



# Knight Times

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

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



**Greetings and Vivat Jesus Brother Knights,** Merry Christmas to all. Please be safe this holiday season  
**Business Meeting** will start at 8:00 vice 7:30 PM on 7

Dec to allow us to attend the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**Parish Christmas Party.** Volunteers needed at 1:30 PM on 10 December to help set-up for the Parish Christmas Party. We are short some of our regular helpers so please make the time to help. Our Parish Christmas party will commence immediately after the 5:00 Mass on 10 December. Please make plans to support this event. Request members bring a main dish and small side dish. You can drop off your dish prior to the 5PM Mass.

**January Breakfast.** Our January Breakfast will be on 8 January vice 1 January.

**Keep Christ in Christmas.** The Christmas season is upon us and we once again sponsored our annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. We received multiple inputs from Religious Education students, School students, and parish children in 1st through 8th grades who put together their own image of Keeping Christ in Christmas. This year's winners are Grades 1-3: Joseph Cooper; Grades 4-6: Hannah Papp; Grades 7-8: Samantha Long.

**Cemetery of the Innocents:** The Cemetery of the Innocents was installed at St. John's on 12 November. The Knights of Columbus and MDRTL installed the 16th Cemetery of the

## Insurance check-up for 2012

Can you believe it will soon be 2012? I hope that 2011 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 2012. 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.

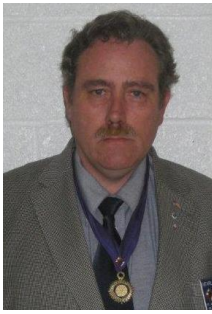
I'm at 301-475-8645 or [john.fenwick@kofc.org](mailto:john.fenwick@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Innocents for 2011 at St. John Francis Regis RCC in Hollywood (St. Mary's County), and the 185th memorial since 2004. I wish to thank Father Ray Schmidt, DGK Mearl Rusaw and Pro-life Coordinator Spurgeon Terry for their strong stand for life, and their excellent coordination of this event. I would like to thank Mearl and Deborah Rusaw for their transport of the sign and 4 cradles of crosses from JDW in Huntington to St. John's! I would also like to thank Mearl, Deborah, and Tyler & Victoria Grinder for the marking of the field that Friday. Special thanks also to Dennis Gatley who made 50 new honor guard crosses. Finally, I would like to thank Chris Woehrer, Mearl & Deborah Rusaw, Tyler & Victoria Grinder, Zachary Sweitzer, Bill Kelly, and Rich, Maria, & Patrick Schwartz for the hard work of the installation on Saturday, and to Fr. Eamon Dignan for his blessing of the field.

**St. John's School Ice Cream Social.** Thanks to Bill Sneeringer, Mickey and Bruce Newell for coordinating the Ice Cream Social for our school students. I have heard from several people that it was a big success. Thank you also to our volunteers: Rosalie & Bill Sneeringer, Sal, Bruce Newell, Tom & Nancy Rocheleau, Jim Dexter, John Shimski, Genie, Bob & Johnnie Jackson, and Cesar.  
**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  
Greetings,  
Ministry**

**Fair,** was held after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, November



5<sup>th</sup>, and on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, during our monthly breakfast. Volunteers helped set up the tables so they could be decorated and set out with ministry items. Thanks to all who helped in the set-up, manning our tables, and clean-up.

**Bus Trip to Dover Downs Casino.** Thanks to Rick and Donna Lacey for setting up the bus trip to Dover on Saturday November 12, 2011. Snacks and beverages were provided. Fun was had by all, however, I am unsure if anyone came home with a fat wallet.

**Catholic Bee. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this event:** From the State Council: "You will be hearing a lot about the Catholic Bee. We want this year to be the biggest year yet for this great program. We have set a time and place for the state level event. April 21st 2012 at St. Michael's church in Poplar Springs Md., doors will open at noon and the competition will start at 1:00 pm. We are trying to get Bishop Rozanski to attend the event as well. I have attached a time line for the bee to this email as well. This is the time that your councils should be contacting the schools and religious programs as well as Youth Ministers at your churches. We have lots of files digitally for you including the intent to run a bee, list of council winners, questions and rules. Just ask and I would be glad to forward all of this to you. If you have any questions please ask the chairman Joe Owens at [kjto@verizon.net](mailto:kjto@verizon.net) or 410-557-6860." If you are able to coordinate this event at the Parish

level please contact the GK at ([jwreabe@aol.com](mailto:jwreabe@aol.com))

**Tootsie Roll Charity Drive.** Every year we participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Charity Drive to benefit the mentally disadvantaged. Our chosen benefactor is the Center for Life Enrichment here in Hollywood. This is a very good way to help the less fortunate among us in our community. Also, keep in mind that every penny collected is given to our chosen charity and that charity is local. We are taking care of our own. For those of you who are not familiar with the Center for Life Enrichment their primary mission is to assist in placing the mentally disadvantaged in meaningful jobs in our area.

**Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Maryland Special Olympics.** As you prepare to go into your December meetings, it is time to talk up Volunteering for the 16th Annual MSP Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Maryland Special Olympics. The Plunge will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Sandy Point State Park in Anne Arundel County. This is a day-long event that many Knights across Maryland and their families and friends have been involved with for several years now. But you do NOT have to have any affiliation with the Knights to participate. Once again Maryland Special Olympics will need volunteers to assist with directing parking, food and drink distribution, memorabilia sales, arcade game operation, etc. No one is asking you to jump into the icy Chesapeake Bay. However, yes, some of the volunteers, especially the ones who volunteer to help with the parking, may get cold. But it's for a good cause. If you are at least 16 years old, can stand being outside in the cold for several hours and can stay on your feet for that amount of time, you are eligible to be a volunteer. It will cost you nothing to get in, you will get a Parking Pass for an off-site lot from which you will take a shuttle bus to the park, you will witness one of the greatest "party" atmospheres of the year, and lunch will be provided. As of this writing, the online registration page is not yet available on the SOMD website. I will provide that link as soon as it is available. However, in the meantime, I can take names, phone numbers and email addresses. If you or

any of your members, families or friends would like to volunteer for this wonderful event, contact Walt Wankowski at [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net) or 410-866-6546. Vivat Jesus! Walt Wankowski & for John Durbin, Special Olympics Co-Chairs, Maryland State Council

**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! Mearl

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Brothers, as we approach Christmas we get so caught up in the "hustle and bustle" of the season that we tend to put many important items on the back burner or simply forget about them entirely. Membership is one of those items easily pushed aside this time of year and yet it is one of the most important duties we have as Knights of Columbus. Since this is a season of giving, give an eligible Catholic man the opportunity to join our order. By doing so you are helping your fellow man while helping your council achieve its membership goal. Best of all, this gift is free; you don't have to spend a dime.

Also, put the last Friday in January on your calendar as the Third Degree will be held this year at IHM. Please plan to attend if possible. Speaking of Degrees, we are planning to participate in the First Degree competition this upcoming year and we will need several Brother Knights to step up and fill some of the supporting roles. Since we will be judged on all aspects of performance in the competition we will need to schedule a couple of practices. More information will follow. To all my Brother Knights in Council 7914, I wish you a blessed and safe Christmas Season.

Vivat Jesus,  
Mickey

**A WORD FROM OUR FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

"Thanks!" to all who participated in our many Veterans Day events, as well as the Pro-Life Mass at St. Aloysius! And, while we are on the subject of veterans and life – we have a wonderful opportunity to share our blessings in the form of time, talent and treasure! I invite you to join me in support of Patuxent Habitat for Humanity, as they build a wheelchair-accessible addition onto the home of LCPL Caleb Getscher, a 20-year-old Marine who, while serving in Afghanistan on 18 June 2011, stepped on an IED and lost both legs and his left arm. Caleb is in rehab at our military hospital at Bethesda, but he is at home in Chaptico with his family on weekends. If you would like to assist with this project, please let me know, and I will forward you the schedule as soon as I have it. If you would like to make this a part of your end-of-year charitable giving, please make your check out to "Patuxent Habitat for Humanity," get it to me, and I will

gladly pass your contribution to them. In lieu of our December meeting, we will have our Christmas Party at St. Mary's Council on the 15th. You have until the 8th to RSVP to SK Danny Fuller at 301-475-0027. All are invited; come and join the fun! Patriotically, Jerry Hicks  
Faithful Navigator, Father Andrew White  
Assembly #377

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS**

Brothers, It is that time of year when we focus anew on what we can do to improve the quality of life of those who are less fortunate. Our Lord Jesus, whose birth we are about to celebrate, said, "Whatsoever you do for the least of these my brethren, you do unto me." I addition to giving alms to our Church, charities and favorite causes as well as any other good works we do, here is a wonderful opportunity to share our blessings! Join me in support of Patuxent Habitat for Humanity, as they build a wheelchair-accessible addition onto the home of a 20-year-old Marine who stepped on an IED in Afghanistan and lost both legs and his left arm. See the Faithful Navigator column for details. Please be generous, and may God bless! Vivat Jesus! - Jerry

**LADIES COLUMN**

Around 20 ladies attended our WW&F get together on 6 November at the Victorian Candle after 11:30 Mass. Susan and Jim provided a very tasty lunch as usual. Thanks to Jeannette Biscoe, we decided to get into the Christmas spirit by singing carols. As a reminder, our parish Christmas party is right around the corner. It will be held in the Msgr. Harris Center on 10 December after 5:00 Mass. Let us know if you will be available to assist in any manner. Please contact Peggy Dillow on 301-373-4507, Terri Widmayer on 301-373-8933 or me at [anitahicks@verizon.net](mailto:anitahicks@verizon.net) if you plan to attend. We hope to have another brunch in the St. Jude Room soon after 2012 rolls in. And be sure to plan ahead for our annual baby shower which will be on March 11, 2012 after 11:30 Mass. There are always wonderful after Christmas bargains that would make welcome additions to our collection for the Care Net Pregnancy Center. More details on those events will follow.  
Anita Hicks

**December 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 That Man is You (TMIY), #1470, 6:30 am	2	3
4 Breakfast with Santa	5	6	7 7:00PM Vigil Mass, Council Business Meeting 8:00 PM	8 TMIY #1470 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9	10 Parish Christmas Pot Luck 6PM, State Christmas Party Sacred Heart Council #2577 Bowie
11	12	13	14	15 TMIY #1470	16	17
18	19	20	21 Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM	22 TMIY #1470	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29 TMIY #1470	30	31 New Years Eve

**January 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2	3	4 Council Business Meeting 7:30PM	5 That Man is You (TMIY), #1470, 6:30 am	6 Epiphany	7 Mid Term Meeting GK/DGK
8 Breakfast	9	10	11	12 TMIY #1470	13	14
15	16	17	18 Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM	19 TMIY #1470	20	21 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree PAX 10:00AM
22	23 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree St. John's 7:30PM, March for Life DC	24	25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree St. Mary's 7:30 PM	26 TMIY #1470	27 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree IHM 7:30	28
29	30	31				



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Gene Czosek Family supporting the tootsie roll drive



Our Ladies at the Victorian Candle Luncheon



Setting up the Cemetery of the Innocents



Veterans Day Parade



Lenny Guy becomes an Honorary Life Member



Ministry Fair at St. John's



Council's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Ministry Fair



Back to school Ice Cream Social was a big hit again this year

