



Knight Times

ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS S.J. COUNCIL 7914 • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS • HOLLYWOOD, MD
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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:



Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights! As we close out 2010 and look to 2011, the Church offers us two great feasts that are models for our own lives. The first is the **Feast of the Holy Family**. That day serves as a reminder to each of us that as Knights, husbands and fathers we are called to serve as priests and pastors for our households. The second is the **Feast of the Epiphany**. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the spiritual journey of the Magi coming to Bethlehem to worship the newborn King, and offers each of us the opportunity to reflect upon our own spiritual journey. Reconciliation and attendance at Mass is an important part of our spiritual journey. As we celebrate these two feasts, we should ask ourselves how we can become better Catholics, better Knights, and better pastors of our families and better role models for our communities.

It is also important to remember that 1-1-11 marked the half-way mark for our fraternal year. We've had a great first half... we've brought new brothers into our Council, we've supported several new service projects, and we've continued 7914's tradition of providing support to our seminarian and various charities. I thank the many volunteers that helped us make 2010 so successful. Please consider volunteering and being active in our Council in this new calendar year. Speaking of volunteers, thank you **Santa** for all you did for

Retirement balancing act

Think of retirement as a three-legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs... or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Some of these plans, particularly traditional ones, are under stress, have been frozen or pared back. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg is the saving you do yourself, and this is the only aspect you can control completely.

Everyone needs this third leg. It consists of the money you personally set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan, but you must manage your money and your life.

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right – guarantee you an income you cannot outlive. That really will provide you with peace of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced, guaranteed and controlled by someone you trust: you!

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Membership Dues. You should be receiving your 2011 **membership dues** notices soon. Please read your notices and pay your dues as soon as possible. If you have any problems or questions concerning your dues please contact me. **Nominations requested.** We are always looking for nominations

for Family and Knight of the Month. I need your nominations by the 25th of each month. Knights, Families, friends, etc. can nominate. This month we are also looking for nominations for Family of the Year, Knight of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Catholic Teacher of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, and EMT of the Year. I need your nominations by 06 Jan 2011. Knights, Families, friends, etc. can nominate.

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. **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 (1st and 3rd 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:

Happy New Year to all! Brothers, our Council needs updated contact information for each of you. Please provide use with your



current email address and POC phone number. The following are some of the events that require additional support from our Council: Jan 17 - **Council & District Free Throw Contest** (0900 @ St. John's); Jan 28 - 3rd Deg (St. John's, additional help needed to set-up, cook, support); Feb 12 - **Annual Awards Banquet** (St. John's, additional help needed); Feb 27 - **Ladies Baby Shower** to benefit CareNet (St. John's, additional help needed). Please contact the GK or me for details. **Parish Historian needed.** If any Brother is interested in our Parish History please let me know. Brother Knight Skip Jones passes that Fr. Ray is looking for someone to take the lead on St. John's Parish History. **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. For scholarship info go to: www.kofc-md.org/pages/committees/scholarship/scholar.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. 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. All are encouraged to participate in this event or mark the day with another culture of life affirming event. For more information, visit marchforlife.org. Vivat Jesus! Fraternally yours, Mearl

MEMBERSHIP: Brothers, January of 2011 will be an extremely busy month for us as we have three Degrees scheduled to be held at St. John's. We have a **First Degree** scheduled on Wednesday January 19th so please do two things: First, if you have any prospective candidates please contact the Grand Knight or myself so we can get them through the Admissions Committee and voted on in time to take the Degree. Second, put the date on your calendar and plan to attend the Degree and support the new brothers joining our order. A **Second Degree** is scheduled to be held at St. John's on the



Santa and 2 children from the "Nice" List

following Wednesday, January 26th. Please put this date on your calendar as well. The **Third Degree** for Southern Md. will be held at St. John's in the Monsignor Harris Center on Friday January 28th. All candidates need to be present by 7 PM and the Degree will start at 7:30 PM. Chef Tim's famous spaghetti will be served for dinner following the Degree. **We will need help** in setting up for the Degree beginning at around 4 PM; so all you current Third Degree Members please put this date on your calendar as well. We normally have between 60 and 80 Candidates for this event plus the Degree team as well as the audience. This adds up to about 200 total. More information will follow regarding set up as time gets closer. **Finally,** remember to extend the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus to a fellow eligible Catholic Man. Think back to when you took your First Degree and you were asked to fill the "empty seat". **Council 7914 needs your support in order to attain our goal of 14 new members this Fraternal Year.** Vivat Jesus, Mickey

A WORD FROM OUR FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Archdiocese of Washington District will take placed

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 (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.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS:
 Brothers and friends, Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holidays and holy days. I thank each of you for your dedication, sacrifices and commitment to your Council and our Order. Please convey my heart-felt gratitude to your family for their support and sacrifices in sharing you with the Knights of Columbus.
 We are halfway through the fraternal year and have lots of events coming up quickly. Please step up and help wherever you can. The March for Life is on 24 January. If you have never participated in it, I encourage you to make this Year 1. We must continue to fight for the overturn of "Roe v. Wade."
 Finally, thank you for your prayers and support during my recent illness. I am back! – Jerry

LADIES COLUMN:

Happy New Year to all! Sounds like this is going to be a good time to stay indoors and enjoy that book you received for Christmas. Many thanks to Peggy, Terrie and their helpers for making our parish Christmas party such a success. Our next event will be the **Baby Shower on 27 February after 11:30 a.m. Mass** to benefit the CareNet Pregnancy Center. Be on the lookout for a more detailed e-mail and also an insert in the St. John's Church bulletin that will give suggestions for what items are most needed. Thanks to the Knights for volunteering to provide our lunch that day. If you plan to attend the baby shower, please contact Peggy Dillow at 301-373-4507, Terrie Widmayer at 301-373-8933 or me at anitahicks@verizon.net so we can plan accordingly. Please spread the word about this fun and worthy event and ask any other potential attendees to let us know as well.
 Anita

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
9 Monthly Breakfast	10	11	12 District 8 Meeting	13	14	15 2 nd Period Activity Report Due
16 Donut Social / School Open House 10:00-2:00	17 MLK Day/ 7914 & Dist Free Throw St. John's 0930	18	19 1 st Degree St. John's/ Council Officers Meeting	20 Best website application Due	21 School Open House 10:00-2:00	22 1 st & 2 nd Degree Fr. Sebastien DeRose 10:00AM
23	24 March For Life, DC	25	26 2 nd Degree St. John's	27	28 3 rd Degree St. John's	29
30	31 Survey of Fraternal Activities Due #1728; Special Olympic Survey Due #4588; Free Throw Report Due #FT-1; Convention Hospitality Suite Reservation Due					

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Candlemas/ Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm	3	4 FOY, TOY Etc. Due	5
6 Monthly Breakfast / Blessing of the School	7	8	9 1st Degree St. Mary's	10	11 4th Degree hotel reserv due	12 Annual Awards Banquet
13	14 St. Valentine's Day	15 Semi- Annual Audit Due	16 Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM	17	18	19 State Free Throw Contest/ 4th Deg fees due
20 Donut Social	21 President's Day / 1st Degree St. Michaels	22	23	24	25	26
27 12:30 Baby Shower to benefit CareNet	28	8 Mar: Shrove Tuesday; 9 Mar: Ash Wednesday 12 Mar: 4th Degree 26 Mar: State Spring Meeting (St. Johns)				



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Thank You St. John's Parishioners



Why we are Knights! Thanks Ladies



Skip Jones, our 1st Degree Honoree



Knight of the Month, Caesar Penaflo



Welcome new Knights