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As many of you know, I am a huge baseball fan. I have been an Orioles' fan since before I can remember. I was pretty lucky that as a kid growing up through the 1970's and 1980's I got to see some great baseball played in Baltimore. The Orioles would win 95-102 games each year consistently! I also got to follow some great baseball players like Jim Palmer, Brooks Robinson, Eddie Murray, Ken Singleton, and Cal Ripken. When I pitched, I was like a right handed Scott McGregor emulating his delivery. I played baseball for most of my life from the age of 6 into High School, briefly in College, then again in my 30's and 40's. I finally decided to stop playing last year at the age of 44 which was a day of joy for Beth. For the last several years I have been coaching Josh in baseball and this year I will be a head coach for his recreation team in Bel Air. I love the game of baseball, going to the ballpark, the smell of hot dogs, and drinking a cold beer while watching America' past time is something I will do until the day I leave this Earth.

The reason I bring this up is baseball is the purest sport. It takes playing the game as a team in the field and the combination of individual performance in order to win. If one part of the team aspect is out of sync then your chances of winning diminish. It takes a lot of strategy and focus on multiple moving parts of the game to be successful. Our council is like the winning Baltimore Orioles' teams of the 60's, 70's and 80's. We are consistent in everything we do, we work together to accomplish activities, we had 16 straight years as a Star Council and about to achieve our 17th Star Council, and we support one another. When one person (player) is down, the rest of the team steps up to assist that brother or lady. We are a family that knows what each of us has to do to be a winning council. What is our mission and why do we win? We do God's work for His glory, we support and love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, we have a place we can bring our families to, and we attend meetings /events for the fun and love of it!

So as we enter baseball season and the last quarter of our fraternal year- enjoy the game! Continue to play for the Father Wolfe team as a unified council and love every minute of it!

Vivat Jesus!

Keith Marchiano
Grand Knight

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The Journey Home

We are on a journey. Perhaps our journey is a journey home. Our walk along the road of life should be a journey toward union with God. Union with God is what it is to be home. It is difficult attain this type of perfection here on earth, but we can continue the journey. We can keep trying to live lives that will strengthen our relationship with God. We can listen to the Word of God carefully as we journey along trying our best to do what is right; trying to realize that God is with us and helps along as we travel.

On the journey to holiness we foster a relationship with our loving God. The journey is not easy. It takes time and devotion. We must pray, discern, and love in order to position ourselves where we need to be. We are not alone on this journey. Jesus walks with us, just as he did with his disciples two thousand years ago! He is alive! We need to ask him to stay with us, to guide us, to teach us. Then our journey will take on new meaning. We will walk with Our Risen Savior and he will be walking with us!

Peace and all Good,
Deacon Jim

The ladies would like to thank the men for the delicious St. Patrick's Day Dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage served before the March meeting. The food and fellowship were both wonderful. Our next event/project will be making "no-sew" blankets for children hospitalized at Upper Chesapeake. We will get together in Kilduff Hall on April 20th from 12:00-4:30 pm. Please join us for a light lunch followed by assembling the blankets...this should be a fun group project as we all learn how to do these popular cut and tie blankets.

Our donut Sunday last month brought us several Ladies who expressed an interest in joining our group. Our installation dinner this year will be held at Belissimos Restaurant on June 17. Our next meeting will be April 15th at 8pm in the Knight's Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Lenten Seafood Chowder Sales

Thanks to all who helped, especially George Hemelt, John Young, Ed Petrovic and Bill Hengemihle. The recipe is locked away until next year.

Total quarts sold: 154 or 38.5 gallons
Revenue: \$1,540.00
Costs: \$ 673.42
Net Profit: \$866.58

Keith Arndt, Chowder Chairman

February & March Activities

Greg Ward, Chancellor & Activity Director

The past few month's our Council has been involved in many activities in and around our Church community, below are just some of the fun events we have arranged.

The first week end in February found us with 2 events on our plate....Rolling in the Dough and a pancake breakfast. **Shawn Harper, Family Activities Director**, coordinated the event coordinated with Aberdeen Proving Grounds Federal Credit Union. Each teen was given a career, a paycheck, a family, different lifestyles, and had to spend time in "Mad Money City" navigating their way through "life". Each teen had to learn how to write checks, use debit cards, have fun, live life, and stay within their monthly salary. Each teen had to stop at every station in the in "Mad Money City". Each station "sold" the teen, housing, transportation, food, clothing, entertainment, jewelry and trips.). After two hours or so the buying subsided substantially. Some teens were very distraught; one child was heard saying, "I don't like being an adult, it's not fun!"



Charles Johnston, Family Activity Director, coordinated this year's Kid's Bingo along with several volunteers from our Council. Mel and Connie Piotrowski, handled the sales of bingo packets and also acted as our bingo caller. Our Grand Knight, Keith Marchiano, handled the sales of the hotdog "Meal Deal" tickets and Brother Rich Sosna prepared all of the hotdogs. Winners from each game were able to pick out a prize and a raffle ensured that no one left empty handed. The participation in this year's Kid's Bingo Contest was awesome to say the least. We sold 125 bingo packets and an additional 177 grand prize game tickets; all of the proceeds, \$582.70, was given to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Due to the hard work of the youth, the Brothers of our Council and their wives, this year's Kid's Bingo was a great success. We gave our youth a fun night in a safe environment and raised money for a very honorable cause.



Another big Activity held during the month was put on by **Jeff Lawson, Church Activity Director**. Jeff decided that the next best thing to godliness is cleanliness and therefore he took it upon himself to organize a church "wash-down". There is no better place in a church community to come together than in a church and no better way to carry out the Lord's work than working in His house for His greater glory. During the height of flu season Jeff felt a much needed cleaning of the Church's pews was in order. The decision to perform this activity was two fold: 1. to enhance our awareness of God and what better place than in His house and 2. provide a more germ free environment among the parishioners of St. Francis.

Below you see Liz Lawson (Father Wolfe Council Mascot) and Lee Eder and John Schmidt hard at work on the pews.



Continuing with our activities during February and March, The Knight's Lenten Chowder Sale, was a HUGE success! Three Fridays during Lent, Keith Arndt, George Hemmelt and 3 to 4 other Brother Knights sold quarts of "Knight Chowder" The Chefs did an outstanding job, if repeat sales are an indication, on the final Friday, over 70 quarts were sold!

Most Councils might look at this and say that the Fr Maurice J. Wolfe Council did a lot during February and March, but wait there is more! In between all these events we had: 4 bingo nights, a Road side clean-up, a Pizza Hut night-out, a Retreat and a Wellness Fair! After all this hard but very rewarding work, **Ron Gutowski, Council Activity Director** organized a Wellness Fair to ensure the health all in the St Francis Community were in check. Approximately, 12 health care practices participated in this year's event.

Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to put on some very successful activities and a extra special thank you goes out to wives who gave us the encouragement and time to give back to our Community!

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

During March, Grand Knight Keith Marchiano was very pleased to award the Family of the Month to Charles Johnson and family. Well done Johnson Family



FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



THREE MONTH PLANNER

APRIL 2013			
Mon	1	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Mon	8	Day of the Unborn Child – Mass in Stone Chapel	9:00am
Mon	8	Officer's Meeting	7:00pm
Fri	12	Bingo	6:00pm
Sat	13	Road-side Cleanup	9:00am
Mon	15	1 st Degree Ceremonial & Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Mon	15	Lady Knights' Meeting – KofC Hall	8:00pm
Sat	20	Walk-a-Mile in Her Shoes	9:00am
Fri	26	Bingo	6:00pm
MAY 2013			
Fri – Sun	3-5	State Convention in Ocean City, MD	
Sat	4	May Day @ John Archer School	7:00am
Mon	6	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Fri	10	1 st Annual Council Golf Tournament @ Wetland GC	8:00am
Fri	10	Bingo	6:00pm
Fri	10	Mother's Day – Marigold Prep.	TBA
Sun	12	Mother's Day – Distribution of Marigolds after all Masses	
Mon	13	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Mon	20	Lady Knight's Meeting – KC Hall	8:00pm
Mon	20	Council Meeting & Social	8:00pm
Fri	24	Bingo	6:00pm
JUNE 2013			
Mon	3	Council Meeting	8:00pm
Sun	9	Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament	TBD
Mon	10	Officer's Meeting	7:30pm
Fri	14	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun	16	Father's Day	
Mon	17	First Degree Ceremony & Council Meeting	8:00pm
Mon	17	Lady Knight's Meeting – KC Hall	8:00pm
Sat	22	Council Horseshoe Tournament	1:00pm
Fri	28	Bingo	6:00pm
Sun	30	5 th Sunday - Knight's Celebrate Mass Together	9:00am

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