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Grand Knight's Message

Grand Knight Dave Czarniecki

My Brothers All:

Well if you weren't paying attention, the summer slipped by. Not only does September bring the changing of the seasons but it also marks the start of a new academic year and a time when the council gets very busy. It seems that our activity level corresponds with the school year and it is certainly not a coincidence, since many of our activities are in direct support of the youth of the parish.

September also marks the anniversary of a very solemn event which has become a marker in time – September 11th. I hope many of you will be at the 911 Memorial Mass, 5:00PM on Saturday, September 11. The Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle Fourth Degree Assembly will be joining our own council and our Parish in remembrance of that fateful day. This is an opportunity for the Knights to stand in solidarity demonstrating our patriotism and Catholic values to honor those affected by the events of the day with a Mass. Please put on your best suit and bring the family.

September 18th -19th is our first Tootsie Roll Drive weekend this season. The Mentally Handicapped Program has become one of the most important programs conducted by the Knights of Columbus in the State of Maryland. Last year councils in the Maryland collected in excess of \$355,000. Last year our own council contributed \$900. With the dates that have been scheduled, we are in an excellent position to exceed that number this year. All of the profits from this program are donated to organizations helping the mentally retarded citizens of Maryland. Werner Moeller has volunteered again this year to be the Tootsie Roll Chairman, please give him your full support. Your participation does make a difference.

All of you by now should have received your MD State Council Raffle tickets. This is a very important campaign for both the State Council and our own Monsignor Wells Council. Proceeds from the tickets are shared, going toward the State's scholarship fund and to our own Council's operating fund.

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President Addresses Supreme Council Meeting in Dallas



As reported in *Knights Lane*, the newsletter of the Supreme Council, President George W. Bush touched on issues of importance to the Knights and Catholic voters in a historic 35-minute speech at the 122nd meeting of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus August 3rd in Dallas Texas.

"I really appreciate the Knights of Columbus," the president said. "This strong organization believes in family and faith, and compassion for those in need."

Recalling his meeting with Pope John Paul II, President Bush called him a "true hero of our time." During their meeting, the president presented the pope with the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The pope, continued Bush, "has challenged our nation, and the entire world, to embrace the culture of life."

"Few organizations have worked harder and done more to meet this challenge than the Knights of Columbus," the president said. "Human life is a creation of God, not a commodity to be exploited by man," he said. The president summarized the accomplishment of his administration in promoting and supporting these issues, and pledged his future support for the enactment of laws promoting the culture of life, protecting the sanctity of marriage and promoting faith-based initiatives. The full text and video of the president's speech are available on the Supreme Council web site:

www.kofc.org . *

Grand Knight Message

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As some of you are aware our council has a very modest operating budget. Sixty percent of our operating income comes from your annual dues. The remaining funds must be raised through campaigns such as this one. With adequate funds, the council is able to run events such as the Soccer Shoot Out, Family Picnics and the distribution of flowers on Mother Day. Not only is the contribution for a very good cause but you also have a shot at winning a brand new Pontiac Grand AM or GMC Pick Up. So what color do you want?

Speaking of the Soccer Shoot Out, September 25 is the tentative date for the Soccer shoot out contest. For those with children, bring them on out and enjoy the fresh air.

It seems only a few days ago when I was sitting in Prince George's Stadium with fellow Knights Dennis Sanneman, Paul Salamone, David Keefe and their families watching the Bowie Bay Sox trample whomever it was they were playing. It was a great time and we look forward to doing it again next year.

So the council is off and running and we are in full stride right now. Please lend whatever support you can provide, and encourage those council members we haven't seen in awhile, to stop by. A lot of good activities are coming up.*

9/11 Memorial Mass Planned

A memorial Mass to commemorate the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 will be celebrated on September 11 at 5:00PM in St. Andrew Apostle Church. Officers and brothers from Msgr. Wells Council will attend in a body, along with Sir Knights and Color Guard from the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly. Dress will be coat and tie, or for fourth degree, tuxedo and social baldric. Seating for the council will be in the front pews on the right side of the church. The first four pews will be reserved for the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly, dignitaries and council officers. Families are welcome to sit with members. A reception, hosted by our council, will be held after the Mass in the all-purpose room. Let's have a good turnout to express our condolences for the victims and support for the survivors.*

Raffle Ticket Returns Lagging

Returns from the tickets sent to members for the Knights of Columbus annual State Car Raffle are coming in – but slowly. Ticket sales after the Masses at St. Andrew's that benefit the council's seminarian fund have gone well; however, returns from the membership that benefit the council's general fund are lagging far behind. The council retains sixty percent of the proceeds from these sales that represent significant income to

the council. Returns must be in the hands of the financial secretary no later than the end of September. Members are urged to submit returns as soon as possible.*

Don't Forget GIANT Cards!

Our council has a painless way to feed our treasury through the sale of GIANT Cash Cards. Because the sale of cards has fallen off, the council realized only \$160 this past six months for card sales. If those Brothers who shop at GIANT will use the cards, we can improve the results significantly.*

Soccer Shootout

Our council is sponsoring a Soccer Shootout at the St. Andrew the Apostle field on Saturday, September 25 from Noon to 3 PM. All boys and girls may compete in six separate age groups: 6-and-under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18. There will be a separate division for boys and girls. Participants are scored in three skills - Shoot, Kick & Throw. All contestants are recognized for their participation, and age group winners advance to a District-level competition and possibly the State competition. Sign-up will occur at the field, so plan for about 30 minutes during the 3 hour time-window. Contact Paul Sanneman at 301-460-9410 or sansix@verizon.net if you have any questions. Rain Date will be Sunday, September 26 (will follow St. Andrew's CYO soccer league cancellation policy on the 25th). *

Birthdays

September: Father George Wilkinson (9th); Nick Dhanaraj (10th); GK Dave Czarnecki (12th); Donald Walter (13th); Joe Barrett (15th); Ajbola Yabode Martins, wife of Frederick (9th); Ana Tagliaferro, wife of Al (24th).*

Anniversaries

September apparently isn't a good month to get married, at least there is no record of any in our database.*

Meet the New Members

James J. (Jim) Fahey, formerly of Father Rosensteel Council, has transferred his membership to Msgr. Wells Council. Jim indicated that the parish orientation of our council appealed to him. Welcome aboard Jim!

Your Prayers Requested

Please remember in yor prayers, Brothers Joe Barrett and Tony Gatti who are ill.

COUNCIL #13008

OFFICERS:

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| Chaplain | Rev Joseph Kennedy |
| Associate Chaplain | Rev. George Wilkinson |
| Associate Chaplain | Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri |
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| Chancellor | Wayne Miller |
| Warden | Dennis Salamone |
| Recorder | David Keefe |
| Financial Secretary | Jim Lehr |
| Treasurer | Paul Sanneman |
| Advocate | Thomas Murphy |
| Lecturer | Nick Luketic |
| Inside Guard | Sean Hardman |
| Outside Guard | Tony Gatti |
| Trustee | Gary Yeck |
| Trustee | Eugene Cottilli |
| Trustee | William Taylor |

CHAIRMAN

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| Program Director | William Bolin |
| Membership | Denis Salamone/Andrew Brown |
| Vocations | Dr. Bernie Hillig |
| Tootsie Roll | Werner Moeller |
| Youth Activities | |
| Family Activities | Paul Sanneman |
| Council Activities Dir | Wayne Miller |
| Church Director | Mike Bond |
| Webmaster | David Keefe |

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE, CONTRIBUTORS

Jim Lehr, William Bolin, Werner Moeller
David Czarnecki, Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri, Paul Sanneman, DD
Mike Perez, Bob Callaway

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are held in the basement of St. Andrew's Rectory. Officer's meetings are held at 7:30 on the first Wednesday of the month. Business meetings are held at 7:45 on the second Wednesday of the month. Social meetings are held at 7:45 on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Membership Meetings

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| September 1 | Officer's meeting | 7:30 PM |
| September 8 | Business meeting | 7:45 PM |
| September 22 | Social meeting | 7:45 PM |

Other Activities

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| September 18-19 | Tootsie roll sales | Volunteer! |
| September 25 | Soccer Shootout | 12:00PM |

**Support Our Troops
And
Pray for victory over terrorism!**

Chaplain's Message

Chaplain Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri

Communion of Saints

Our council is busy with the preparation of the 9/11 remembrance at St. Andrew Apostle Church. Certainly it is important to mark this day and remember the thousands of victims from this attack on our nation.

As we remember our fellow Americans who died in these attacks, as well as family members and friends who have died, feelings of sadness and helplessness are normal. Their physical absence leaves a void in our lives.

Because of our Catholic faith and the dogma of the Communion of Saints that we profess every time we recite the Nicene and Apostles' Creed, we have the sure hope that there is a strong and inseparable union among the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory and the faithful living on earth.

Although those who have passed are physically separated, our unity with them allows us to participate in their eternal life and the deceased to participate in our temporal live. We can unite our prayers with the saints in heaven as we praise, thank, and bring our petitions to Almighty God. The souls in purgatory can do nothing to hasten their purification, but we can. Through our prayers, sufferings and efforts that we offer to Almighty God on their behalf, we are united with these "poor souls" and offer them direct help in more rapidly reaching their final destiny in heaven.

Never forget that the saints in heaven and souls in purgatory actively participate in our lives. They desire that when our earthly journey is over, we will be like them, eternally happy in heaven. Although we don't see them, they are actively participating in our lives by always asking Almighty God to bless and protect us from evil.

The anniversary of 9/11 is an excellent chance to help our family and friends through this difficult period by reminding them that those who have passed are only physically gone. That the deceased can and do participate in our lives and we can still participate in their lives until we are united with them in heaven for all eternity. Until that time comes, we can offer our prayers for those souls in purgatory and ask our loved ones in heaven to assist us on our earthly journey.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

District Deputy's Message

District Deputy Mike Perez

My Brother Knights and Dear Ladies: The sounds of summer are fast receding, our children and grandchildren are back in school, the weather is moderating, and our thoughts are turning to the Fall. At this time of year, we see many faces in Mass that have been absent for all or part of the past three months due to vacations, or new faces of Catholics who have joined our community over the summer. Take this opportunity to introduce yourself, share the good news of the Knights of Columbus with men who are not members of our Order or not members of a local Council, and invite them to share this experience with you and your family. Be a welcoming presence in your parish. Do not let these Catholic men continue to be strangers across the pews.

Formal Installations have been held for all five Councils in our District. They were inspiring! The participation of the Color Corps of the Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle Assembly of Fourth Degree Knights added a touch of pageantry to the proceedings. The support of our Chaplains, and the hard work of the Council officers and our Worthy District Warden, Larry Grayson, were evident to all as the ceremonies proceeded efficiently and with great dignity. My personal thanks and appreciation go to you all. I also extend my appreciation to the State Officers and the Grand Knights from other Councils who attended each Installation and added to its meaning for the host Council.

As the Fall season unfolds, many hands are needed to help with two major Knights activities: the Incentive Car Raffle and the Tootsie Roll Campaign. While the Incentive Car Raffle does raise operating funds for each Council, a major portion of the proceeds go to the State Scholarship Fund. As you know, the Tootsie Roll Campaign helps the mentally handicapped in our community. I encourage all Knights, our Ladies, our children, and our widows to participate in these campaigns. It is a good way to make or strengthen friendships, demonstrate to the larger parish and outside community the good works of the Knights, and obtain special graces from assisting others. Contact your Grand Knight or program Chairman and volunteer to help! Also, plan to attend the major social event at the end of each campaign—the Columbus Day Ball on October 9 where the Incentive Raffle will be held, and the Tootsie Roll Awards Dinner for Montgomery County in the Winter where the collections will be awarded to organizations that help the mentally handicapped in our community. I hope to see you there!

As we prepare for national elections, I commend to your attention the Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics. This Guide may be found at www.catholic.com/library/voters_guide.asp. The Guide does not support specific candidates for political office but provides a discussion of the Catholic position on five issues to assist you in evaluating individual candidates. Continue to pray to Our Lady for peace, for the safety of our servicemen overseas, and for our country.

Vivat Jesus!

District Deputy Mike Perez*

Monsignor Wells Message

[From the Pastor's Desk, Spiritual Reflections by Monsignor, Thomas M. Wells]

Faith Begins and Ends with the Family

September 8, 1996

At prayer this morning I was surprised to discover that this is a big week for me for meditation on family. I am writing on what would be my father's eighty-ninth birthday. Two days from now would be my parents' sixty-first wedding anniversary and in the realm of the present, three days from now, I will officiate at my niece's wedding. As my father grew older, he frequently would succumb to bouts of sentimentality at various family celebrations. His children, raised in a home where emotion or sentiment was not a highly developed quality, would chuckle at his undisguised joy. Now, of course, as various members of the next generation begin to make choices that reflect their families' values, the chuckles have long since given way to a sense of wonder at the good that can develop out of the daily chaos of family life. A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to baptize the daughter of another nephew and his wife, and maybe even recognize in myself a touch of my father's sentimentality.

As a young priest (I mean even younger than I am now) I had many of my happiest times and longest hours working with youth. It did not dawn on me until many years later that, as a 26 year old priest, I was only a few years older than the youth for whom I was "Father." However, it did not take me long to recognize that, on the purely human level, the priest and the parish were only reinforcing and supporting what went on in the home. The parish programs were of great value, as was the willingness of the priest to "be there" for the youth, but at the deep level, most of these young people were (and are) the children of their parents. Of course, and thank God for this—it happens all the time—we can recover from a weak family

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Msgr. Wells Message

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life, but God's grace works most easily when it works in cooperation with nature, not when it must overcome the effects of poor formation.

A family taking its children to the first day of school here at Lourdes this morning beautifully made my point. Before going into school, the parents' and children stopped before the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes for prayer and a first day picture. No lesson taught this year by a gifted teacher, no homily preached at Mass, will ever be able to say to those children what was said by the two most important people in their world as they led them to ask for a Mother's blessing on the new school year. That is what the expression "faith and family" is all about.*

How About Some Golf?

It's not too late to sign up for the St. Andrew's 6th Annual Fall Golf Outing, which benefits the Phyllis Kritzer Schultz Faculty Support Fund, will take place on Friday, October 8th at Hampshire Greens Golf Course. Again this year the event is generously hosted by Outback Steakhouse of Aspen Hill. The Shotgun start for 18-holes starts at 8:30AM with a Captain's choice, scramble format. The fee is \$95. Wayne Miller, Dave Keefe and Paul Sanneman had a wonderful outing at this event last year, and we are looking for others to complement at least two four-somes! Members desiring to join a four-some can coordinate with Paul Sanneman at 301-460-5771 or sansix@verizon.net. An entry form was included at the end of the August newsletter.*

Resolutions Passed by Supreme Council

Delegates to the Order's 122nd annual convention in Dallas reaffirmed the Order's position that "Catholic public officials who support abortion on demand are cooperating in evil."

Delegates also reaffirmed the Order's longstanding policy of not inviting to Knights of Columbus events those public officials or candidates for public office who support abortion, euthanasia or assisted suicide, and denying such officials and candidates any of the organization's honors or use of its facilities.

Noting that "the principle of separation of church and state does not require separating moral principles and political choices," the Knights resolved to "continue to speak out to our elected representatives of the responsibility to protect human life at all stages, and of the need to elect representatives prepared to enact such legislation."

In other resolutions, the Knights confirmed their support of the Federal Marriage Amendment, noting that "a constitutional amendment is the only sure way to prevent courts from 'discovering' a right to same-sex marriage where before there was none."

The Knights also adopted a resolution calling on the entertainment industry to take responsibility for the content of its programming and refrain from producing programs that are "morally offensive, socially destructive or offensive to family values and religious faith," and for the news media to be "free of bias" in its coverage of abortion, family values and the Catholic Church. The resolution called on all members of the Knights to support those who "recognize their responsibility in these matters," and to refuse to patronize those who do not.*

Star Council Again!

As reported in the September issue of *Night Line*, the newsletter of the Supreme Council, Msgr. Thomas M. Wells Council has again earned the Star Council award, the highest award of the order.*

Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

AN ECONOMIC MUST

Do you have seat belts in you car? Of course you do! How many do you have? Aren't you certain that you have one for every member of your family? Would you buy an automobile that only provided one "belt" -- that being for you?

But would you believe that family after family with whom I visit are running along with the one "belt" of insurance on the father. Somehow, the common opinion seems to be that death will strike only the father -- not the mother.

Today, insuring your wife's life is an economic must. With "wife insurance", should death occur, you have a fighting chance to retain at least a semblance of a home for your children.

Call me today to discuss these needs.

Fraternally,

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