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Brothers and Ladies,

2010 Wow! What happened to 2009?

As we start this New Year, I know my term as Grand Knight is half over. I am very happy in my heart with the accomplishments this council has achieved in our charitable works.

I am very proud to let people know I am Grand Knight of the Father Wolfe Council, one of the best councils in the State of Maryland. This group of Brothers, along with our Ladies, is truly the best.

To all of our Brothers and Ladies who work hard and long hours on our fund raisers, thank you.

To all of the activity directors, thank you.

To all my officers, who have made the first six months of being Grand Knight a pleasure and easy, thank you.

On a personal note, in reference to my recent medical problem, I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, their kindness and their prayers for me and my family. I feel much better and I'm itching to get back to my normal activities.

I hope we all find peace and happiness in our Lord, Jesus Christ this coming year.

Grand Knight Lee Eder

MEMBERSHIP

Bill Hengemihle
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It's All About Membership!!!!!!

Time to get those dues paid again. If you have not yet received your new card - lets "git er dun!" The council needs your support by paying your dues on time. We are going to work very hard to make our membership quota this year. Please make a special effort to bring in that new member you have been working on.

Bill Hengemihle, Membership Director - AKA, "THE CLOSER"!!!!!!

Happy New Year!

Well, it's all over. Another holiday season has drawn to a close. The decorations are taken down (or are they)? The gifts are put away and its time to make those New Year resolutions. I'm going to lose 10 pounds, This is my last cigarette-for sure, I will really listen when my wife talks to me, I will try to have a closer relationship with God this year. Wait a minute, what was that? I already have a relationship with God. I go to Mass every Sunday, say a decade of the Rosary everyday, do lots of good work as a Knight and try my best to be a good person! What else am I supposed to do?

How about making our lives, your life, a life of prayer. Saint Paul encourages us to pray always. To pray always does not mean that we sit or kneel in church all day praying prayers someone else wrote. Praying always means being aware that God is with us every minute of every day. It means God has a hand in everything we see, touch and hear. Sometimes people twist God's creation for their own personal gain. If we learn to pray daily, God will give us the wisdom to see through the smoke of selfishness so we may more fully enjoy his work.

How do we do that? We ask God to help us to know him better. A holy card or other small religious symbol placed on a dresser or night stand could serve as a reminder to ask God to make his presence known to us in our everyday lives. When we see the picture or symbol perhaps we could say something like, Lord, today could you remind me you are always with me and that together we can do great things. Oh, could you also remind me every so often to say a prayer? I want to have a closer relationship with you.



The rest is up to God and believe me he works in ways that surprise us all! Let this be the year that we change and the year our relationship with God changes, too! We need only to ask. He's waiting to hear from us...by the way, losing 10 pounds couldn't hurt either!

Peace and All Good Things!
Deacon Jim

***K of C LADIES MEETING
December 14, 2009***

Starting the New Year – Our first meeting for the new year for the Ladies Auxiliary will be on January 18th in the Knights of Columbus Hall. On the agenda will be planning for upcoming Easter projects, First Communion, and additional future projects.

The Bake Sale at the Craft Bazaar on November 21st & 22nd was a great success. While the actual profit amount wasn't split out separately from the Craft Bazaar revenues, the Parish Office estimated the bake sale contributed approximately \$1100 toward the total Craft Bazaar profit of \$3600.

Christmas "Meals in a Bag" Project – The Ladies donated \$500 for this project which was used to purchase gift cards for turkey, ham, etc. We also supplied 55 "meals in a bag" (stuffing mix, instant potatoes, gravy, canned vegetables, etc). The bags were distributed through **St. Vincent de Paul** on December 17.

Birthright – Keep filling those baby bottles!! These bottles were given out to the members to fill with loose change to benefit "Birthright". The Baby Shower is scheduled to be held in January.

December Meeting - The December meeting was a special social get together. The ladies joined the men after the regular meeting to enjoy the blessings of the season. The meatballs were particularly good.

Program Director's Report

Dan Briggs

My Brother Knights,

As we start the year of Our Lord 2010, I ask for your help to work with our activity directors in these upcoming events.

Daniel Samis – Council – Contact – 410-569-3423 or daniel.samis@verizon.net

The tentative date for the Knights of Columbus holiday party is January 30th. We are working to secure the location and more information will follow soon. We hope that brothers and ladies will join us for the annual event to celebrate the season. If you would like to help out with the Holiday party please contact Dan Samis as soon as possible.

Mark Hopkins – Youth - Contact - markhopkins1@comcast.net

Thanks to all who helped with the Rollin' in the Dough activity. The event went well and was attended by many youth in our community. 40 students in our religious education program participated and the winning submissions will be judged now on the state level. The students really exhibited what it means to Keep Christ in Christmas. A special thanks to past youth director Keith Marchiano for running this activity.

Rob Hardy – Church – Contact – 410-459-6132 or RobHardy@gmail.com

Rob's next activity will be a Mass that we will attend together during the season of Lent. This is an activity that brother Mike Brown ran last year and proved to be a special time of reflection for all the brothers. There will also be an opportunity for brothers to attend a reconciliation service during the Lent season. Once more information is available we will pass it along. These activities are open to the whole family and we encourage everyone to attend.

Godwin Ilonoh – Family – Contact 301-455-6534 or Goddyilonoh@yahoo.com

Special thanks to all those brothers who helped out with the Children's Christmas party. About 150 people attended and the party was supported by many brothers, confirmation candidates, and members from the John Carroll School community. A most special thanks to our guest Santa Claus. On a non-related note a special thanks to brother Bill Elliot. Not sure why I am thanking him. It just seems right.

Steve O'Connor – Community – Contact 410-679-9591 or SoCal9@yahoo.com

In the mood to clean up some roads. Many years ago we adopted Box Hill South Parkway. We will need some help in cleaning up the gutters and sidewalk areas. If you are interested in helping please let Steve know as soon as possible. Thanks for any help you can give. The polar bear plunge is coming! January 30th is the date for the plunge this year, if you are interested in attending this crazy, chilling, and fun event, please contact Steve O'Connor and Dan Briggs.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact me - Daniel Briggs - with any questions.
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Please aid our council by supporting our activity directors.



RESPECT LIFE

There are several issues which concern the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus that fall under the heading of pro-life. Abortion, euthanasia, stem-cell research, and the ethical treatment of the sick and infirmed are many of the important issues which every Catholic must be concerned with in order to build a culture of life.

Also included in this area is family life. Father Leo Patalinghug, a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, has begun a movement to strengthen family ties through the simple act of sitting down and eating a meal. Using his self-taught cooking skills as a start, he began a movement in 2003 called "Grace Before Meals".

The idea is based around how having frequent family meals can reduce teen pregnancy, drug abuse, depression, and violence within families.

According to a study done by the National Center on Substance and Addiction at Columbia University, when comparing teens who eat dinner families with those who eat that eat more frequently with talk to their parents about a smoke, 93% are less likely to be involved with drugs.

Father Leo's movement has level. In August of 2009, he had "Throwdown with Bobby Flay" renowned Steak Fajitas stole professional chef with several



0-2 times per week with their dinner 5-7 times per week, those their families are 40% more likely to problem, 142% are less likely to drink, and 169% are less likely to

also been noticed on a national appeared on an episode of on the Food Network. His the show and beat Bobby, who is a restaurants in New York City.

In addition, Father Leo's movement was highlighted on the program "CBS Sunday Morning" which showed Father Leo demonstrating his cooking skills while discussing the benefits of eating together as it connects with breaking bread at the Lord's table.

To strengthen your bond within your family, Father Leo suggests that every family should:

- Eat meals together at least five times per week
- Engage the family in conversation while preparing meals
- Say Grace before each meal
- Turn off the TV while eating dinner
- Introduce topics for the family to discuss at dinnertime

To learn more about Fr Leo's "Grace before Meals" movement, please go to the web site:

www.gracebeforemeals.com

Pax et Bonum

Rich Sosna, PGK

Would you be this forgiving?



Bill Yopp

Editor's Note: Jesus told us that the second greatest commandment was to love your neighbor as yourself. It is sometimes hard to do. Every once in a while I come across a story that I can only describe as incredible. This story of Bill Yopp, who was born and raised a slave prior to the War Between the States is one of those stories.

A Soldier's Christmas Gift

By Calvin E. Johnson Jr.

Christmas is a wonderful time to celebrate with family, friends and supper at Grandma's house. Grandpa will gather the children around the fire place and tell them the story of Jesus Christ who was born on Christmas Day while Grandma makes ginger bread cookies and Daddy brings the Christmas tree in the family room for decorating. Mamma as always will lead us in the singing of 'Silent Night—Holy Night' as the Star of Bethlehem is placed on top of the tree.

90 years ago....

during the year 1919, one year after the end of World War I, the people of Atlanta, Georgia were celebrating the Christmas Season. Many people attended Church or Synagogue and gave thanks to God for his many blessings. Folks, while shopping, were uplifted by sweet sounds of Christmas music played by the Salvation Army Band. There was a friendly and charitable atmosphere during this time of the year.

There were, however, some who were not as fortunate!

The aging veterans, in the Confederate Soldier's Home, were proud men who had braved many a battle in the 1860s. One of these men was former Captain Thomas Yopp who saw such battles as that of Fredericksburg where a cannon shell burst knocked him unconscious.

The man who stayed with him until he recovered was his servant who had also joined the 14th Georgia Regiment, Company H. Bill Yopp was more than a servant; he and Thomas Yopp were friends who hunted and fished together.

Bill Yopp, a Black Confederate, was sympathetic to the men of Atlanta's soldiers home who had been his compatriots in arms over fifty years earlier.

During the War Between the States, 1861-1865, Bill Yopp was nicknamed "Ten Cent Bill" because of the money he made shining shoes. He did this for the soldiers at a dime a shine and ended up with more money than most of his comrades. These men, also, cared for him when he was sick.

During the Christmas of 1919, Bill wanted to pay back the kindness that was shown to him. He caught a train from Atlanta to Macon, where he was offered help from the editor of a local newspaper [The Macon Telegraph]. He then caught a train to Savannah to raise Christmas money for the old veterans. Bill met many generous people on his trip.

Just weeks before the Christmas of 1919, he had raised the money and Georgia's Governor Hugh Dorsey helped him distribute envelopes of three dollars to each veteran. That was a lot of money in those days.

The old Confederates were speechless. Tears were shed because of Bill Yopp's good heart and kind deed. Many of these men had little or nothing. Bill was invited to come into the home's Chapel and say a few words.

Bill Yopp was later presented a medal of appreciation for his support of the old soldiers and also voted in as a resident of the Confederate Soldier's Home.

Bill died on June 3, 1936, the 128th birthday of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He was buried at Marietta, Georgia's Confederate Cemetery with his compatriots.

The Confederate Soldier's Home was located at 401 Confederate Ave., in Atlanta, Georgia.

Christmas is about love, forgiveness, old friends, family and the Child who became a savior.

Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday Jesus!

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District Deputy Message January 2010
Every Council a Star Council

Council No	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736	7	0	7	3
9815	1	0	1	1
10100	2	0	2	1
11372	3	0	3	2
District Total	13	0	13/43%	7/64%

Star District Goals 30 New Members; 11 Insurance Members

While we do focus on membership quotas for awards, *it is very important to remember that goals or quotas aside; new members are the lifeblood of our councils they bring in new energy, ideas, enthusiasm and allow us to perform planned and new needed charitable works!! I implore each and every member of District 1 to bring in a new member not for the purpose of achieving a quota but to make our councils stronger and more vibrant*

The Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights will be participating in the midterm meeting on January 9th. This is an extremely important meeting not only for the Grand Knights but the Deputy Grand Knights who will receive some extremely important information need to prepare them for their future Grand Knight role.

There will be several Pro-Life Activities this month. Please actively support these programs – We, as a Pro-Life organization, need to provide visible support to these efforts. The National March for Life will be Thursday January 22.

There will be a 3rd degree on January 23rd at Dundalk Council and March 19th at Cardinal Gibbons Council. These are the only 3rd degrees in our area for the remainder of the fraternal year; please take full advantage of them. Since these are all our of our District, please make sure your Council gets the DD Authorization for each 3rd degree

Those councils wishing to participate in the Free Throw Competition must do so in January as we are making plans for a District Free Throw shoot-out in early February so the District winners will be eligible to participate in the State Finals on February 27th. You might be interested to know that one of our District winners, Kristen Kunaniac (9815), won the State Soccer shootout for her age group – Congratulations!!!

Jesus I trust in you!!

Brian O'Connor

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

“It seems like just yesterday ...”

Any parent reading this will quickly come up with countless ways to complete that last sentence. The point is – time flies and tomorrow will (or has) arrive quicker than expected. Will you be ready?

If you meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers, the answer – at least financially – will be “yes”. During that annual visit, he’ll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. And he’ll recommend a program of life insurance, long term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.

Paying for college for your children may be one of your family’s current needs. Or you may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. Or worried about needing costly long term care that could deplete your hard-earned assets. Or about having something to leave for your children or grandchildren.

Whatever your needs ... whatever your concerns, I can help.

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Catholic Humor

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child’s artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, “I’m drawing God.”

The teacher paused and said, “But no one knows what God looks like.”

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, “They will in a minute.”

A little girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill.

“Mommy,” she said, “can we leave now?”

“No,” her mother replied.

“Well, I think I have to throw up!”

“Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush.”

After about 60 seconds the little girl returned to her seat.

“Did you throw up?” Mom asked.

“Yes.”

“How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?”

“I didn’t have to go out of the church, Mommy. They have a box next to the front door that says, ‘For the Sick.’”

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THREE MONTH PLANNER



January			
Mon	4	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	11	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	30	Polar Bear Plunge!	9:00am
Sat	30	Holiday Party (Tentative)	6:00pm
February			
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Sat	6	Kids Bingo!	1:00pm
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sun	21	Pancake Breakfast!	6:00am
March			
Mon	1	Council Meeting, Knights Hall	8:00pm
Mon	8	Officers Meeting, Kilduff Hall	7:30pm
Fri	12	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	15	Council Meeting Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	26	Bingo!	5:00pm

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