



Knight Times

ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS S.J. COUNCIL 7914 • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS • HOLLYWOOD, MD

Grand Knight: Bill Reabe, Deputy Grand Knight: Mearl Rusaw

Chaplain: Father Ray Schmidt, Assistants to Chaplain: Deacon Lou Koeniger & Deacon Ammon Ripple

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Greetings,
Prayer

Service: As many of you have already heard, Donna Cameron, wife of SK Bill Cameron lost her battle with cancer the 24th of July.

The family requested the Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary at Donna's prayers, and we had an outstanding response as several Knights and family members attended. Our Ladies took the lead and managed a very nice pot luck that took place following the internment. They also coordinated all of the food items between multiple families and groups. Thank you to all who participated and to those who were unable to attend but sent their prayers. Please pray for the repose of Donna's soul and for Bill and the entire family that God will grant healing and peace in this time of grief and loss.

Installation of Council Officers: The Installation of the 2010-2011 Council Officers was held Saturday, 24 July 2010, immediately following the 5:00PM Mass. Our District Deputy, SK Jerry Hicks, performed the ceremony which was witnessed by our State Warden, SK Dale Trott and wife Linda. PSD John Glynn and wife Patsy and State Membership chairman SK Ed Padgett and wife Pat were also able to attend. Congratulations to our newest Council Officers and thank you to all who supported the event. A special "thank you" goes to our widows, (Angie, Jeanette, Lorraine, and Mary) who were able

'Right to Apply' helps widows in need

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the Knight was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service to ensure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility. I'm at 301-475-8645 or john.fenwick@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

to attend and to our fine Color Corps. **Knight of the Month:** Our Knight of the Month for July 2010 is Brother John Shimski. John is what I call a "quiet volunteer" whose actions speak loudly. John is ever present setting-up and cleaning-up for council events, he supports us at adopt-a-highway, mows the Church's grass, trims trees and bushes, and is always moving at our breakfasts preparing drinks, serving food, and even does dishes. John also serves as an Usher. Thank you and congratulations.

Family of the Month: Deacon Ammon and Eleanor Ripple. Thank you for your sacrifice and service. Deacon Ammon is newly ordained and has already assisted in multiple Parish and council events. In addition he was installed as one of our Council's Assistants to the Chaplain. Deacon Ammon and Eleanor normally celebrate Mass at 7:00AM.

Misc: GK Observation...Over the years I have seen the coordination and the results of a lot of behind the scenes work for Knights of Columbus events. When guests come to an Awards

Ceremony, the Installation of Officers, or any other event we sponsor, they see the fruits of our labor....here is what they don't see: At our Business Meeting the Knights make a decision to have an event. While we are still marveling over our decision we happen to mention it to the Ladies (sometimes not in a timely manner) when their work quietly begins. The Knights will later make a short discussion long by discussing how much beer is needed...while the Ladies quickly come up with a plan for the Hall and act on it. The Knights buy the beer!!!...and the Ladies purchase raw materials and prepare decorations in advance. The Knights usually do the heavy lifting (of setting up tables where the Ladies say to), then stand back, look out, scratch, and nod our heads in accomplishment... the Ladies then make "the tables and chairs" into a banquet hall. The Knights ice the beer...the Ladies set the food and desserts tables,

complete the centerpieces, and remove their boxes and bags of supplies....again the Knights stand back, look out at our new masterpiece, scratch, and nod our heads in accomplishment (and wonder if the beer is cold yet). While you know I'm understating and kidding about what the Knights do (we also buy wine, but beer sounds manlier)...I am significantly understating the contributions of our Ladies. Together, we are a team that can take a complex idea and make it happen, and make it appear like it was easy. Ladies, we thank you again for all that you do to support our council.

Finally: Please read our DGK column, and review our calendar, for a list of upcoming events. Come join us at our Business and Officer's meetings (1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:30PM respectively) they are open to all Knights. Also, please volunteer!! We are always looking for Knights, and their families, to support our Council and Activities. Vivat Jesus! Fraternaly, Bill

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Brothers, Families and Friends, I would like to add my sincere appreciation to the Worthy Grand Knight's in thanks to our



ladies, our knights and everyone who contributed to make Brother Bill Cameron's wife Donna's prayers, Mass of Christian burial and reception such a wonderful and meaningful expression of charity, unity and fraternity. The love and honor were palpable. Please remember to pray for Donna, Bill and their family in this time of loss and grief. To those who have signed up with Brother Chris Woehrer to provide meals, accept my thanks on behalf of the council.

Church (Eric Thompson):

It is time again for another great time of fun, food and fellowship at the Parish Picnic. The picnic is tentatively scheduled for October, and there will be more info to follow in our news letter and the Parish bulletin. Start practicing your "Pig Calling".

Don't forget, our monthly breakfast resumes in September!

Community (Chris Woehrer):

We are looking for donations of men's clothing for distribution to the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry. Drop off donations at the Rectory or in the basement at the Council Home.

The HVFD Carnival is being held this year between July 22nd and August 2nd. Thanks to those who have already helped, and to those scheduled.

Youth (Andy Holton):

The annual Altar Servers/Youth Group (and their guests) family Pool Party will be held on Wednesday August 18th at the Breton Bay pool. The knights of Columbus will provide burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Food will be served beginning at 7 PM with swimming for all from 8 to 10 PM. This is a family event so, parents, please join the kids for a night of fun and fellowship. We request a head count for food purchase, so Altar Servers who plan to attend contact Rhonda Goldsborough at SJFRAltarServer@gmail.com and for families with kids in the Youth Group contact Skip Jones at skipjones@diskenterprisesolutions.com.

Family (Joe Bowser):

Joe Bowser will be providing information at the Business meeting about a Blue Crabs game for the Families.

Council (Mike Thompson):

2010 Knights of Columbus Car Raffle. The 2010 raffle for the benefit of the State Scholarships is here again and we will need everyone's help in selling the raffle tickets as well as financial support from the membership itself. Keep in mind that this is an important fund raiser for the council as we retain approximately 50% of what we take in. Tickets have been sent out to all Brother Knights. If you have not received yours yet or, better still, need more please contact Bill Sneeringer at 301- 373-2040 or Gerry Gleckel at 301-737-4482. Sold ticket stubs and funds can be turned in

after each Mass beginning 8 August to the table tending Knight. I have set this year's goal at 5500 tickets to be sold. We will be sending 5 books (30 tickets) to each council member and, if each member can sell what is sent to him, our goal will be met. Tickets will be \$1 each or book of 6 for \$5 again this year. Additionally, we have a real need for folks to staff the 'table' at places like McKays, Giant etc. We have had families participate as well as our own Brother Knights. The tables also need to be staffed after each Mass between now and Columbus Day...the last day of the drive. This is one our biggest Council fund raisers. WE NEED YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION. Give up a few hours and let's make 2010 the best year yet. Please contact Gerry Gleckel soonest to sign up for and fill the open slots. CALL NOW!!!

Photos: Gerry Gleckel is taking a photo of each of our Council Knights for our records. We have 100+ taken so far, so if able, attend any breakfast or Business Meeting and get your photo taken.

Semi-Annual Audit: Our semi-annual audit will be completed after our August Business meeting.

To support the State Charity Fund, the State Council is soliciting individual contributions again this year. The Charity Fund was established to assist individuals within the State of Maryland who have an immediate short term financial need. There have been people within our own community who have received assistance from the Charity Fund. You will receive a contribution envelope within the next month and, as I stated earlier, please consider assisting in this most worthy cause. Any amount an individual donates is appreciated and tax deductible. Make your check payable to the Maryland State Council Charity Fund. Thanks in advance for your support.

Pro-Life (Spurgeon Terry):

Remember we are not done with our efforts to provide Sonogram Machines to Care Net Pregnancy Centers. Donations are still being gratefully accepted. No amount is

too small. Please mail your contribution to our Council Financial Secretary, Bill Sneeringer, at 23997 Abells Run Drive, Hollywood, MD 20636. If you wish a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT** make the check payable to: **Sonogram Fund of SMC #1470 Charities Inc.** The names, addresses and amount donated will be logged and passed on to the Care Net Pregnancy Center which will issue the tax deductible receipt. If no tax deductible receipt is desired simply make the check payable to **K of C Council 7914**, with "Sonogram Fund" in the memo line.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally, Mearl
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Brothers, when you get the chance, take a look at the new Md. State Council emblem and you'll see the words in Latin "Maria, fac nos semper scire". Translated the words say "Mary, make us always aware". An excerpt from a line in our closing prayer at meetings, Mary, Queen of Knights, goes as follows: "Make us always aware that as Your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith

judged -----". Now, I know what you are thinking, how does this relate to membership? The answer is very simple. Everyone remembers the old saying "actions speak louder than words". Everything that you do in life speaks volumes about you to the people you meet and interact with on a daily basis. By living according to the principles of our order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, you are sending a message to those around you. Be slow to judge and quick to forgive. Live by these principles and Catholic men who are not knights will see what our order is about. **Tell those men about the benefits of being a Knight of Columbus and always have that Form 100 with you.** Also, participate in council events with your family and with your brother knights, so you can take full advantage of what our order has to offer to both you and your family.

Upcoming degree dates are as follows: **First Degree Monday August 16th** at St. Mary's Council in Leonardtown and **Second Degree the following day, Tuesday August 17th** here at St. John's. Let's have a few candidates for each one.

LADIES COLUMN

We've set a date for our next KofC Wives, Widows and Friends get together. Plan to join us for lunch at the Victorian Candle on 19 September after 11:30 Mass. Cost will be in the ball park of \$10. I will have to give Susan Dexter a head count, so please let us know by 10 September whether or not you will be able to attend. Please call Peggy Dillow, 301-373-4507, Terrie Widmayer, 301-373-8933 or send me an e-mail at anitahicks@verizon.net. Hope to see you there! It is with a heavy heart that I announce the loss of another lady in our group. Mrs. Donna Cameron passed away on 24 July after a courageous battle with cancer. Please keep her family in your prayers, as this loss will be most devastating to them.

Thanks to Peggy and Terrie for all their work on making the bookmarks handed out at the council installation on 24 July. Thanks also to Heavenly Presents who donated 100 miraculous medals that we affixed to the bookmarks.

Anita

August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HVFD Carnival	2	3	4 Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm	5	6 First Friday Devotion	7 First Saturday Devotion /
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 First Degree, St. Mary's Council	17 Second Degree, St. John's Council	18 Council Officers Meeting' Altar Servers/Youth Group Party	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm	2	3 First Friday Devotion	4 First Saturday Devotion /
5 Monthly Breakfast	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Council Officers Meeting	16	17	18
19 Ladies Get Together, Victorian Candle	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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New Council Officers with State Warden Dale Trott and District Deputy Jerry Hicks



Our Lovely Widows at our Installation of Officers



Family of the Month



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Past State Deputy Richard V. Siejack with FAW Color Corps Presents Check to Care Net for Ultrasound Machine