



# Knight Times

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

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

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers, it is with sadness that I report the passing of one of our Brothers, Ed McCall. Ed was

an Honorary Life Member and an active member most of his 56 years as a Knight. Also, Susan Fenwick, wife of Fraternal Benefits Advisor John Fenwick, passed away last week. Please remember Ed, Susan and all of our departed brothers in your prayers and pray for their families as well.

**Keep Christ in Christmas.** The Christmas season is upon us and we are once again sponsoring our annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. We have asked Religious Education students, School students, and parish children in 1st through 8th grades to put together their own image of Keeping Christ in Christmas. All entries are due to Deputy Grand Knight, Mearland Rusaw, by November 16th for judging at our Officers Meeting that evening. The winner in each category will earn \$50.00 from the Council (presented at the December Breakfast) and have their poster forwarded to the State competition with a chance to earn an additional \$100.00. Please help Mearl Judge at the Officers Meeting 16 Nov.

**Memorial Mass.** Please attend our annual Memorial Mass which will be said in remembrance of our Brother Knights on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm Mass.

**Cemetery of the Innocents:** The Cemetery of the Innocents is scheduled to be installed at St. John's, on 12 November at 0800, Request Council and Family member support.

## HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT SAVING MONEY?

97% of all Americans live paycheck to paycheck. 3% of the populace have disciplined themselves into some type of forced savings programs, which has enabled them to have money available when an opportunity arises.

Interestingly enough, 97% of us end up working for the mighty 3%. Why? Because you usually need start up funds to form a business, or buy real estate or take a chance on a stock tip. Only those who have saved first, can then invest.

As your Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisor, I can show you some excellent savings programs. They say a journey begins with a single footstep...why not start your journey to financial independence by calling me today so we can discuss your future, your goals and your needs. My ideas will work for an 18 year old or a 75 year old. Call to set up a computerized analysis today. I'm at 301-475-8645 or [john.fenwick@kofc.org](mailto:john.fenwick@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

**Scouting.** I know you are wondering what we can do as Knights of Columbus for the scouts. In a time where it is socially wrong to openly discuss God, scout masters and leaders find it harder to bring up the Catholic medals in a troop with mixed denominations of children. We would like to contact the local boy and girl scouts and offer to teach these medals for the troop. If one or two of the Knights could meet with any interested Catholic child/children and the scout leaders we could send the scout home with homework and meet with him/her again in a reasonable time, and check that he/she has completed the work and sign it off for them. The council could also purchase the books and medals for the scouts. This way we are helping our youth, helping our community and showing that we are not afraid to talk about God and save the scouting leaders from having to press the issues. The State Council has a very dedicated chairman for the scouting program as he too is a scout leader. If you have questions please contact me ([jwreabe@aol.com](mailto:jwreabe@aol.com)) and I will contact the Scouting Program Director.

**Volunteerism.** Volunteerism is not just a giving of time – but of ourselves. By this gift, we are doing far more than counteracting the economic recession. We are building a nation of neighbors helping neighbors, making each of us more fulfilled as individuals, and creating

solidarity that makes us more united as communities and as a nation, said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. The theme for the 2010-11 membership campaign "The Year of the Volunteer" follows this call to service by not only asking Knights and their families to serve, but to encourage them to bring men with a similar commitment to helping others into our Order – increasing our ability to serve our neighbors. Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.28 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 612 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable causes. While impressive, these figures can be even greater if we have more men and their families involved in our good works. Recruiting these prospects will help make this fraternal year truly "The Year of the Volunteer." Now let's approach those prospects and say to them: "Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference."

**2011 Annual Car Raffle.** Thank you all for your support of the annual Md. State Council Car Raffle. As you know, the raffle helps

fund the Md. State Scholarship Program which was instituted to help deserving students desiring a Catholic High School education and it is also our largest Council fund raiser. Our council sold 4757 tickets (just 300 short of 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state), and we should realize about \$2376 that we have budgeted to give back to the community and parish. Approximately 70 of our members returned sold tickets, and several of us stood in front of Mass and local businesses. First Prize Winner – 2012 Ford Mustang went to Mary Norris from Upper Marlboro, MD (Winning ticket sold by St. Mary of the Assumption Council # 9302). Thank you Gerry Gleckel and Bruce Newell for coordinating this event.

**St. John's School Ice Cream Social.** We are gearing up to do the Ice Cream Social on November 22nd. Bill Sneeringer is coordinating the KofC servers, so if you would like to help give him a call at (301) 373-2040. Mickey Dillow will be getting the ice cream and other sugar related stuff and bringing it to the MHC kitchen.

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake.** On 6 Nov, at 1030 during our monthly breakfast and the Ministry Fair we cut a cake in honor of our council's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thank you all.

**Angel Tree Program.** The St. John's Charitable Society will be using the Council Hall this year again for the Angel Tree Program to store gifts as they did last year. They will use it from the first Sunday of Advent until the gifts are distributed on 16th December. Please make them welcome and don't mind the clutter for a great cause. **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,

**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. Thank you to the Volunteers who helped set up the tables so they could be decorated and set out with ministry items. You won't want to miss **Breakfast with Santa** on December 4<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 10 December 5:00PM Mass. We are requesting help setting up for the Parish Christmas Party at 1:00PM on 10 Dec. Please show up.

**Bus Trip to Dover Downs Casino.** **When:** Saturday November 12, 2011, Leave from Hollywood VFD at 7:00 AM (5 to 5 1/2 hour at Casino) Return to Hollywood VFD at 5:00 PM. Cost: \$50.00 per person (Age requirement 21). Snacks and beverages to be provided on bus. What to do: To sign up please contact Ricky or Donna Lacey (H) 301-373-8377 (C) 240-298-6183 or Mickey Dillow 301-373-4507. All payments due in before you board the bus. Sponsored by St. John's KoC Council 7914.

**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 kcjto@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)

**Comedy Night.** Please pass the word on this great entertainment opportunity! Their first comedy night was outstanding! "Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council will be presenting their 2nd Comedy Night on NOV 11, 7-9pm in the Our Lady Star of the Sea Providence Room. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are 10.00 for adults and 8.00 for kids. Cash bar and food will also be available. For more information or tickets call Rich Anderson 410-394-1949."

**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.

**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

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of our council and the Order. Time and again, I have stressed that we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. To accomplish this, I am asking dedicated brother Knights

like you to be ambassadors, to reach out to Catholic men and their families and invite them to become part of our Order. Let them know that membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and faith. We have a table at the Ministry Fair, following each Mass the weekend of 5/6 November. Please join me to talk to prospects during this event.

Vivat Jesus, Mickey

**A WORD FROM OUR FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

As Veterans Day approaches, I want to start with a heartfelt, "Thank you!" to all veterans! On 11-11-11, we will pause to honor publicly those who served, but in reality we should be grateful for your service and sacrifice every day that we remain free! I strongly encourage all knights and their families to march with us in the Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown – the largest in the State of Maryland! We will meet at St. Mary's Council; the doors will be open at 8:00 AM. You don't have to be a Color Corps or even a fourth degree member to walk with us. Wear a KofC shirt, jacket or ball cap, a coat and tie if you prefer, or whatever suits you – we will be proud to have you. I also invite you to participate in the flag-raising and prayers at the Veterans

Memorial in Helen (2:00 PM) or at the presentation of Knights of Columbus wheel chairs to the residents of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at 2:30 PM. Come out and be a part of it! Our November meeting will be on the 17th, at Fr. Sebastien de Rose Council #13091. If you do not have access to the base at Patuxent River, contact any assembly officer to make arrangements or park in the small lot outside Gate 2 and wait to be ferried in. Patriotically, Jerry Hicks, Faithful Navigator, Father Andrew White Assembly #377

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS**

Brothers, The installations of council Brothers, The catchphrase "Membership 365" signifies the Knights of Columbus' new recruitment strategy. Of course, those knights who recruit regularly have been doing it unencumbered by time constraints for years. Membership 365 means twice-yearly blitzes are no longer required, but it also means we need to brainstorm, plan, organize and execute the approach to finding new members that works for our respective councils. It's time to "think outside the blitz!" OK, sorry about that; I couldn't resist. But this will require some headwork, and we/you need to get the plan down on paper. What will work for us? Where and when should we do it? Besides inviting our neighbor, uncle, co-worker, etc., we will need an organized effort. Who, specifically, will be there to make it work, and who are our prospects? Should we get the ladies involved? (Hint: Yes!)

Brothers, let's take the time to formulate a plan and then, as we execute, record and share our lessons learned as we think of ways to make it better next time.

Vivat Jesus! Jerry

**LADIES COLUMN**

As mentioned last month, our WW&F had a get together on 6 November at the Victorian Candle after 11:30 a.m. Mass. Due to other commitments, this was one of the few dates available. We had lunch between 1:15 and 1:30 to allow those ladies working at the ministry fair time to get to the Victorian Candle. It was nice to see all of you who could attend. Our Parish Christmas party will be on 10 December after 5:00 Mass. Let us know if you will be available to assist in any manner. (We can use extra help this year so give Peggy a call if available.) Plan ahead for our annual baby shower which will be on March 11, 2012 after 11:30 Mass. More details on those events will follow in e-mail. 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 would like to join our group or if you plan to attend any events.

Anita Hicks

**November 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints' Day Order Free Throw Kit	2 All Souls' Day Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm	3 That Man is You (TMIY), #1470, 6:30 am	4	5 Football Party Navy v Troy, Ministry Fair
6 Breakfast, Ministry Fair, Ladies at Victorian Candle, Daylight Savings ends	7	8	9	10 TMIY #1470	11 Veteran's Day, Prep area for Memorial to the Innocent	12 Memorial to the Innocent, Bus Trip to Dover
13 State Memorial Mass	14 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree @ Fr. SD 13091	15 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree @ SFX 10957	16 Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM	17 TMIY #1470	18 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree @ 11552 Annapolis	19 State Soccer Shootout
20	21	22	23	24 TMIY #1470 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree @ St. John's 7914	30			

*December 2011*

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				1 That Man is You (TMIY), #1470, 6:30 am	2	3
4 Breakfast with Santa	5 Scouting: Michael Forehand [mailto:michael4ha nd@yahoo.com]	6	7 Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm, Pearl Harbor Day	8 TMIY #1470	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



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