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# 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, Associate Chaplains: Deacons Lou Koeniger and Ammon Ripple

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

**Greetings and Vivat Jesus Brother Knights.**

On 16 July, the Knights of Columbus installed the 8th "Cemetery of the Innocents" for 2011 at Our Lady



Help of Christians in Waldorf, and the 175th memorial for the preborn slain by abortion since 2004. I would like to thank Council Member Dennis Gatley for his making of the 172 crosses used.

**Alter Server, CCD, Summer Camp, Family and Friends Pool Party:**

Thank you to all who supported our pool party on 28 July. We already received a Thank You during announcements at Mass this weekend. We had at least 150 participants who came out to enjoy the camaraderie, food, and swimming. Thank you to Breton Bay Pool who allowed us to start swimming one hour early on this unusually hot night.

**Parish Picnic.** St. John's Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 14th from 10am – 6pm at Camp Maria in Leonardtown. Fr. Ray will kick the picnic off with a 10am outdoor Mass overlooking the water. Bill Kelly and Rich Olon are our POCs and need our support for this event. Look for the bulletin insert for more info. Please attend as we will need extra support for this event. Contact Bill Kelly if you are able to support at 301-862-1267.

**Council Installation.** The Council Installation is scheduled for Sunday, 21 Aug. It will be immediately following the 11:30 Mass. A Lunch will be served after the Installation in the Msgr. Harris Center. Installation Practice is

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I'm at 301-475-8645 or [john.fenwick@kofc.org](mailto:john.fenwick@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Saturday, 20 August at 6:30 PM. If you are able to attend please contact me at [wdreabe@aol.com](mailto:wdreabe@aol.com) (preferred) or leave a message at 301-863-6105. Or contact our DGK Mearl Rusaw with your intentions, (H) 301-373-4983 or (C) 240-434-3492. Please attend as we will need support for this event.

**2011 Annual Car Raffle.** Brother Knights, it's that time of the year again for the annual Md. State Council Car Raffle. The raffle helps fund the Md. State Scholarship Program which was instituted to help deserving students desiring a Catholic education. In past years there have been students from our parish who have received a scholarship. The raffle is also a great benefit to our council as we retain approximately 50% of the money collected from our council raffle ticket sales. As you know, that money goes right back out to our community through our charitable work. We need your support to make this a successful program this year. Each council member was sent 5 books of tickets to buy or sell. Ticket prices are the same as last year: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can return sold tickets in two ways. First you can give tickets and money to a brother knight selling tickets after Mass or you can mail the tickets and money to the Financial Secretary, Bill Sneeringer, at 23997 Abells Run Dr. Hollywood, Md. 20636. **DO NOT MAIL TO THE STATE COUNCIL!** Thank you in advance for supporting this important fund raising activity. P.S. Please return unsold tickets the same way as stated above.

**Silver Rose Service.** Each year, a Silver Rose "honoring of Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life", is carried by Knights of Columbus from Canada, through the United States, and into Mexico to arrive at the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico on December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year, St. John's has been selected to host a Silver Rose Prayer Service, celebrated by Fr. Ray, on Tuesday, 9 August at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend this special service and ceremony.

**Program History:** The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project of Squires Circles, councils and Fourth Degree assemblies. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson expanded the program by beginning the "Running of the Rose" from the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Ontario. Now the effort is being made to expand the program permanently on an annual basis with a rose making its way from Canada to Mexico through the United States. "The 'Running of the Rose' is a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus," said

Supreme Knight Anderson. "Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made know her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses." I encourage all members, friends and parishioners to make available this short amount of time and attend this event. Please contact our DGK Mearl Rusaw with your intentions, (H) 301-373-4983 or (C) 240-434-3492, as we will need this information to make a final report on the event.



**Welcome David Booz, new Knight and new Seminarian.**

**The 24 Hour and one minute Knight (St. John Francis Regis Council Version).** If you could just give 24 hours and one minute a year to the Knights of Columbus, you could make a positive difference in your community and Church! Just for fun let's break it down this way:

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the council newsletter, Columbia magazine, and The Beacon. Half of the 24 hours is on your own time and schedule.
- Two hours a year volunteering at the council's annual tootsie roll drive for people with intellectual disabilities.

- Two hours a year attending, with your family, two corporate Communion or council prayer services at our parish. (You could attend the Memorial Mass for our deceased Knights and the Installation Mass and Installation)
- Two hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, Community, Council, Family, Right to Life, or Youth project of your choosing. (Well over 20 to choose from). I guarantee you'll like at least one of these events.
- Two hours a year attending one council business meeting. (We're usually much shorter than 2 hours) (They are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM to 8:30ish)
- Four hours a year enjoying a council social function such as the Awards Banquet, Christmas party, Parish Picnic, Pool Party, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, ball games, etc (well over 30 to choose from). Your entire family will remind you to come back next year.

- One minute to ask a Practical Catholic to join our Order....and when you ask, odds are with you that they will seriously consider it. Some are just waiting to be asked and say yes quickly, that was me...thank you Spurgeon and John Ashley for asking. That's only 24 hours and one minute out of 8,760 hours in a year, which practically any man can fit into his

schedule. When you look at it this way, it doesn't seem very intimidating at all. Think of the difference the Knights of Columbus make in our community with men like you. Since you are already a member you know how rewarding being a part of the Knights of Columbus is, and we pray you may want to dedicate at least this amount of time to the Order. Only you know your available time....only 24 hours (and one minute)!

**Finally:** Please review our calendar for a list of upcoming events we support through our Council Programs. Come join us at our Business and Officer's meetings (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30PM respectively) they are open to all Knights. We are always looking for

practical Catholic men to join our Council and support our Activities. Vivat Jesus! Fraternally, Bill

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT**

**Vivat Jesus Brother Knights, Special Olympics.** The Maryland Special Olympics Mid-Summer Classic, (Sailing, Kayaking & Unified Volleyball) took place on July 30 & 31, 2011 at St Mary's College in St Mary's City, Maryland. Thank You to all of you who volunteered in this worthy event.



**State Family Picnic.** The State Family Picnic is open to all and will be held at PG Council #2809 on September 10, 2011. I believe it traditionally starts at noon. For more info contact me or our GK.

**POC Information.** We need your POC info to ensure you receive up to date KofC information. Please fill out the form Gerry Gleckel sends. He is doing it on my behalf and we will ensure your info remains private. It also has a comment section where you can tell us what events you would like us to get ahold of you for. If you did not receive it, we must have an out of date email address, so call Gerry at 301-737-4482 to update it.

**St. Michael's School Cash Bash.** The SMS Cash Bash looks to be one of the most exciting events I have seen in a while. The all day event will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the St. Mary's County Fair Grounds. The purchase of a \$75 ticket makes you eligible to win 60 incredible prizes valued anywhere from \$1,000 to \$25,000. In addition to the cash prizes, other prizes include: Jeep Wrangler, Chevy Camaro, Harley Davidson Motorcycle, Can-Am Spyder, Campers, Jewelry, Rolex, Jet Ski, John Deere Gator & Tractor, Flat Screen TV's, Mac Book Laptops, and prizes! You can purchase tickets by mail, by phone

(240-587-7111), or at [www.SMSCashBash.org](http://www.SMSCashBash.org) So check it out! Your ticket purchase is tax deductible.

**The Beacon.** The following is a link to our State Newsletter, The Beacon: <http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1011/beacon.pdf> . Please print, read, and forward to friends and family members.

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally, Mearl

**Membership:** There will be First Degrees at St. John Francis Regis SJ Council #7914, in Hollywood, on 26 September 2011, 23 January 2012 & 21 May 2012, a Second Degree on 29 November 2011, and a Third Degree on 16 September 2011. Vivat Jesus, Mickey

**A WORD FROM OUR FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

Father Andrew White Assembly #377 Faithful Navigator Column 08/2011

Brothers, my column this month consists of the remarks I made at the Investiture of Assembly Officers on 23 July 2011. "Our Founding Fathers framed the Constitution and compiled the Bill of Rights. We think of them as

carved in stone. We defend our Catholic Faith and we defend our freedom and our Christian principles. These are not separate tasks; they go hand-in-hand. We must make ourselves aware of the forces that seek to cause change in our national life, and we must work tirelessly to resist those changes that go against our Lord's teachings. How wonderful it is to be able to work together with fellow Christians who understand this. We should continue to educate ourselves on our duties as Christian citizens and to cultivate and nourish our patriotism. What a blessing it is to have the assistance of those of a like mind, and to be inspired to make time to do the good work of the Knights of Columbus. I am proud of the support we have given our Veterans, through our visits to the Veterans' Home and our support of Patriotic events. My vision for the Assembly is simple: To refocus on our duties as citizens and to work to protect our freedom, To offer membership in the Fourth Degree to our brother knights who can help us with this, And to honor those who served and those who sacrificed, so that our great nation can remain free. Thank you in advance for your support!"  
Patriotically,  
Jerry Hicks

**District Deputy Remarks:**  
Brothers, It's installation season. Congratulations to the newly elected council officers! For the rest of you – thank you for doing your part for Church and community. Now do your part for your council and attend your council's installation! It's not just for the installees. It's a special event for all of you and your families. Support it and enjoy it! Newly elected officers and newly appointed chairmen – lay out your plans for the fraternal year now. Schedule at least one activity in each of our six service areas every quarter. Grand Knights – as you draft (or receive) reports on activities, add them to your Columbian Award application. By the time the application is due, you'll be at least 75% done! Remember to attend the Membership & Program Seminar, at Archbishop Neale School, 7:30 PM on 11 August. Enjoy your Knights of Columbus experience. If you're not having fun, you aren't doing it right! May God bless you and the good works you do! - Jerry

**August 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm	4 That Man is You (TMIY), #1470, 6:30 am	5	6
7	8	9 Silver Rose Service 7PM St. John's Help needed	10	11 TMIY #1470 Membershp and Program Seminar, LaPlata	12	13
14 Parish Picnic 10:00AM to 6:00PM Help Needed	15 Assumption of Mary/ 1st Degree #1470	16 2nd Degree #10957	17 Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM	18 TMIY #1470	19	20 Installation Practice
21 Council Installation after 11:30 Mass Help Needed	22	23	24	25 TMIY #1470	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 That Man is You (TMIY), #1470, 6:30 am	2	3
4 1 <sup>st</sup> Breakfast of Year  Help needed	5 Labor Day	6	7 Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm	8 TMIY #1470	9	10
11	12	13	14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree St Johns	15 TMIY #1470	16 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree St Johns  Help needed	17
18	19	20	21 Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM	22 TMIY #1470	23	24
25	26 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree St Johns	27	28 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree St Michael's Ridge	29	30	



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