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#13008 Silver Spring, MD

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Grand Knight's Message

Grand Knight Gary Yeck

My Brothers All:

Well, we are off and running as Council # 13008 moves into our third year of fraternal service. Installation of Officers took place following Mass and a Corporate Communion on July 12th. We were fortunate to have State Warden Pete Davio, and his lovely wife Francine; our District Deputy, Joe Murphy and his lady Ann; District Warden Mike Perez (who was celebrating his wedding anniversary); and Blessed Manyanet Grand Knight, Stefan Monica and his first lady Becky as our honored guests. The pot luck reception that followed was a great family event. I was excited by the turn-out, and the energy of the evening should be replicated many times throughout the year.

Before we begin the new year let me celebrate some of our accomplishments from the last year. While it was only the second year in existence for our Msgr. Thomas Wells council, we made a difference for a lot of people:

Seminarian support – Once again in solidarity with our priests and clergy we were able to give spiritual and financial support to a seminary student. Our seminarian, Dan Twoomy, became Father Dan in the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania in June.

Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Handicapped – Knights from our small council collected over \$650 for local agencies. Our contribution when added to those from the other 131 Knights of Columbus councils totaled over \$360,000.

Attended Memorial Mass for the victims of September 11, 2001 as a group.

Sponsored soccer shootout for youth and hosted reception for our parish Cub Scouts.

Sponsored a Right To Life poster contest for students in St. Andrew Apostle School and participated in the March For

Keep Christ in Christmas

The annual sale of religious Christmas cards by the members of Monsignor Wells Council was another success. Card sales raised over \$200 for the council and provided the parishioners of Saint Andrew's Parish with the opportunity to purchase religious cards which illustrated the true meaning of Christmas. *

Council Christmas Party a Success

The second annual Council Christmas party was held on December 17 at St. Andrew's Rectory. Lecturer Nick Luketic presented the council with the opportunity to make the party special by presenting gifts and donations to Casa de Maryland. The Council responded generously by contributing numerous toys and a generous cash donation. Parishioner Jean Rogers donated a quilt for a raffle to support the Council's Seminarian Fund. The raffle raised \$145 for the fund. Past Grand Knight Olean Dangerfield was back from Hong Kong and attended the party. *

Seminarian Fund tops the \$500.00 Mark

A combination of Christmas raffle proceeds and generous cash donations have propelled the Monsignor Wells Council's Seminarian Fund to the \$500 level. This marks the second consecutive year that the council will be able to contribute to the costs of a seminarian's education. The funds have been earmarked to support the education of Dan Toomey, a seminarian in residence at Saint Andrew's Parish. Last year the council raised \$500 for Paul Goffigan, a seminarian in California. *

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Life in Washington, D.C.

Collected donations and Christmas gifts for Casa de Maryland, and contributed to the Sisters of the Poor.

We led the Cardinal's Appeal for our parish, at the request of our Pastor, Father Joseph Kennedy.

We sold over 100 boxes of **Keep Christ in Christmas** cards in the parish.

We enjoyed our families with two **picnics and a Christmas party**.

Finally, we joined with fellow Knights from other Montgomery County councils to sponsor and support an Art Auction. Proceeds from the auction will allow us to continue and expand our activities for the new fraternal year.

We did make a difference and will continue with your support and involvement in council activities. *

District Deputy's Message

District Deputy Joseph Murphy

My Brothers and Sisters all:

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family. This leads me to two thoughts:

First, Feb. 14 is St. Valentine's Day. In the words of the old song, "Tell her you love her." So much of our ability to further the work of our Order depends on the loving support of our ladies. Please join me in a hearty and heartfelt "Thank you!"

Second, for those with children or grandchildren, or members who are students themselves, now is the time to consider scholarships. The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School and College scholarship programs for its members and for Catholic students in general. Below is a brief summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards:

THE FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Assists members of the Knights of Columbus holding membership in

councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition at Catholic High Schools, awarded on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications and financial need

THE WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, JR. MEMORIAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP:

Open to Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland, and to children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications and financial need.

THE FATHER AMOS GAUDETTE MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:

Available to members, wives and children of the Knights of Columbus in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland who are entering their first year of college. Grants are made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications and financial need, with primary emphasis placed on **academic excellence**

THE MONSIGNOR WILLIAM F. SAUER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:

Open to all Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland and are in their senior year of high school. Grants are made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications and financial need, with emphasis on financial need.

The Scholarship Committee must receive all applications no later than March 1, 2003. Details on the value and number of grants, and Application Forms are available on the web at <http://www.kofc-md.org/pages/Committees/mdcomm.htm#scholar>, or write to Scholarship Committee, Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 518, Dunkirk, MD 20754.

The Supreme Council also has a variety of scholarships, and awards over 100 each year. These include the Pro Deo and Pro Patria scholarships available for undergraduate programs at Catholic colleges, the Catholic University of America Graduate Fellowships, and the Bishop Greco Graduate Fellowships for graduate study leading to a Masters Degree for classroom teachers of persons with mental retardation. Details on these can be obtained from Director of Scholarship Aid, Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 1670, New haven, CT 06507-0901.

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OFFICERS

Chaplain:	Rev Joseph Kennedy
Associate Chaplain	Rev. George Wilkinson
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Mr. Kevin Mukri
Grand Knight	Gary Yeck
Deputy Grand Knight	David Czarnecki
Chancellor	William Bolin
Warden	Wayne Miller
Recorder	Thomas Murphy
Financial Secretary	Jim Lehr
Treasurer	Paul Sanneman
Advocate	Alan Kistler
Lecturer	Andrew Brown
Inside Guard	Dennis Salamone
Outside Guard	Sean Hardman
Trustee	Eugene Cottilli
Trustee	William Taylor
Trustee	Justin Harris

CHAIRMAN

Program Director	Gary Yeck
Membership	Andrew Brown
Vocations	Bernard Hillig
Tootsie Roll	Werner Moeller
Youth Activities	Michael Bond
Council Activities Dir	Bill Bolin

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.

Aug. 6 Officer's meeting	7:30
Aug. 13 Business meeting	7:45
Aug. 27 Social meeting	7:45

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Degree Work

The Monsignor Wells Council achieved a milestone by conducting its initial First Degree ceremony on September 25 at Saint Andrew's. The First Degree team was coordinated by PGK Gary Yeck. Team members are Paul Sanneman, Todd Watson, Bill Bolin, Jim Lehr, Wayne Miller, and Bill Taylor. Completing his first degree was Brother Dennis Gorres. Council members who are interested in joining the First Degree Team should contact Deputy Grand Knight Gary Yeck. The team needs more participants. *

Third Degree Congratulations

Congratulations to the newest Third Degree members of the Monsignor Wells Council. Brothers George Gillespie, Sean Hardman, and Dennis Salamone completed their Third Degree at Rock Creek Council on January 17. Several officers from the Monsignor Wells Council were in attendance. *

Upcoming Degrees

Are you currently a First or Second Degree member of the council? Consider attending one of the upcoming Second or Third Degrees in our area. Attending a degree is one of the best ways of learning more about the principles of the Knights of Columbus. *

Notes from the Newsletter Editors

You may have noticed some of the articles published in this, our first newsletter, seem a little dated. Excellent Observation! What you are reading represents the culmination of almost 7 months of time in producing our first publication. Not that there is 7 months of effort included, but you realize how a volunteer group sometimes work. Please acknowledge our star, on-the-street reporter Bill Bolin for the many contributions which we obviously, did not wish to leave any on the editors floor. For the record, production of this piece of work, is by your truly, editor Dave Czarnecki.

Please feel free to provide comments, suggestions. and more importantly written contributions, which can be news items, articles or points of interest. Because of copyright rules initially, we will need to be careful what we copy from other sources, at least until we understand the regulations. So for now, no cartoons. *

Giant Fundraiser

The Council is currently raising funds through the painless contribution of its members. How can you participate? See Treasurer Paul Sanneman or Financial Secretary Jim Lehr and purchase your Giant gift card. The Council raises 5% of the card's face value, and it won't cost you a cent! Simply bring a check or cash to the next meeting and purchase a gift card. A variety of denominations are available. This has the potential to be a very successful fundraiser for our council. *

Pro-Life Contest

The Monsignor Wells Council sponsored a poster contest at Saint Andrew's School to celebrate Pro-Life Week. The Council participated in judging the entries. First place winners received a \$25 gift certificate. Second and third place winners chose between a Knights of Columbus pen and a Pro-Life cross. The winners are:

8th grade: first place – Karen Pereira, second – Rachel Kreutzinger and Patricia Sy (tie.)

7th grade: first place – Peter Sanneman, second – Brooke Supinski, third – Victoria Lumpkins

6th grade: first place – Christine Cunningham, second – Stephanie Ezequiel, third – Danielle Dellarco, honorable mention – MariGrace Dunn. Congratulations to all the participants! *

Pro-Life March

Several members of the Monsignor Wells Council participated in the march and rally in Washington marking the 30th anniversary of the Roe V. Wade decision. At the Council's meeting on January 22, members described their experiences at the march. As Knights of Columbus, it is important that we keep in our prayers the 40 million children whose lives have been vanquished since the date of this tragic decision. *

Update Your Information

Brother Jim Lehr has been constantly updating our Council's data base. Currently he is compiling a list of birthdays and anniversaries. Additionally, if you have an email address and have not given it to Brother Lehr, please do so. Email is a quick and economical way of getting our message out to Council members. *

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday wishes to the following Council members this February!

Brother George R. Hardman

Brother Dennis L. Gorres

Congratulations are also due to Brother Nick Luketic and his wife, Yvette, who celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary on January 7th.

Congratulations to the Sanneman family on the birth of their son, Luke, on December 22nd. *

Star Council

The October Installation Mass was followed by a dinner at Saint Andrew's Rectory where the Monsignor Wells Council was presented with the Star Council Award. This is an award that all council members should be proud of. It is given to councils who have met strict requirements in all council programs, as well as the recruitment of members and enrollment of members in the council insurance program. *

The Year in Review

Because this is the first newsletter of the Monsignor Wells Council, it is only appropriate to highlight some of the achievements of our council:

- ◆ Members of the Council introduced the Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal at masses at St. Andrew's Parish.
- ◆ The Council raised \$650 for the mentally handicapped of Montgomery County through the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fundraiser. Council members solicited donations in the midst of the sniper hunt which paralyzed our community.
- ◆ The Council raised \$500 for its Seminarian Fund.
- ◆ The Council recognized the family and youth of the community by holding a soccer shootout, bowling day, pool party, free throw contest, and trip to the John Paul II Center.
- ◆ The Council ran a cakewalk booth for St. Andrew's Community Day.
- ◆ The Council established a First Degree Team and conducted a First Degree in September.

- ◆ The Council attended as a group, a commemorative mass on September 11.
- ◆ The Council sold religious Christmas cards at St. Andrew's Parish. *



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Finally, the Knights of Columbus is a lender under the Guaranteed Student Loan Program. All loans are insured by the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation against the death, disability, bankruptcy, or default of the borrowers.

To qualify for a study loan, the Knights of Columbus requires that borrowers be members of the Order in good standing, their wives, sons or daughters; or widows or children of deceased members, in good standing at the time of their death. Loans are also available to priests, nuns and seminarians, without reference to Knights of Columbus membership qualifications. Each loan covers a specific academic period and must be renewed for each additional school period. Write to **Knight of Columbus, Student Loan Committee, . P.O. Box 1670, New Haven, Connecticut 06507-0901.**

Join me in the prayer Our Lady gave to St. Catherine Labouré "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

Joseph A. Murphy, District Deputy 18 *

Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

ARE VALUES IMPORTANT?

The Knights of Columbus and their INSURANCE PROGRAM think so. Thousands of our policyholders enjoy the peace of mind knowing that our profits go to help our Church, the community, the sick, the elderly, the unborn, etc.

Many well know commercial insurance companies sponsor organizations that conflict with our Catholic values. So if you have an insurance need 'why not bring it to "your" value organization - the Knights of Columbus?

Not only do you get one of the very best plans of protection in the entire insurance industry but also help the Order to continue with our support system to help those that need it the most.

Call your brother Knight Bob Callaway, your Council Field Agent today and ask for a general review of your insurance needs. His help is only a phone call away.

Fraternally,
Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF301-210-5855
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Installment of 2002 Officers

The 2002-2003 class of officers were installed at a special Mass on October 23, 2002. Mass was concelebrated by Father Joseph Kennedy, Father George Kennedy and Deacon Kevin Mukri. Special thanks to the musical accompaniment of Shannon Miller as cantor and Barbara Girolami at the organ. District and State Knight of Columbus officers were represented. *

