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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brother Knights,

I have done my duty at the National Shrine when the Pope visited and I would urge volunteers from among our men to join the Usher program for this wonderful national church dedicated to Our Lady. I attended the Grand Knights College and instead of the usual armful of books they gave me all the annual GK documents on a computer disk. I will make sure that copies of the necessary documents go to our officers and activity directors.

The council was given two-thousand raffle tickets from the Mother Seton Council, to sell. Each ticket will cost \$3.00. One half of the proceeds will be turned back to our council. The grand prize in the September 2nd drawing is a pair of season tickets to all regular season Redskin's home games. The State council will also be offering raffle tickets later in the year. We will split the profits and the grand prize will be a new automobile.

We are now entering our new fraternal year. There have been a few changes to the council leadership. Our new Recorder is Eddie B. Dela Cruz. Taking over as Deputy Grand Knight is Terry Reinhart. Our Church activity director is Vincent K. Hubbard. They are good men and I know they will be great assets in helping this council to grow.

Mark your calendars for next month! On August 17th, we will have our first formal installation of officers in the Church immediately after the 5:30 PM Mass. This will be followed by a reception in the hall.

Fraternally yours,

George H. Johnson, GK

CHAPLAIN'S COUNSEL



Dear Brothers,

We begin a new and full fraternal year in earnest, and it is essential that we take seriously our promises as knights and our faith as Catholics. We have many challenges ahead of us, but I have confidence in you. Your strength and convictions will see you through.

Given our meager resources we may want to start with a small donation to the Vocations program but I would urge the council to make a pledge nonetheless. Pray daily for those discerning a vocation and for those who are already ordained and/or in religious life.

I have posted many photographs to the council webpage. Share your pictures, as well. Did anyone get shots of the institution? I recall that someone took photos with a cell phone. Bring cameras with you to chronicle our events and our council progress.

PLEASE remember to carry your rosary with you always and pray it regularly. The Knights of Columbus are always quick to honor Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, in turn, always brings her sons, back to Jesus, our elder brother in faith and our Savior.

As you have been constantly reminded, keep a Form 100 in your wallet and be ready to give it to a potential new member. If you have a friend who might make a good knight, but he is fallen away from the Church or a non-Catholic— send him to me. If he is willing to take instructions, I will make him a Catholic and then you can make him a knight!

Your brother in Christ,

Father Joe (Jenkins)

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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

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First, I want to congratulate Richard V. Siejack on his election to State Deputy and wish him and his administration a successful and blessed term of office. Second, I want to thank our State Deputy for having the confidence and faith in me to select me as a member of his staff as District Deputy for the 2008-2010 fraternal years. It is indeed an honor. It is my pleasure to announce that Bob Worthington will continue in his role as District Warden, and that our District Team will be enhanced with the addition of Charles "Pat" Springmann as District Warden.

As we close out a very successful fraternal year, I want to especially thank the Past Grand Knights, Council Officers and their wives for their outstanding support in accomplishing the successes that we did, at the Supreme, State, and District levels. Also, my thanks to the entire District family for your loyalty, and above all your commitment to making District 6 the best jurisdiction in the State.

I want to congratulate the newly elected Grand Knights and offer my wholehearted support and that of the District staff to do all we can to make your year as Grand Knight as successful as possible. Please utilize the resources that we provide for you. All councils have had their elections, the Grand Knights seminar is completed, and installations are underway. What I find most encouraging about every new year is the opportunity for new and exciting programs and new levels of achievement. Each of us, working together, can make this the best year ever in the District 6 jurisdiction.

Membership will continue to be stressed this year. It is our moral obligation to ask every Catholic man and his family to join us in our commitment to our Church and community, to our families and each other. Through what we do, all Catholics will see our Order's dedication to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. If each of us dedicates ourselves to that simple task, your council will grow and prosper in numbers and strength.

Vivat Jesus

MCNAMARA CHAPTER

We meet at 8:00 PM on the Third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at Rock Creek Council 2797 in Bethesda, Maryland, on Wed., July 16.

The topic is "How to conduct a Council audit." The Chapter Installation is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 13 at St. Raphael Church at 4:00 PM. All GKs, PGKs and Council Officers are urged to attend.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT —*Dr. Ujuchris "Chris" Okereh*

As chancellor it is my responsibility to assist the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight in the performance of their duties and to take charge of the council during the incapacity or extended absence of both. I am the ultimate CHEERLEADER, encouraging the TOTAL PARTICIPATION of the membership in council activities. I work closely with the Membership director, taking a particular interest in new members. It is also part of my charge to help members who are sick and in distress. Call me if you or a brother knight is in trouble. I am especially commissioned to keep the council aware of the need for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES—*Geony J. Provido*

The dinner/auction on June 21 was a great success! The mystery bags proved especially amusing and Terry Reinhart, in particular, proved a good sport about his peculiar winnings. We are considering a number of fundraising proposals at this time and will report back to the council when these are clarified.

The parish DRE has asked that the knights consider handling the promotion (flyers) for the ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FIFTH GRADER - RELIGIOUS EDITION. If we supplied or catered the food, then we could also sell tickets for a modest amount and help fill council coffers.

Charter Night is scheduled for July 7 and word has come down to us that both the current State Deputy and Past State Deputy are planning on being present. Let us try to have all members, especially the charter members, present for this event.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the concessions at Redskins football games. This can become an important way for us to raise council income. Please sign up today! Kevin Renze has taken the lead in trying to recruit volunteers.

He chatted with Bob Worthington about the Redskins concession stand fundraising opportunity. Bob provided the following general information (so far):

1. Game schedule (2 preseason and 8 home games [I need to confirm the commitment to support the August 3 game])
2. Time commitment is 6-7 hours per game, with report time at least 3 hours prior to game time
3. Park at Landover Mall by former Hechts store and take the free shuttle bus to Fed Ex Field (indicate you're working concessions)
4. Uniform is black pants (with free hat and shirt provided early in the season)

Kevin is our point of contact for Bob to confirm volunteers/substitutions from our council. Please review the schedule information below and indicate to Kevin via email how many (and/or which) games you would like to work. Our council goal is to supply Bob with 5 people per game (or more if backup slots need to be filled).

Let's have some fun and earn a few Franklin's to support worthy activities and commitments!

Kevin Renze (202)-314-6538 (renzek@ntsb.gov)

Washington Redskins Pre-Season Schedule

- Aug. 3 HOF Game - Indianapolis Colts 8 PM
- Aug. 9 Buffalo Bills 7 PM
- Aug. 28 Jacksonville Jaguars 7 PM

Washington Redskins Regular Season Schedule

- Sep. 14 New Orleans 1:00 PM
- Sep. 21 Arizona 1:00 PM
- Oct. 12 St. Louis 1:00 PM
- Oct. 19 Cleveland 4:15 PM
- Nov. 03 Pittsburgh 8:30 PM
- Nov. 16 Dallas 8:15 PM
- Nov. 30 N.Y. Giants 1:00 PM
- Dec. 21 Philadelphia 1:00 PM

CHURCH ACTIVITIES—*Vincent K. Hubbard*

The Maryland State Council urges some form of involvement regarding Holy Land Outreach. A number of our knights and parishioners bought olive wood religious goods on the weekend of June 28 and June 29

from the vendor Luai Helal. Father Jenkins purchased a lovely carved Last Supper for the rectory and a bust of Christ for a young man entering the seminary this Fall. Purchases benefitted the struggling Christians of the Holy Land.

Knights participated in both the Memorial Day and Independence Day Masses at Holy Family. We are hoping to set up a Corporate Communion Mass schedule for the year. However, we have to meet with the other activity directors first.

The new State Deputy has placed a special emphasis upon the Divine Mercy devotion and so that will be a part of this year's projects. We did a rosary for life a few months ago but plan on doing a Living Rosary as well. Decisions will have to be made soon about the Vocations program. Along with the chaplain, we are stressing the rosary and how we should keep it in our pockets and offer it daily. Father Jenkins is also asking all our members to join the Father McGivney Guild—but more about this next month.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES—*Andres Padilla*

Our Mentally Handicapped Program (Tootsie Roll Drive) will begin near the end of September and run through the month of October. We have placed our order for Tootsie Rolls, aprons and cans. Along with the Grand Knight, we are in the process securing locations where we can handout Tootsie Rolls. The Grand Knight will write a letter for each store manager. We will ask around as well, to make sure there are no location and/or scheduling conflicts with other councils. We are still trying to determine where the collected money and the scheduling. Hopefully, all the preplanning will be accomplished by August. We may also initiate a letter writing campaign to local businesses for direct donations.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma is off and running. This long and successful program will continue with your help. We will be checking with the Grand Knight on the pledge he submitted at the Grand Knight Seminar. We will be asking for donations and checks from the membership.

The Father Michael C. Kidd K of C Council Community Activities Program has joined hands with the Holy Family Shelter Meal group in a common mission: to

alleviate the human suffering of poor and disadvantaged people in our surrounding communities. The Shelter Meal Program was formed in March 2003 in response to the Archdiocese of Washington Stewardship Campaign, which sought to increase the awareness and involvement of parishioners across the archdiocese by sharing their time, talents, and treasure with the Church and the community at large. Today, the Shelter Meal group serves primarily at three locations: Capital Area Food Bank in Washington DC, SHARE Food Network in Hyattsville MD and So Others Might Eat (SOME) in Washington, DC. SOME is an interfaith, community-based organization that exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. The Shelter Meal group collects and delivers food and serves breakfast to approximately 400 people at SOME four times a year.

This is where we found Brothers Emmanuel (Manny) Lim, Fritz Esteban, and Andres Padilla on Saturday April 26. It was a first of a kind experience for Manny and Fritz working in the kitchen at SOME. They put their culinary skills to the test and performed magnificently (note: both are certified food handlers). Besides working in the kitchen, Manny, Fritz, and Andres along with Brothers Geony Provido, Dick Mewshaw, and Mark Manapul contributed to the success of this event by donating milk, oranges, and donuts. Then in was onto the Capital Area Food Bank in Washington DC. on May 31. Terry Reinhart, Emmanuel Lim, Rodelio Bunag, Dick Mewshaw, James Moore, and Andres Padilla worked on a program called Kids Café, which provides food and nutrition education to children who suffer from hunger. Brother Knights sorted and packed non-perishable food items for distribution to children's centers and after school meal/snack sites. This is a great way for council members to practice the 1st principle of our Order, **Charity**, by sharing a little time, talent and treasure with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ with special needs. Upcoming volunteer opportunities: 21 June - SHARE and 26 July - SOME.

On Memorial Day, Father Michael C. Kidd Council Knights Terry Reinhart, Vince Hubbard, Jim Murry, and Andres Padilla joined the Council's Chaplain Father Joe Jenkins in a Memorial Day Mass to honor those who died in the name of peace and departed loved ones

followed by a flag service at the Church's cemetery for a blessing in memory of the dead, and a prayer especially for those in the military.

The Community Activities Program is exploring ideas for future "Honor the Flag" events including distributing small American flags. We will be saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag following Mass on the Fourth of July at Holy Family Church. If you cannot attend, honor the flag in your home as a sign of spiritual solidarity with us.

Several other community service activities are being planned for the months to come. Please contact the Community Program Director, Andres Padilla (301-336-3524; padilla.a@verizon.net), if you wish to participate in any of these activities.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES—*Dr. F. Daniels & Tim Adams*

Our best program so far was the Mothers' Day flower presentations in May. This fraternal year we will continue this tradition but adapt it into conformity with the K of C Mary Gold program. The Mary Gold program involves the distribution of marigold flowers at Mass on Mother's Day, free of charge, for children to give to their mothers. The printing on the labels is a positive approach to saving the unborn through a simple message of "Thank you for giving life to me" and "Happy Mother's Day" from The Knights of Columbus. This is recognized by Supreme as a top ten international family activity. It is named after Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and her child, more precious than Gold.

Our Family of the Month program will be starting in July. This is a program where we say "thank you" to at least one family each month. There are no criteria that a family needs to meet to receive this award. The family of the month need not be a knight. Specific criteria must be met for a family to be eligible for Family of the Year. The Family of the Year must be a Knight in good standing in your council. The entries are to be submitted to the State Council chairman. The nomination form for Family of the Year will be mailed out in December and must be returned by February 1 each year. Winner of the state family of the year will be recognized at Founder's Day.

Our MD State Picnic this year is set for Sunday, August 31 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Patapsco State Park (Pickall area – Shelter 702). The park is located off Johnnycake Rd in Woodlawn. A mixed menu of sausage, hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken, salads, desserts, and drinks will be available. Cost is \$5 per family member. Children under six (6) are free. Admission fee to the park is \$2 per person. Children in a car seat and adults 62 and older are exempt to the entry fee. Please reserve a spot by August 18.

Please share your ideas for family projects!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES—*Ramon G. Evasco*

The Maryland Soccer Shoot-is a Maryland State program. This is a soccer skills program in which all youth, boys and girls, ages 8 to 18 can participate. Participants in MD will compete in ball throw in for distance and accuracy, kicking for distance and accuracy, and goal shots for accuracy. Those who would like to help, note that the Soccer competition kit can be downloaded from the state website: www.kofcmd.org. Each contestant will be allowed 3 throw ins, 3 distance kicks and 5 goal kicks. We will schedule the event for September.

Our efforts for the youth have recently included preparing food for the Youth Group Carwash, presentations at the Baccalaureate Mass and reception, and participation in the Child Protective Services Workshop. Pictures are available on the council website.

As a reminder, those intending to assist with youth programs must not only attend a Child Protective Services workshop, but also fill out a parish volunteer application and get fingerprinted at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center so that a police report can be requested. The State of Maryland and F.B.I. assess a charge of \$33.25 per volunteer for processing completed Criminal History Record Checks. Checks or money orders must be made payable to the Archdiocese of Washington (cash will not be accepted). Signed authorization form and photo I.D. required. Fingerprinting is by appointment only; to request an appointment, call (301) 853-5363 (Mon. – Fri. 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The web link is:

<http://www.adw.org/employment/fingerprint.asp>

The location is the Archdiocese of Washington Pastoral Center, 5001 Eastern Avenue Hyattsville, MD 20782 (one block from the District Line) Times are: Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM and Saturday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

PRO-LIFE REPORT—*Paul A. Batson*

Because most national and metropolitan news media are overwhelmingly pro-abortion, many persons who claim to be "pro-choice" really have no idea what they are "choosing" when they say they favor abortion. Euphemistic terms such as fetus, tissue and products of conception are cleverly used by those promoting abortion to dehumanize the pre-born baby. Pictures of the pre-born baby at the various stages of development are rarely shown except in medical textbooks. Pictures of babies aborted at the various stages of development are universally banned by the media. Pro-life groups who have attempted to place ads in publications such as USA Today and on network television showing America's Abortion Holocaust have been flatly refused.

Pro-lifers have organized "FACE THE TRUTH" tours utilizing many large pictures of aborted babies lined up at heavily trafficked intersections. In 2001, Defend Life organized a successful "Face the Truth" tour of Maryland. It began in Cumberland on Tuesday, August 7 and ended in Ocean City on Saturday, August 11. Thousands of our fellow citizens saw the ugly, evil reality of abortion for the first time. Some passersby jeered us, but, praise God, many cheered us! Some persons even stopped to join us or to give us money. Thousands of pieces of pro-life literature were distributed.

The FACE THE TRUTH TOUR will be coming to the Bowie/Crofton area on Wednesday, July 30 (Arundel Mills Mall, Westminster. Pray that people will come to see the truth about the holocaust of abortion.

The former pro-life director for the Archdiocese of Washington now works for the U.S. Bishops. A replacement has been named and it is Christa Lopiccolo. Her title is Executive Director for the Department of Life Issues. Her number is 301-853-5318.

The baby bottle campaign in Holy Family Parish netted \$1424.70 for the Bowie Crisis Pregnancy Center. Thanks to our men who participated in this worthwhile project.

MEMBERSHIP

For each new member initiated between April 1 and June 20, 2008, the member's council was entered into one of two State Council Drawings for a \$300.00 Knights of Columbus Annuity for the council's Chaplain or Parish Pastor. One award was drawn for a council assigned to the Bob Marlowe Agency and one award was drawn for a council assigned to the Harry Canter Agency. New member form 100s received at the Agency Offices by Friday, June 20th qualified for the drawing.

The winning councils are:

St. Patrick's Council No. 370
New Member: Raymond Roch
Council Chaplain: Fr. Lou Martin

Jesus the Good Shepherd Council No. 14572
New Member: Travis Don Bullian
Council Chaplain: Fr. Michael King

The Maryland State Council thanks Supreme Council Insurance Directors Bob Marlowe and Harry Canter for their support for this program in honor of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

While Father Michael C. Kidd Council was in the running, we did not win; however, we rejoice along with our brother knights on the continued growth of our order. Our chaplain, Father Jenkins sends his congratulations to his friend and brother priest, Fr. Mike King for both his selection and for his newly formed council in Calvert County.

As of June 16, our council had 52 members. A half dozen or so candidates are still outstanding for first degrees. These will be resolved as soon as scheduling conflicts can be mastered.

FOURTH DEGREE

The Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly #1548 meets on the second Monday of each month at 8:00 PM in the

Bert Parise Room at St. Pius X Council #4076 (Sarto Hall), 3611 Stewart Road, Forestville, MD 20747.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS—*John Canter* (301) 261-3231

We're sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish during the coming year. You have our assurance that we're eager to help.

One of these goals is surely the attainment of the Star Council award—the most prestigious award the Order offers at the Council level. We're certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but we'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. We can help you, either by approaching him, or by "coaching" you—transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, we are at your service.

Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of any council.

NEWS FROM SUPREME

The Numbers Add Up—By all accounts, Pope Benedict XVI's U.S. apostolic journey last April was a great success. A recent poll conducted for the Knights of Columbus found that among practicing Catholics 88 percent said his visit met or exceeded their expectations. A majority of all Catholics said his visit helped them to be more in touch with their spiritual values, and 64 percent said they better understood the Catholic Church's position on important issues. Half of all Catholics said they were more likely to make family a larger part of their lives, and nearly 40 percent said they would become more active in their community or parish.

These attitudes indicate that the pope's visit has presented our Order with a tremendous opportunity. Catholics have responded positively to the pope's message of faith, hope and love. The question now for us is: What will we do to build on this positive trend in our Church and country?

The answer is obvious: *Recruit!* I can think of no better organization than the Knights of Columbus to seize upon this upsurge of interest in the faith, in family life and in service. Our programs are the Holy Father's programs, and the greater solidarity we have with him the stronger our Order can become.

Pope Benedict himself, when celebrating Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, praised the "vision and zeal" of our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney. That same vision and zeal are alive in us today, and we must share our founder's vision for family life and fraternal service with every Catholic man and his family. The Holy Father's visit has given us a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to grow the Order. Let's not pass it up. *Vivat Jesus!*

STATE COUNCIL REPORT—*Edgar D. Haynes, KCHS*

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you, my Brother Knights, and your ladies for your tremendous support for our State Council programs and activities during the past two years. Much of the success we attained as a state Council was a direct result of the hours you devoted at the state or local levels to statewide programs for the mentally Handicapped, Maryland Special Olympics, Incentive Car Raffle, and Religious Christmas Card Program, just to name a few. We all know that we receive more in return from the Knights of Columbus than we ever give. As State Deputy for the past two years I deeply appreciate the time and service each of you gave to our Order in Maryland. It has indeed been a great experience for me and Lisa. Congratulations to Dick Siejack, your new State Deputy and to all of the State Officers. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we are "Living Our Faith."

SCHEDULE FOR JULY

05 Independence Day (Flag Promotion) after 8 AM Mass at HF
05 State Officers & DD's Installation at St. John's Church, Hydes, Md.
~~07 Charter Night in Heritage Hall at 7:30 PM~~ Council Meeting 7:30 PM
14 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting at 8:00 PM at SPX Council
16 Bishop McNamara Chapter Mtg at Rock Creek Council at 8:00 PM
21 Council Meeting 7:30 PM
26 SOME Volunteer Activity
29 Membership & Program Seminar at Cardinal Gibbons Council.
30 Membership & Program Seminar at Good Counsel H.S., Olney, Md.