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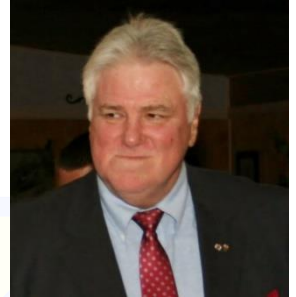
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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"



Brothers All,

What a great month we had in February, as we held a very successful pancake breakfast. The breakfast raised \$500 for the State Council's Sonogram Project as part of our Culture of Life Program. On Monday, February 5th, our Council conducted its bimonthly Admission Degree. This degree was judged by the State Degree Team. Shortly after the Degree, the Admissions Degree Ceremonial Chairman, John Przybocki, sent me an email stating that "the exemplification was excellent". Lee Eder and his degree team are to be congratulated for another outstanding exemplification. We attended the Parish Mardi Gras and from indications it was a considerable success. Hats off to our Past Grand Knight Larry Shannahan, who chaired the event. Finally we held our Kids Bingo on February 24th and fun was had by all.

March will be another busy month as we prepare for these upcoming events:

- 1. Lenten Chowder Prep and sales, March 1st & 2nd, 15th & 16th.*
- 2. Bingo every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.*
- 3. The retreat at Malvern on March 9th, 10th & 11th*
- 4. The St Patrick's Day Celebration on March 17th*
- 5. The Children's Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st*

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

Lent

The Knights of Columbus retreat at Malvern will provide us the chance to learn more about the life of Christ and prepare ourselves for our wonderful celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.

The final week of Lent begins with Palm Sunday and the Triduum services during Holy Week allow us the opportunity to relive the final days of Christ. I ask each Knight's resolve to attend mass and partake of the sacraments during this most holy time of the year. I'm sure, your lives as well as your relationship with God will be enriched.

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.

Please keep our Brother Knights, their Families and our Clergy in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Novak PFN

Grand Knight

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

Steve Herpel, (M) 443-987-5621, E-Mail olmchsoccer@yahoo.com

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

Reservations are now being taken for the Knights of Columbus MD State Convention in Ocean City, MD.

Tickets are now on sale for the **Saint Patrick's Day Celebration, Saturday, March 17, 2018.** Dinner, dancing, karaoke and fun. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Funds will go to the K of C Charities Fund. Thanks to all my brothers who participate in our events and to my Activities Directors below.



Reports for the third quarter are due to the state by March 15, 2018.

Activity Chairs

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

Larry just finished his report on the support provided for the first Journey to the Inn at St. Francis de Sales and I'm sure he will be presenting his fourth quarter event soon. Thanks to all our brothers and ladies that participated

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

Our recent Pancake Breakfast will support the Sonogram Program. We also had a nice turn out for the Boy Scouts also. Thanks to all our brothers and ladies that supported this event

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

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be a fun time for all even if you are not of Irish heritage. Everyone can be Irish for one day. Come join the fun at this Community event to raise funds for our K of C Charities. Have fun and help out while you are there. Big six Wheel, Gift Baskets, Raffles and sing along with some familiar Irish tunes and impress us with your vocal skills.

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

Congratulations to Jeff for putting together a wonderful kids bingo! Special thanks to Mel and Richard for calling the bingo games, Keith Arndt DGK for running the kitchen, and Debbie Dickerson for coordinating the check ins.

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

Our Council Party was a huge success. A new location this year was at the Primavera Restaurant on Route 40. Thanks to Rob for grand job organizing this event.

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 olmchsoccer@yahoo.com

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

at

St. Francis

SATURDAY - MARCH 17TH

6:30PM - 10:00PM

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Ladies Auxiliary

The ladies have been very busy during the month of February. First, the ladies supported the parish Mardi Gras dinner.



Next, the ladies also began preparations for hosting the Donut Sunday.

We are also getting ready to host our annual Baby Shower to benefit Birthright. We are collecting donations and baby items in the Narthex of the Church. Please be as generous as you can. The baby shower will be taking place on Sunday, March 4th.

Our next meeting will be Monday March 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

March Membership Report



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We are entering our final few months in our fraternal year. I ask each brother find a Catholic Man to invite to become a Knight of Columbus. There is no better gift you can provide a Catholic friend then to ask them to become a member of our order. Please let me know if you have any candidates.

Bill Hengemihle
Membership Director

District Deputy's Report

Brothers I bring you greetings from State Deputy Steve Cohen

Third quarter reports are due. I would like to congratulate the council for putting on a great Admission Degree.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Georgulas, District Deputy



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INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

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



LIFE INSURANCE CALCULATOR

Life insurance is probably something you don't often think about, but no financial plan is complete without it. And if you haven't yet put a plan in place, life insurance is a great place to start.

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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

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE AGENTS PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE ORDER'S GROWTH AND CHARITABLE WORK

I RECENTLY gave a presentation to our general agents regarding the Order's insurance program and our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. I'd like to share excerpts of those remarks with you here.

Charity, unity and fraternity have guided us so far on our journey, and they will carry us successfully into the future. I will say again what I have said every year at this meeting. Thank you for giving us our best sales year ever — this year about \$8.8 billion in new sales.

As Patrick Henry once remarked, "I know no way of judging the future but by the past." And what has our past shown?

Since the year 2000, our insurance in force has grown from \$40 billion to nearly \$110 billion. Our assets have increased from \$8.5 billion to nearly \$25 billion. During these years we have paid out more than \$5.3 billion in dividends and more than \$4.3 billion in death benefits. That's right — nearly \$10 billion in dividends and benefits.

During the same time, our membership has grown every year, from 1.6 million to nearly 2 million members today. And with this greater number has come greater action.

Each year, we have increased the hours and the dollars donated to charity. Since 2000, we have given more than \$2.5 billion. We have also volunteered more than 1.1 billion hours, and the value of that service is estimated at more than \$23 billion.

So, during the years in which we faced 9/11 and a global war on terrorism, the greatest recession since the Great Depression, and some of the worst natural disasters in history, the Knights of Columbus provided more than \$35 billion in value to our members, their families and our neighbors.

Growth is good — and certainly we have seen good growth. Our sales growth has outpaced the industry. Our charitable work is a marvel to other organizations.

This past can be prologue. But success is never guaranteed, nor is it automatic. Our growth will continue — as we continue to offer outstanding products and service and continue our commitment to charity, unity and fraternity.

Our insurance agents are our greatest fraternal advantage. Your technical competence is important. But what puts you in a different category from our competition is your fraternal commitment to your brother Knights. What is decisive is your commitment to charity, unity and fraternity.

You know that our brother Knights are neither an abstraction nor a statistic. They are the men who are with you in the council meetings, who are in the pew next to you on Sunday and who volunteer

with you in our charitable projects. They are the men who listen to your advice because they trust you. We have the responsibility to do the best we can to live up to that trust.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to “live in fraternity” and to show “a fraternal love” toward our neighbors. Of course, it is a high standard.

I am proud of what you have accomplished and of what you have enabled others to accomplish.

Last December, I received an email from Iraq wishing me a Happy New Year from a medical clinic in Erbil that we financially support.

Because of our support, they have treated more than 50,000 patients and performed over 32,000 laboratory tests. They’ve provided more than 800 mental health consultations many with women escaping sexual slavery and with children traumatized by the murder of their parents. In December, we also provided a Christmas food supplement for 12,000 families there.

These are only a small percentage of the lives that we have changed.

When Christopher Columbus set sail on his voyage of discovery, he flew the banner of Castile. On that banner, Queen Isabella had written, “**Ne plus ultra**,” meaning “nothing more beyond” — because at that time, there was no territory known to exist west of her kingdom. When Columbus returned, the queen had the word “ne” removed from her flag, for now they knew there was something more beyond.

There will always be a “more beyond” for us — more records to set, more neighbors to help, more families to serve.

Vivat Jesus!





Special Intentions

March 2018

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

Stony Burke (K of C Member)
Charles Duke (Council Member)
Dan Forte (RIP)
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 & Wife (Council Member)
Rob and Pam Hardy and Pam's mother
Steve Herpel (Brother – David) & (Mother – Mildred)
Margaret Knowles
Bill Kuchmas (Past State Deputy, RIP 02/21/18)
John & Sally Myers (Council Member)
Brian O'Connor (Mother - Patricia), (Brother – Ray) & (Daughter – Amy Bowen)
Ed O'Keefe (Daughter – Mallory) & (Mother, RIP)
Mike Novak (Council Member, Grand Knight)
Mike Novak's brothers, Al & Walt
John Schmidt (Council Member)
Rich Sosna (Charlie Carpenter – Father-In-Law) & (RIP- Mother, Stella)
Steve Wisneuski (Council Member)
John Young (Son – Eric) & (Grandson – Cooper)
Katie Goudine (Greg Ward's sister-in-law)

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

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

Sat	28	St. Francis de Sales Touch a Truck	All Day
Sun	29	Knights of Columbus Mass Attendance	11:00 AM
May			
Fri	4	Day 1 – Knights of Columbus State Convention	All Day
Sat	5	Day 2 – Knights of Columbus State Convention	All Day
Sat	5	CINCO De MAYO	All Day
Sun	6	Day 3 – Knights of Columbus State Convention	All Day
Mon	7	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	11	Bingo Night	6:00 PM
Sun	13	MOTHERS' DAY (Distribution of Marigolds-Culture of Life)	Sat & Sun Masses
Mon	14	K of C Officer's Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon	21	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
Mon	21	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri	25	Bingo Night	6:00 PM



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