



# Knight Times

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Dear Brother Knights:

We have entered the Advent season and I am sure that you know, "advent" comes from the Latin "to come". We spend this time in anticipation of the coming of Christ – remembering His coming as an infant in the manger, as well as anticipating His coming again in glory. This is a joyous season – one in which we celebrate God sending His only Son to redeem us of our sins, but also as a season that points out that we need to reflect, and to prepare, for the coming of Jesus Christ. In an ever more and more secular world, where the anticipation of Christ is replaced with the anticipation of material goods, and Christmas is erased from advertisements and workplaces to be replaced with the generic and essentially meaningless "holiday season", we as Catholics and especially as Knights are called upon to do what we can to remind people to – "Keep CHRIST in CHRISTMAS". Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas. **Star Council Award:** Congratulations to our Council as our immediate PGK Mickey Dillow accepted the Star Council Award for Fraternal year 2009-2010 on our behalf from Immediate Past State Deputy Dick Siejack. **Knights of Columbus Council Memorial Mass:** Thank you to our Council Chaplain Fr. Ray and to all Knights and their families who celebrated our annual Memorial Mass held at St. John's Church on Saturday, November 13. Thank you for answering my call for volunteers when we served brunch

### Insurance check-up for 2011

Can you believe it will soon be 2011? I hope that 2010 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2011. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

I'm at 301-475-8645 or john.fenwick@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

to approximately 100 of our **Italian guests** on 30 October, the council turnout was outstanding. **Cemetery of the Innocents:** The Cemetery of the Innocents was installed at St. John's, also on 30 October, thanks to all Council, Family, and Assembly members who supported this and to FR. Dignan for blessing the crosses. The **Parish Ministry Fair**, which was held November 6th and 7th, was a great success. Council volunteers helped set up the tables and decorate in addition to supporting our monthly breakfast. Thanks to you who had my back as cooks.....literally, as I was bed ridden the 7th with back issues. Thanks also to the our volunteer cooks for **Casino Night**. We turned in the mother load of **men's clothing** to the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry this year, Thank You to all who donated. **The Beacon.** The following is the link to the Maryland State Knights of Columbus newsletter titled "*The Beacon*": <http://www.kofc->

[md.org/docs1011/beacon.pdf](http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1011/beacon.pdf). It is a newsletter geared to all Maryland Knights and has an article about our council on page 9 of the current addition. I encourage you all to read it monthly. **Christmas Card and/or Gift.** Interested in sending a card or gift to our Seminarian? Here is his address: Seminarian Chris Seith, North American College, 00120 Vatican City State, EUROPE. **Finally:** Please review our calendar for 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 7:30 PM 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

Dear Brother Knights, Greetings, You won't want to miss **Breakfast with Santa** on



December 5<sup>th</sup>. It should prove to be a wonderful time for kids of all ages. Also don't forget the **Parish Christmas Party** following the 11 December 5:00PM Mass.

**Scholarships:** The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of two High School Scholarships 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 William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship.** Three grants per year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility is 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. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. **The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School**

## Scholarship

Designed to assist members of the Knights of Columbus holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools. Awards will be made on the basis of

academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death. For scholarship info go to: [www.kofc-md.org/pages/committees/scholarship/sc\\_holar.htm](http://www.kofc-md.org/pages/committees/scholarship/sc_holar.htm) or write to: Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus, 10815 Stang Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117. **Feed the Hungry:** It's no secret. Times are hard. Unemployment is very high. Please bring food to Mass and drop it off by the Sacristy to help stock local food pantries or soup kitchens.

**Coats for Kids:** Many needy children face winter's dropping temperatures and howling winds without a warm coat. Providing them with one is the goal of the K of C Coats for Kids program. State, district and local councils can purchase new, high-quality winter coats

for boys (sizes 8-18) and girls (sizes 7-16) through the Supreme Council for \$15 per coat plus shipping using the Coats for Kids order form and the Supreme Council will pick up 75% of any shipping costs. Requests for specific quantities of coats in specific



**St. John's K of C Ladies Group Social Meeting**

sizes cannot be accommodated. Each shipment will contain a variety of coats in various sizes and styles. To obtain more information and order forms contact: by E-mail Robert.ennis@kofc.org; Fax: (203) 752-4108; or by mail: Knights of Columbus, Attn Robert Ennis 12th floor, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510.

**March for Life:** The annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will be held Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, to mark the Roe v. Wade decision announced 38 years ago on Jan. 22, 1973. Encourage councils to participate in this event or mark the day with another culture of life affirming event. For more information, visit [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org). Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours, Mearl

## A WORD FROM OUR FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Archdiocese of Washington District will take place on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Colony South Hotel and Conference Center located at 7401 Surrats Road in Clinton, Maryland. The Exemplification will commence at 12:00 PM. There will also be a Ladies' luncheon at 12:00 PM, and then a Banquet at 5:00 PM. Reservations for Hotel rooms must be made by February 11, 2011, and for the Ladies activities, the Banquet, and the Exemplification



**Volunteer Casino Night cooks**

(all Knights) by February 19, 2011. Candidate Exemplification Fees are \$70.00 for Third Degree Knights which includes the Knight's Banquet (\$45.00 for guests). All fees must be paid in full by February 19, 2011. There will be no refunds for event cancellation after this date. For Hotel reservations contact the Colony South Hotel and conference Center at 1-800-537-1147 and use the group code AWD/K of C. Identify yourself as a Knight attending the Fourth Degree Exemplification 11-13 March 2011. For further information Contact: Micheal W. Thumm, Faithful Navigator, Father Andrew White Assembly #377 Archdiocese of Washington District, Knights of Columbus Home phone: (301) 737-1629; Cell: (301) 904-4373 Home e-mail address: thummmw@md.metrocast.net

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS:** Brothers, our Fall Membership Drive has come and gone, and

with commendable results. Every council in District #8 has successfully recruited one or more new members, and I applaud and appreciate your efforts. Regrettably, the Maryland State Council is not doing well overall – over sixty councils have yet to sign even one new knight. That number was in the twenties this time last year. Our councils in Southern Maryland are strong and active, and can take the lead and set the pace. Let's continue our efforts in support of our State Deputy and his membership goals. We'll be doing ourselves a favor at the same time. Follow up quickly and on a personal level with each interested man (and family) we contacted during the blitz. Show them by example what membership can mean to them. Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and may God bless our continued efforts for Church and community! - Jerry Hicks, District Deputy #8

**LADIES COLUMN**

On Wednesday, 10 November, 20 ladies gathered for goodies and fellowship. Some great upcoming events that were

discussed include: the Woman's Day of Prayer at IHM on November 29th, the Maryland State Boy's Choir performance at Great Mills on December 4th sponsored by the Rotary Club and the Christmas Luncheon at the State House in St. Mary's City on December 14. Please keep several of our ladies who are 'under the weather' in your prayers, We hope you'll be able to join us for our St. John's Parish Christmas party on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Our theme will be: "Happy Birthday, Jesus." If you'd like to help set up for, or work at, the Christmas party, just give us a call. You may reach Peggy Dillow on 301-373-4507, Terrie Widmayer on 301-373-8933 or send me an e-mail at [anitahicks@verizon.net](mailto:anitahicks@verizon.net). Also, be sure to mark your calendar now for our annual 'baby shower' on February 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be more info on the baby shower in the coming months. May you enjoy the joy and blessings of Christmas and the gift of hope for the coming year. Anita

**December 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	2	3 <b>Keep Christ in Christmas Posters Due</b>	4
5 <b>Breakfast with Santa</b>	6 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Degree St Mary's</b>	7 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Holy Face</b>	8 <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>	9	10	11 <b>Parish Christmas Party</b>
12	13	14	15 <b>Council Officers Meeting</b>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>Christmas</b>
26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>Tootsie Roll \$\$\$ &amp; Rpt Due</b>	

**January 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Years Day/ Feast Of Mary
2	3	4	5 Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Epiphany	7	8 State Mid-Term Meeting Cardinal Gibbons 2521
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period Activity Report Due
16	17	18	19 Council Officers Meeting/ 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree St. John's	20 Best website application Due	21	22 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Fr. Sebastien DeRose 10:00AM
23	24 March For Life, DC	25	26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree St. John's	27	28 3rd Degree St John's	29
30	31 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Due, Special Olympic Partnership Survey Due, Council Free Throw Report Due, Convention Hospitality Suite Reservation Due			Feb 4 Feb: FOY, TOY Etc. Due 15 Feb: Semi-Annual Audit Due		



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**ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS S.J. COUNCIL 7914 IN ACTION PHOTOGRAPHS**



Cemetery of the Innocents Crew



Fr. Dignan Blessing the Crosses



Cooking for our Italian Friends



Brunch for the Italians is served



Serving our Parish at the Monthly Breakfast



Council Ministry Fair Table