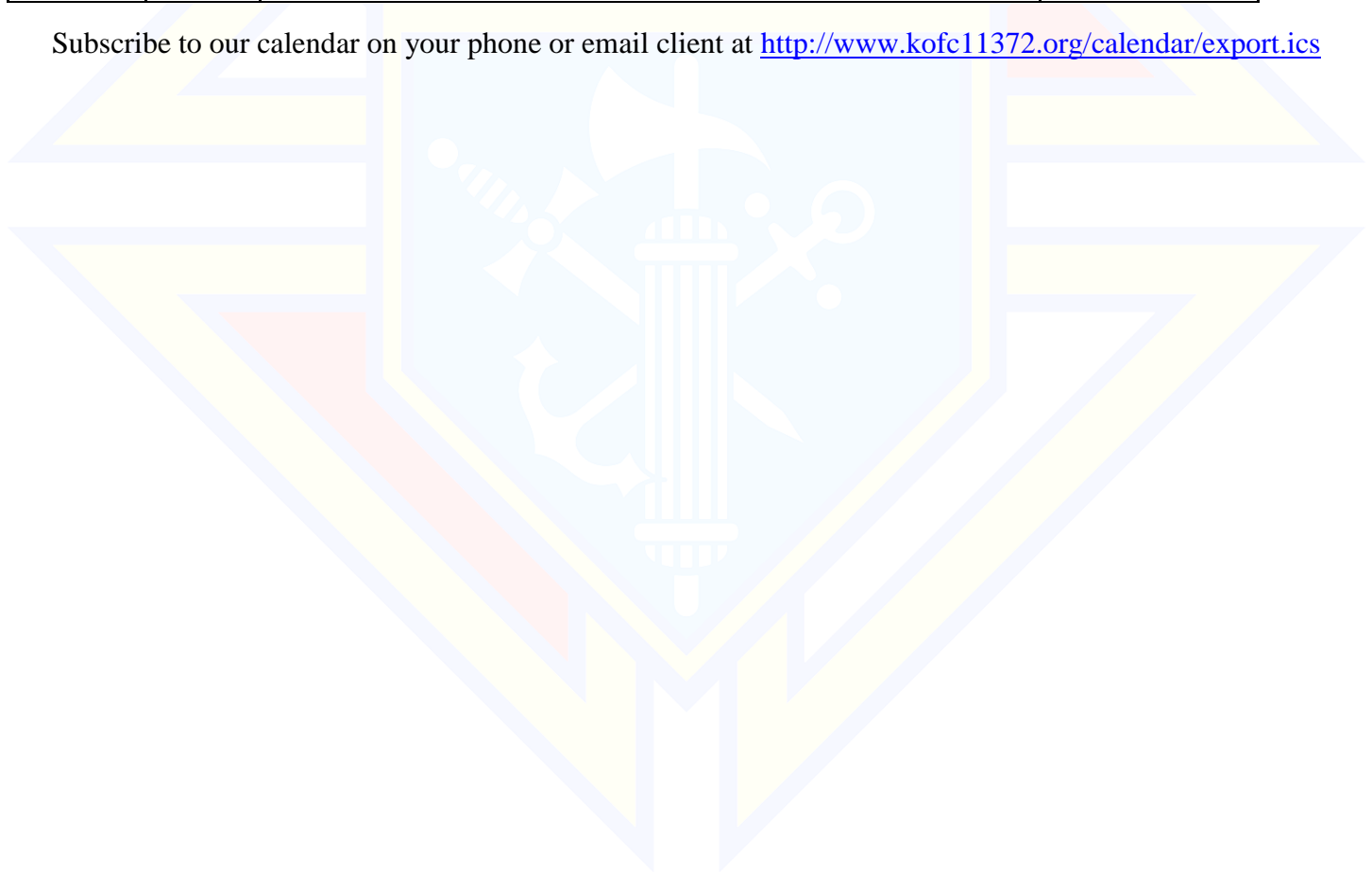
Check out <http://www.kofc11372.org/calendar> for a full up-to-date listing of our events!



December			
Sun	3	Ravens Game Day Pit Beef, Ham, & Turkey Sales	9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Mon	4	K of C General Meeting- Knights Hall	7:30 PM
Fri	8	Bingo Night- Christmas Bingo!	6:00 PM
Sat	9	Children's Christmas Party (Youth Activity)- Kilduff Hall	TBD
Mon	11	Officers Meeting- Knights Hall	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- TBD	7:30 PM
Mon	18	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting- TBD	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
January			
Mon	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY – HAVE A BLESSED YEAR	All Day
Mon	1	NO K of C General Meeting	
Mon	8	Officers' Meeting- Knights Hall	7:30 PM
Fri	12	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Mon	15	Officers Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	19	March for Life- Washington DC	All Day
Mon	22	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon	22	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	26	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Sat	TBD	Council Christmas Party in January	TBD
Sat	27	Clergy Appreciation Dinner- TBD	TBD

February			
Sat	2	Seafood Chowder Sales for Super Bowl	TBD
Sun	3	Pancake Breakfast and Scout Sunday- Kilduff Hall	8:00 AM
Mon	5	K of C General Meeting- Knights Hall	7:30 PM
Fri	9	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Sat	10	Kids Bingo (Youth Activity)	TBD
Mon	12	K of C Officers Meeting- Knights Hall	7:30 PM
Wed	14	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	All Day
Mon	19	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (President's Day)	7:30 PM
Mon	19	K of C General Meeting- Kilduff Hall	7:30 PM

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