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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"



Brothers All,

Looking back at January, I hope that the frigid weather is past us and that the next few months will be a little warmer. For those who participated in the March for Life, I applaud your effort and for those who could not participate, I ask for your prayers. A special thanks to Rob Hardy for planning and making our Holiday Party at Primavera's big success. From the comments I received, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. We now enter another busy period of activities for our council as we prepare for the following events:

1. The Super Bowl Chowder prep and Sales February 2nd & 3rd
2. Pancake Breakfast Supporting the Culture of Life Sonogram Program February 4th
3. 1st Degree Initiation – Judged by State Council February 5th
4. Mardi Gras (Covered Dish) Parish Event
5. Lenten Chowder Prep and sales February 15th & 16th, March 1st & 2nd, 15th & 16th.
6. Bingo every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.
7. Kids Bingo February 24th

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

Lent

As we all know, Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Many Catholics look upon this season as one of self-discipline. If such is the case, this is done to allow us the opportunity to re-center our lives on the teachings of Christ. The Knights of Columbus retreat at Malvern, the weekend of March 9th, will provide us the chance to contemplate on the life of Christ and prepare ourselves for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Please consider making this Retreat.

Bingo

It not only benefits our Council but Our Parish as well. 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.

Again, I invite those who have not been active in our council activities to come back and join us. If you can give an hour or two over the next two months to support one of our activities, it would be greatly appreciated. I am sure that with your support and prayers we will be successful in our endeavors.

Please keep our Brother Knights, their Families and our Clergy in your prayers, especially the family of George Jones who passed away in January.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Naval 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?

Thanks to all the Activity Directors for helping to meet our deadline for reports to the state. A job well done! There were many things happening during this past holiday season and thanks to all who participated. The Children's Christmas Party, Fund Raising with sales of pit beef, ham & turkey, Coats for Kids distribution and our first local Wreaths Across America program in our church cemetery. It was truly a moment to REMEMBER, HONOR, & TEACH about the veterans in our own graveyard. There were 29 members of the armed services given the high respect they were due for serving our country. Lastly, thank you to our young trumpet player, Master Sam Berry, for his rendition of Taps at the end of our program. Like Pot Luck Dinners?

The Mardi Gras is happening February 10, 2018. Reservations are now being taken for the Knights of Columbus MD State Convention in Ocean City, MD.

Don't forget our St. Patrick's Day party. Save the date for March 17, 2018.



Activity Chairs

Church Larry Shannahan 443-928-9393 lshannahan@comcast.net .

Thanks to Larry and other Brother Knights for support of the first Journey to the Inn at St. Francis de Sales. This included preparing the Narthex for the after-concert refreshments by removing, replacing and finally setting up the Narthex back to its original state. The Ladies and brothers provided refreshment support as well as participating in the concert and live Nativity. I believe most will agree it was a very moving event of the season.

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

Ed is preparing for his next quarter's report on Advance Directives. Want to also thank Ed for participating in the Wreaths Across America Community Activity by providing his map to locate our veterans and providing American Flags to identify these graves. He also supported locating the grave stones after the snow storm the previous day along with Brother Keith Arndt. Our next Pancake Breakfast will support the Sonogram Program.

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

Charlie had a busy month working on the Wreaths Across America and the distribution of Coats for Kids to the Harford County Department of Health and Human Services for local distribution to our community. Bill Hengemihle also distributed coats to the ARC.

Family Steve Buddenbohn 443-895-0374 sbuddenbohn@aol.com

Thanks to Steve for his hard work in Family Activities. More to come this quarter.

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

Jeff provided a highly successful Children's Christmas Party despite the ominous weather conditions of an early snowfall. A number of brothers provided support and the children enjoyed all sorts of crafts presented by our older students. Thank you to them for giving of their time and talents. Next up is the Kids Bingo on February 24th. Take the family out for some fun and prizes.

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

Great job to Rob Hardy for putting together our council Christmas Party. See the photos in this newsletter as everybody who attended had a great time! Thanks Rob!

Other Activities:

Volunteers are always needed for Bingo held on the second and Fourth Fridays of the month. Brother Greg Ward has done a super job with this program that directly supports our parish and the Knights. Congratulations for another successful and entertaining Christmas Bingo evening.

**Call Steve Herpel, Program Director, with questions or to volunteer. Cell: 410-987-5621
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Father Wolfe Christmas Party





Coats for Kids Program



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus-Council #11372 for donating to our “Coats for Kids Program” that benefitted the children in the Treatment Foster Care Program at The Arc NCR. We truly appreciate your generosity and kindness!

March for Life



Ladies Auxiliary

On Saturday, December 2, 2017, one of our newest members, Julia O'Hara, won the "Dinner with Fr. Garcia" raffle held over the summer to support our youth group and help with Parish expenses. Julia invited her Prayer Circle. Everyone who attended enjoyed the meal, the camaraderie, and the wonderful atmosphere Fr. Garcia provided.

Winner of the K of C Ladies Latino Dinner Raffle

JULIA O'HARA

JUNE
2017



PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE YOUTH GROUP
FOR NCYC & PARISH MAINTENANCE

Dinner prepared by Fr. Jaime Garcia

Our next meeting will be Monday February 19th 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

January Membership Report



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We are looking to have an admissions degree (formerly 1st degree) in February. Please let me know if you have any Catholic men looking to join our wonderful council. This will be a judged degree as well, so come see the 1st degree team again and support our newest members. This will be held at our meeting on February 5th.

Bill Hengemihle
Membership Director

District Deputy's Report

Brothers I bring you greetings from our State Deputy Steven M Cohen.

Please remember to turn in your Fraternal Surveys. I also need your Domestic Church Chair couple.

Let us focus on membership and insurance this year. Our State Deputy wants one Degree per Council per month.

State Convention sign up date will start on January 8, 2018. Go here to register:
<http://www.mdkocconvention.org/>

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



FRATERNITY AND INSURANCE:

A LIFE CHANGING COMBINATION

One hundred and thirty-five years ago, Father Michael J. McGivney worked to protect Catholic families.

Now, in 2017, Father McGivney's mission has taken on several different shapes and services, including charitable works, evangelical missions, catechetical programs and, of course, our insurance program.

Together, these things form the core of the Knights of Columbus.

Guided always by our fraternal principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, we are most effective when the different aspects of our organization operate in conjunction with each other. When the Knights who lead our programs work together, the results can be truly life changing — not just locally, but globally.

This summer, as we embark on a new fraternal year, spend time with your field agent and general agent to coordinate your activities.

Your Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are tremendous resources for you and your council. For these men, the Knights of Columbus is more than just a career, it's a vocation, and they are deeply committed to furthering Father McGivney's mission in all its facets.

Ask for their help with membership drives during Sunday Masses. Seek out their assistance with various committees and fundraisers. Lean on them to help supply manpower for hands-on charitable events. Open the door and welcome them. Invite them to full participation in your council life.

Remember, these men work tirelessly to serve the members in their area. Although they may not always be able to take part in each and every initiative, they want to be involved with their councils as much as possible.

As a professionally trained Knights of Columbus field agent, your agent brings tremendous value to your council and to your members. He also brings with him a full product portfolio of high quality insurance products. He holds the key to the greatest fraternal benefit of all: the insurance program.

The men in your council will no doubt be at various stages of life, with varying needs and varying means. Nevertheless, at some point in their lives, surely most of them will look for life insurance protection, retirement products, disability income or long-term care insurance. When they do, why would they look anywhere besides their very own Knights of Columbus?

But the truth is, many of your council's members probably don't think about our insurance business. They may have met with a field agent once or twice during their time as Knights, but they probably don't know about our current full line of products. They probably don't know about our \$100 billion of life insurance in force. They probably don't know about our consecutive years of receiving the highest possible rating for financial strength, A++ (Superior), from A.M. Best. They probably don't know about our being named a "World's Most Ethical Company" in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. They may not even know of Father McGivney's vision of financial protection for Catholic families.

But they should.

When your members are in the market for insurance products, they have a choice. They can purchase from one of more than 1,500 life insurance companies in North America who will do whatever they choose with their premium dollars and invest in whatever offers them the best returns. Or, they can purchase from their Knights of Columbus, who will invest ethically and donate generously. It's what we call "The Catholic Difference."

What would it mean to your members to know that the money they spend protecting their family, preserving their retirement, guarding against the financial strain of a disability or providing for long-term care goes to an organization that supports the Church? To an organization that has donated more than \$1.5 billion to charity in the past decade? What would it mean to your members to know that their insurance purchase will someday not only change the lives of their family, but maybe even the lives of families halfway across the world?

Invite your field agent to talk about the Catholic difference. Set up a fraternal benefits night where he can address the council on our slate of products and the benefits that they bring to Catholic families. Welcome him as a Knight. He, too, is deeply committed — not only to protecting Catholic families financially, but also to standing up for the marginalized, standing up for the poor and standing with the Church.

New years are times for new resolutions. As you embark on the 2017-18 fraternal year, resolve to incorporate your field agent into your council life so that your members have the opportunity to profit from our greatest fraternal benefit.

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

Supreme News and Events

THE GIFT OF LIFE

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson



AS WE PREPARE to observe the 45th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, another anniversary comes to mind. July will mark 50 years since Blessed Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, on the regulation of birth.

The legacies of both are related to extraordinary scientific advances that opened up new technological means to control the transmission of human life.

When the Supreme Court revisited *Roe* in the 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decision, the 5-4 majority argued that *Roe* could not be overturned because, for two decades, people had made choices about their lives and intimate relationships "in reliance on the availability of abortion in the event that contraception should fail."

Pope Paul had a very different response to such challenges — one that has been described as "Christian personalism." In *Humanae Vitae*, he wrote this about married love: "Husband and wife become in a way one heart and one soul, and together attain their human fulfillment. It is a love that is total. ... Whoever really loves his partner loves not only for what he receives, but loves that partner for the partner's sake" (9).

Humanae Vitae proclaims that each person is worthy to be loved and respected for his own sake and possesses a dignity that is inviolable. This proclamation is more necessary today than ever as scientific experiments in areas such as artificial intelligence, robotics and genetic manipulation push past boundaries of even the most imaginative science fiction writers.

Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, wrote this: "The acceptance of our bodies as God's gift is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father and our common home, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation" (155).

Science and technology will confront us with new questions about what it means to be human. And the answers will be increasingly difficult as the line between reality and virtual reality is blurred.

Today, as in 1968, *Humanae Vitae* is an important part of the Church's response. Unfortunately, some will use the occasion of the anniversary to reignite old controversies, but this approach will miss its enduring value.

St. John Paul II promoted *Humanae Vitae*, though he thought that further explanation was needed for its teachings to gain wider acceptance. That is one reason why he developed a "theology of the body," and why he devoted so much time to it.

But already in 1968, natural family planning advocates such as my friends Drs. John and Evelyn Billings welcomed *Humanae Vitae* and supported its teaching with a natural method of fertility management now known as the Billings Ovulation Method.

Just last year, the European Union certified a new mobile app that uses an algorithm developed by a Nobel Prizewinning physicist to measure a woman's body temperature to accurately predict ovulation. According to one English news source, the app, known as Natural Cycles, "could spell the end for hormonal and intrusive birth control measures."

Such a result would come not a moment too soon. The World Health Organization has classified estrogen-progestogen oral contraceptives as Group 1 carcinogens. That means they are known to be carcinogenic for women, increasing their risk of liver, cervical and breast cancer.

Natural family planning methods encourage women to better understand the delicate natural processes of their bodies. They encourage better communication and respect between husbands and wives.

Perhaps this new "science" of the body will enable a new generation of Catholic spouses to live an authentic theology of the body in their marriages and will help the world rediscover the dignity of human life and love.

Vivat Jesus!



Special Intentions

January 2018

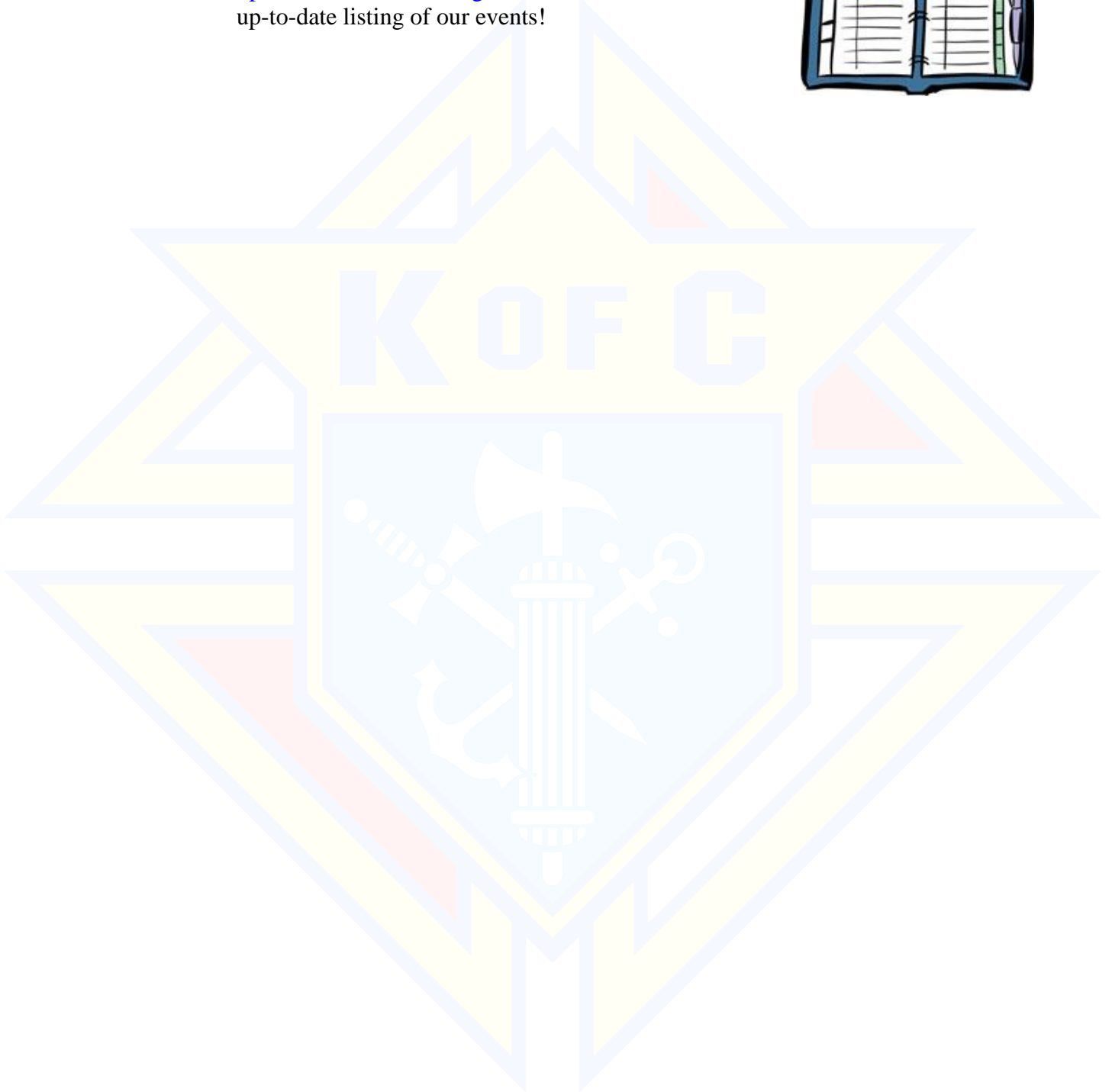
Keep in your prayers the following Brothers, family members and friends:

Stony Burke (K of C Member)
Charlie Carpenter (Rich Sosna Father-In-Law)
Charles Duke (Council Member)
Dan Forte
Alex & Jill Eder (Council Member)
Father Jaime Garcia
Mercez Garcia (Fr. Jaime's mother)
Charlie Gill (Council Member)
Will and Pat Glassman (Council Member)
Ron Gutowski (Council Member)
Rob and Pam Hardy and Pam's mother
Steve Herpel's brother, David, and mother, Mildred
Frank Jenkins (Council Member)
Margaret Knowles
John & Sally Myers (Council Member)
Patricia O'Connor (Brian's mother)
Ray O'Connor (Brian's Brother)
Amy Rowan (Brian's Daughter)
Mallory O'Keefe
Mike Novak (Council Member, Grand Knight)
Mike Novak's brothers, Al & Walt
John Schmidt (Council Member)
Stella Sosna (RIP) (Rich Sosna Mother)
Steve Wisneuski (Council Member)
Cooper Young
Eric Young
Betty Jones
R.I.P. Brother George Jones

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 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

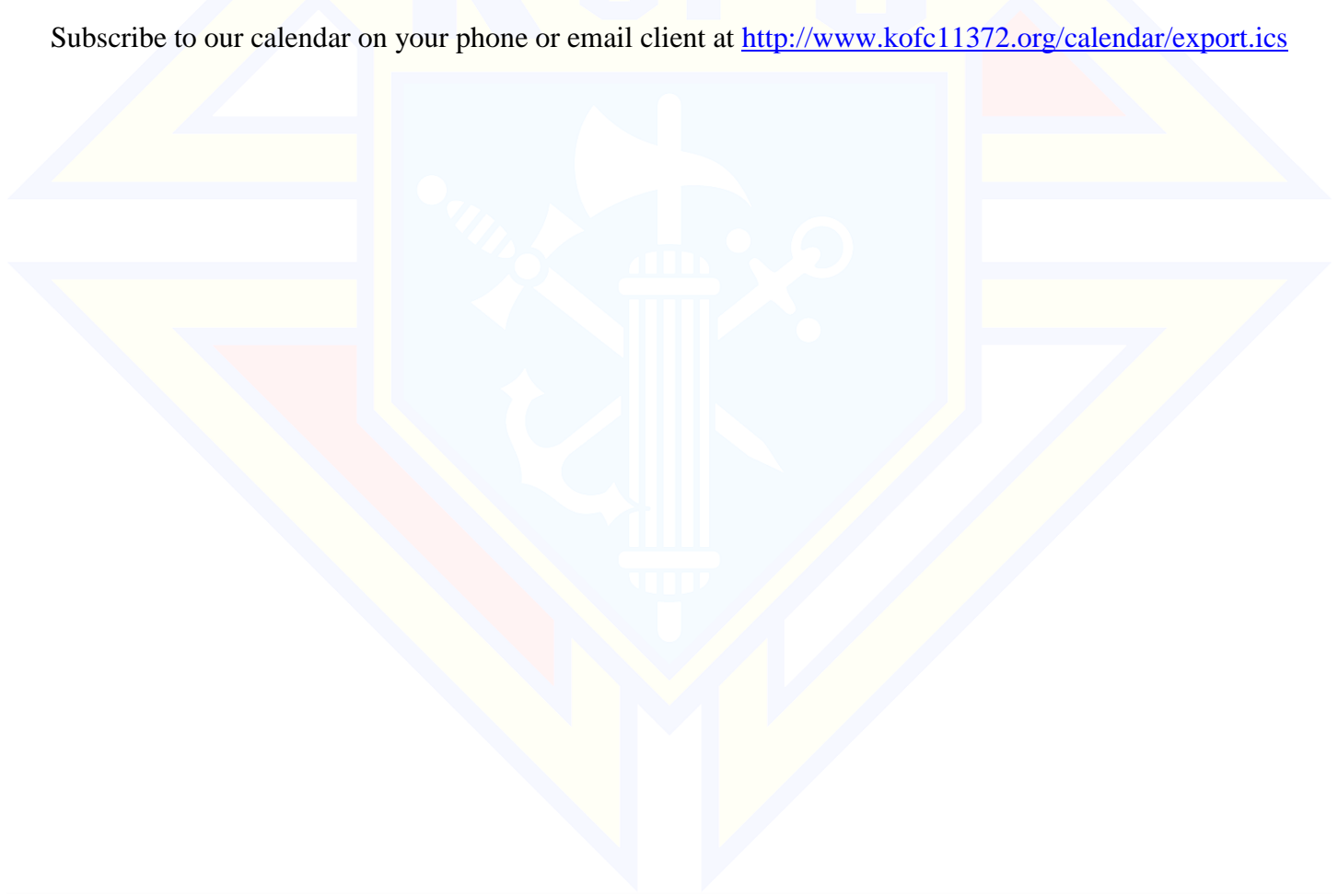
Check out <http://www.kofc11372.org/calendar> for a full up-to-date listing of our events!



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 & 1 st Degree- Knights Hall	7:30 PM
Fri	9	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Sat	10	Mardi Gras (Covered Dinner, Parish Event)- Kilduff Hall	6:30-9:30 PM
Mon	12	K of C Officers Meeting- Knights Hall	7:30 PM
Wed	14	Ash Wednesday- 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
Fri	23	Bingo Night- Kilduff Hall	6:30 PM
Sat	24	Kids' Bingo- Kilduff Hall	6:30 PM
March			
Thu	1	Seafood Chowder Preparation	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Fri	2	Seafood Chowder Sales	TBD
Sat	3	4 th Degree Event (Patriotic Degree) @ Ocean City, MD	All Day
Mon	5	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	9	Bingo Night (First Day of Malvern, PA Retreat)	6:00 PM
Fri-Sun	9-11	Malvern Retreat	
Sun	11	Daylight Savings Time (Last Day of Malvern, PA Retreat)	2:00 AM
Mon	12	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
Thu	15	Seafood Chowder Preparation	10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Fri	16	Seafood Chowder Sales	TBD
Sat	17	Saint Patrick's Day Party (SAINT PATRICK'S DAY)	7:00 - 10:00 PM
Mon	19	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon	19	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	23	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Sun	25	PALM SUNDAY	All Day
Thu	29	HOLY THURSDAY	All Day
Fri	30	GOOD FRIDAY	All Day
Sat	31	Easter Egg Hunt	TBD

April			
Sun	1	HAPPY EASTER – CHRIST IS RISEN	All Day
Mon	2	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Sat	7	Special Olympics Luncheon	TBD
Mon	9	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	13	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Mon	16	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon	16	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30 PM
Tue	17	INCOME TAX DEADLINE	All Day
Sat	21	K of C Ladies Event	TBD
Fri	27	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Sun	29	Knights of Columbus Mass Attendance	11:00 AM

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