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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"VOLUNTEER- TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE"



Brothers All,

I am honored to be the New Grand Knight of the Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council for the 2019-2020 fraternal year. I thank past Grand Knight, Keith Arndt for his leadership over the past year ending with numerous awards highlighted by a fabulous 25 year celebration.

My Goal in this position is to help the council be successful with the help of my fellow Knights in each of the Faith in Action programs. I challenge each Knight in our council to choose an activity within the fraternal year to help the council achieve success in Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

In order to exceed these objectives we need to involve the membership through commitment and growth. Please keep me and the entire council officers in your prayers during this year that we can make a difference in our community.

Vivat Jesus
J. Michael Walsh III
Grand Knight

SUPREME KNIGHT Carl Anderson

STATE DEPUTY Stephen M. Cohen

DISTRICT DEPUTY Michael Georgulas,
PGK, PFN

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Associate Chaplain's Report

DO YOU NEED A REST?

In Matthew's Gospel (11:28-30), we find Jesus reminding us to rest in him. He tells that his yoke is easy and his burden is light, and we should rely on him for everything. In addition, I think we all know that St. James is a proponent of a double-pronged faith life. James tells us that we must pray (as Paul does constantly) always. James adds another dimension to that command by telling us that faith without works is inadequate. To put it simply, for James, prayer and works go hand in hand. If we spend all day in prayer and do nothing for our fellow human beings, then our faith life is inadequate. Faith and works together, working in tandem, is needed for a fruitful faith walk and relationship with God.



**Deacon Jim
Sullivan**

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Jesus' invitation to rest in Matthew's Gospel adds another prong to this challenge. Prayer and good works without rest is only part of our faith life. We don't like to be quiet, and we don't like to put our trust in others, even God. After all, we can do it all, and we don't need anyone to help us, thank you! Jesus tells us without reservation that thinking like that is lacking. We do need to rest in Jesus, we do need to take time and give him a chance to speak to us. We do need to listen to what he has to say to us. The only way we can do this for sure is to rest and clear our minds of everyday life and trust Jesus with everything we do. It is the invitation that completes the circle of our faith to pray, to do good works and to rest in Jesus. That is the challenge the scriptures place before us. That is the challenge, when answered, completes our Christian faith walk. That, my brothers, is the faith of our church.

Peace and All Good!
Deacon Jim

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"WHAT'S GOING-ON IN OUR COUNCIL"

FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Steve Herpel, (M) 443-987-5621
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HAPPY FRATERNAL NEW YEAR! Yes, we just completed our twenty-fifth anniversary this year and the celebration was a success. Thanks to all that were on the planning committee and those that attended the event at the Columbus Gardens! A fun night was had by all and there were no shortages of food or drink.

I want to personally extend my thanks again to my Activity Directors for 2018/2019. Brothers Mike Walsh (Community), Larry Shannahan (Faith), Steve Buddenbohn (Family/Youth), and John Young (Life). I don't want to leave out our Mentors for the Activity Directors which included Brothers Rob Hardy, Jeff Gutowski, and Rich Sosna. Gentlemen all of you put service before self. Thank you again for stepping forward and working to improve our council.

That said, our new Activity Directors for this fraternal year 2019/2020 are a combination of experience and first-time service. Steve Buddenbohn and John Young will return to their respective positions with first term members Jeff Merlette (Community) and Oscar Molina (Faith). Thanking you in advance for a job that I know will be well done!



DARE TO BE BRAVE: Make a statement that you are a Knight even if you can't make a meeting.
WE NEED YOU! Participate in an event that might interest you or make suggestions for events that are within our categories, or something out of the box.

You are the most important key in spreading the word about the activities for the Father Maurice J. Wolfe Council and the Knights of Columbus. Let our parish and community know what we do.

PARTICIPATE: Please contact me if you have any questions at all!

Volunteers are always needed for Bingo held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Bingo is one of our main fundraisers with the church and our council doing a 50-50 split.

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Fun events and activities in your Council!! **Join in on the Fun!!!**

What's Been Happening

25th Anniversary Party



5th Sunday Mass....



... The End of an Era

July Membership Report



Hello Brothers of the Fr. Wolf Council

Over the past several months we have lost several members from our council as a result of transfers. As of June 1, the Council had 279 members.

Since then, however, we had an admission degree at which we welcomed 3 new Knights to our Council. We will therefore end the year with 14 new members, 4 short of our goal. The new Knights are:

Michael Barry – sings Bass in the choir during both the 9 and 11 am masses

Josh Amburgey – Officer Chris' son

Kevin Scheidhauer – Jeff Scheidhauer's son

Thank you to their sponsors, Lee Eder, Jim DiMaggio, and Larry Shannahan.

If you see our new members, please welcome them to our council and thanks them for their membership.

During the month we conducted a membership drive at all masses and sponsored a new member's forum. We will conduct a new member meeting in July for all members that have joined throughout the spring and early summer. Additionally, during the month we conducted a 2nd degree for several of our members as well as members of nearby councils.

Now for the bad news:

We have followed up with all members that are delinquent paying their dues. Currently the Council has 12 members that are over 2 years delinquent. Final notices have been sent and July 1st we will be sending their termination notices the Supreme for processing.

That means that to make our Star Council Award in 2020, we will need to overcome this significant reduction in membership. It is certainly not impossible. If each of our active members brings in 1 new Knight, we will more that top our needed goal.

As such the slogan this year will be

Every Fr. Wolfe Council Member will bring in 1 New Knight

In closing, let me thank Bill Hengemihle for the support he provided me throughout the year. Bill has brought in over 100 Knights to the Fr. Wolfe Council and has been a wonderful mentor for me and the Grand Knight Keith Arndt.

Thanks Brother Bill!!

Thanks for a great 2019 and looking forward to 2020

Larry Shannahan

Membership Director

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Thank you to our Immediate PGK and Ladies' Auxiliary President!

Brothers All,

This fraternal year has flown by due in large part to your support and participation in our many activities. One of my goals for the year was to initiate new programs and I believe we succeeded – Blessing Bags, expanded Pit Beef sales, Novenas and Rosaries for Life, a Parish Men's Retreat, Breakfast with Santa, Holy Week and Good Friday participation – as well as continuing our traditional successful activities. The increased participation in Bingo has contributed to a most successful year, due in large part to the efforts of Larry Shannahan. We most recently assisted a parish widow with an extensive yard cleanup – exactly the type of thing we should be doing. i.e., "Serving Christ While Serving Others." As Deacon Jim recently reminded us, we need to both pursue our faith and good works.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as Grand Knight. One of the things that makes our Council great is that our Past Grand Knights don't disappear, rather they stay engaged with the Council. I plan to continue that tradition. God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Arndt, PGK

A woman by the name of Margaret Mead once said "*Never doubt that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has.*" I can say that I have witnessed this first hand in our part of the world right here at St. Francis de Sales thanks to all of you! It has been an honor to serve as the Ladies' Auxiliary President for the past 2 years and I will cherish the many heartwarming memories. The past 2 years flew by! It's been busy, productive, positively impacting, and fun!

I came in as President nervous but with high hopes! The amount of love, encouragement, guidance, and feedback received made this an incredible experience and motivated me daily! And, what we have accomplished is amazing! We are so blessed to be in the position to serve! I am proud of our achievements [and hope you are too 😊] and proud to work side by side with you to do God's work! Thank you for your generosity, participation, and commitment - for sharing your talents, for spreading joy, giving hope, protecting the vulnerable, and helping those in need!

To my fellow officers Barbie, April, Pat, and Denise, thank you for taking on these roles and for being wonderful – go team! To my Ladies, thank you for your belief in me, your hard work, and enthusiasm – hugs and kisses to you all! To our Knights, thank you for your respect, support, and the many laughs - we work great together! May we continue to lead by example and put our faith in action for many more years!

There is always work to be done and "*where there is a will, there is a way!*" Thanks be to God!

God bless you all ♥☐

With Gratitude,

Cynthia Santiago

2017-2019 Ladies Auxiliary President

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Congratulations to the Officers of our Ladies Auxiliary 2019-2020

K of C Ladies #11372 End of Year Celebration



Monday, June 17, 2019

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS TO DENISE WALSH AND HER
LEADERSHIP TEAM!

INSURANCE ADVISOR'S REPORT

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



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Single Premium Immediate Annuity – Purchased with a single payment, it begins to pay out immediately.

Plan Types

In the United States, the Knights of Columbus annuities have three available plans:

Non-Qualified Annuity

Traditional Individual Retirement Annuity

Roth Individual Retirement Annuity

The Knights of Columbus also offers Tax Sheltered Annuities (TSA) and Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) options.

Knights and their families in Canada have two retirement annuity options:

Registered Retirement Savings Plan

Tax-Free Savings Account

If you are not an insurance member of our council, please take advantage of this incredible benefit you have!

Contact Ed today if you are interested in more information.



Supreme News and Events

FURTHER STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO END THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN MANY PLACES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



"TELL THEM I am dying because I am a Christian," said Blessed Isidore Bakanja shortly before he was killed in 1909 in the Belgian Congo. Isidore was baptized as a young man. He frequently prayed the rosary and proudly wore a scapular. The overseers of the plantation where Isidore worked demanded that he renounce his baptism, fearing that if their native workers became "brothers" in Christ, the brutally harsh conditions of plantation life would have to change. When Isidore refused, he was beaten to death.

I had the privilege of attending the beatification of Isidore Bakanja at the Vatican in 1994, and I will always remember the emotion with which St. John Paul II spoke of him.

I thought of Blessed Isidore's life and death as I read news accounts of a new report on the global persecution of Christians. The report, prepared for the British Government's Foreign Office, concluded that the persecution of Christians in parts of the world is at "near genocide levels."

British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt believes that "political correctness" is partly responsible for the failure to confront the crisis. "There is a misplaced worry that it is somehow colonialist," he said, "to talk about a religion that was associated with colonial powers."

"What we have forgotten," he continued, is that "the Christians that are being persecuted are some of the poorest people on the planet."

A better understanding of the legal, economic and political status of Christians throughout the world is needed. Too often, desperate poverty and marginalization are compounded by political powerlessness and centuries-old traditions of discrimination in both law and practice.

Such circumstances make many Christians throughout the Middle East easy targets for extremists and victims easily ignored.

That is why during my trip to Iraq in March I met with the prime minister of the Kurdistan Regional Authority and on my return spoke with Vice President Mike Pence. Those conversations were encouraging, but much work remains.

My visit to Iraq was an opportunity to see firsthand the situation of the displaced Christians there, how their communities are struggling to survive and what the path to a sustainable future could look like.

In an excellent analysis of the current situation in Iraq, **America** magazine (April 19) recently asked the most fundamental question: "Can Christianity in northern Iraq survive after ISIS?"

The answer, of course, is that it is still too early to tell. But if Christianity does not survive there, it will not be because Iraqi Christians over the last century did not sacrifice their lives to maintain a Christian presence. And many who remain have sacrificed everything but their lives.

If Christianity does not survive in Iraq — and elsewhere in the region — it may well be a result of the silence and neglect by their brothers and sisters in the West.

These suffering Christians deserve our continued solidarity.

As noted in the **America** article, Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil has begun a number of development initiatives (many with our financial assistance) that could mean Christians will not “merely survive,” but will actually “thrive” in Iraq.

There is a roadmap for sustainability of the Christian community, but it requires continued material and financial support.

And not just in the Middle East.

As the recent church bombings in Sri Lanka tragically demonstrate, too many Christians throughout the world echo Isidore Bakanja’s words: “I am dying because I am a Christian.”

These atrocities must end.

The genocide of Christians must never again be allowed, and the Christian communities in places like Iraq must be helped to survive.

Vivat Jesus!





Special Intentions

July 2019

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

Scotty Friedman
Pat Brooks
Walt Novak
Norm Martin
Charlie Duke
Pat Glassman
Cooper and Eric Young
John and Sally Myers
William Mosca and family

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 for our local priests & deacons and that more personnel will enter the Catholic vocations. Prayers for women contemplating abortion.

THREE MONTH PLANNER

JULY 2019			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
MON	1	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
THU	4	HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY	All Day
THU	4	4th Degree Event (Picnic @ Loch Raven Veteran's Hospital)	TBD
MON	8	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	12	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
MON	15	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 PM
MON	15	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
THU	18	Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting (St. Ignatius)	7:30 PM
FRI	26	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
AUGUST 2019			
MON	5	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
WED	7	Men's & Ladies' Installation Practice (Worship Center)	6:30 PM
FRI	9	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
SAT	10	Knights of Columbus Mass Attendance (Worship Center)	5:00PM
SAT	10	Knights & Ladies Auxiliary Officer Installation (Worship Center)	6:15 PM
SAT	10	Installation Dinner & Program (Kilduff Hall)	7:30 - 10:30 PM
MON	12	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
THU	15	Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting (Location TBD)	7:30 PM
MON	19	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 PM
MON	19	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	23	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
SUN	25	Tri-Parish Picnic (Flying Point Park)	TBD
SEPTEMBER 2019			
MON	2	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM
SAT	7	Event TBD	TBD
MON	9	K of C Officers' Meeting	7:30 PM
FRI	13	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
MON	16	K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 PM
MON	16	K of C General Meeting	7:30 PM

THU	19	Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting (Location TBD)	7:30 PM
SUN	22	Pancake Breakfast	7:30 - 11:00 AM
FRI	27	Bingo Night @ the Hall	6:00 PM
SUN	29	K of C Mass Attendance	11:00 AM



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