



# Knight Times

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



**Greetings and Vivat Jesus, Brother Knights.**

October is the month in which we celebrate the work of our missionari

es. From the days of the apostles forward, many brave men and women answered His call and accepted the mission of evangelization. Unlike the days of the apostles or even the days of our patron, Christopher Columbus, whose holiday we celebrate this month – most of us are not called to travel stormy seas and brave hardship in strange lands to spread the Gospel – but thankfully some do heed that call even today. However, we as Knights – as practical Catholic men – have also been called to serve as missionaries. We can be missionaries right here – in our prayers for others, in our homes in the way we raise our children, in our communities in how we live our lives and witness to our neighbors, and in our parish in how we use our gifts and talents to assist in the work of our Church. How is God calling you to help?

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer service.** There is a joint District 8 & District 29 "Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer service" scheduled at St George on Friday 28 Oct 6pm, This is open to EVERYONE.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Program began August 3 at the 129th Supreme Convention in

### Different life stages, changing needs

Paying for college for your children may be one of your family's current needs. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead. During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help.

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

Denver. This program features an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, as patroness of

the Americas, has special significance to the Knights of Columbus. When the Order sponsored a tour of a relic of St. Juan Diego's tilma in 2003, Our Lady of Guadalupe's role as mother of all in the Americas became very clear.

In city after city, crowds of tens of thousands of people came to venerate Our Lady of Guadalupe. What was most striking was not the number of people, but the number of nationalities and ethnicities represented in each gathering. Likewise, at the Guadalupe Festival sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in 2009 in Phoenix, more than 20,000 people came to venerate and celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is our hope that this prayer program will continue to expand devotion to Our Lady and the evangelization of the Americas. Any Question call Brian Werring at 240-925-5668

**St. John's School Ice Cream Social.** The Ice Cream Social for the School scheduled for 30



**Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

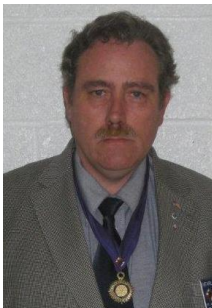
September then 7 October has been postponed. We'll pass the word on a new date as soon as it has been rescheduled.

**2011 Annual Car Raffle.** Thank you again 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. The raffle is also a great benefit to our council as we retain approximately 50% of the money collected which goes right back out to our community through our charitable work. If you have any tickets left to turn in please do it ASAP as we have to deliver them NLT 7 Oct. You can put your tickets in the Grand Knight mail box at the Rectory or you can call me to pick them up at 301-481-3080. I will let you know in next month's newsletter how we did ...both in sales and in the drawing held Columbus Day Weekend.

**Third Degree.** Thank you to all who supported the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on 16 Sep. Chef Tim prepared for 80 Candidates and Observers who RSVP'd, bought food for 90,...and then over 130 showed up. We are thankful for the turnout to view the new format...and thankful the food was plentiful.

**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

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Knights,  
Special  
Olympics  
Event.** We



are reaching out to you for your assistance with volunteer recruitment for the 2011 Unified Sports Tennis State High School Invitational. Competition takes place Thursday, October 27th in the Annapolis area at Annapolis High School and Truxtun Park. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Lunch and an event t-shirt will be provided to all registered volunteers. Please register as a volunteer at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011UnifiedTennisVolunteer>

Please contact Janet Novak with questions via email – [jnovak@somd.org](mailto:jnovak@somd.org) or on her cell at 410-979-6264.

**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. Our Tootsie Roll Coordinator is Gerry Gleckel, 301-737-4482. Please give him a call if you are able to volunteer some time in for this effort. With the economy as it is it takes more Knights, and more hours to reach our goals. Call now.

**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**

Brothers, as we enter Fall we're behind already in our recruiting effort for this year. Please remember to ask at least one eligible Catholic Man to join the Knights during the next month. If everyone just takes that small step I feel certain we'll see some results. Keep in mind that I will be at every Monthly Breakfast and every Donut Social ready, willing, and able to interview prospective

candidates. If a special time is needed during the week, simply call me and we'll set a date and time for an interview. I can be reached at home (301 373-4507) cell (240 393-2880) or e-mail ([TMDillow91@aol.com](mailto:TMDillow91@aol.com)). Please tell prospects that wives are also welcome to sit in on the information session; in fact I would encourage it. Sometimes the wives are great recruiters themselves plus it can help take away "Secret Society" objection. We also have the Ministry Fair coming up on the weekend of November 5 and 6. This is a great opportunity to showcase our Council and the entire K of C. Remember that membership is the "Life Blood" of the Council and is everyone's responsibility.

Vivat Jesus, Mickey

#### **A WORD FROM OUR FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

Thank you, Worthy Sir Knights, for your support of God and Country! We have many events over the next couple of months that call for Color Corps participation. If you are a Color Corps member but your level of participation has waned, please step up and help with some of these activities. If you are not a member of the Color Corps, please consider prayerfully whether this might be a good time for you to join. You will be richly rewarded by the experience! As I mentioned last month, on Veterans Day, we will not only march in the Veterans Day Parade in Leonardtown and participate in the flag-raising at the Veterans Memorial in Helen, but we will also assist with the presentation of a number of brand-new Knights of Columbus wheel chairs to the residents of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Come out and be a part of it! Our October meeting is on the 20th, at St. Michael's Council #2065. Hope to see you there! Patriotically, Jerry Hicks, Faithful Navigator, Father Andrew White Assembly #377

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS**  
Brothers, The installations of

council officers were grand occasions, but as they fade into history, it's time to refocus on the way ahead. Each council should have a plan for executing a program every quarter in each of our six service areas. It's also time to take a hard look at our recruitment plans. What works and simply does not work for your council? Schedule "blitzes" if that's what works for you. I will come and help if available. Otherwise, "Membership 365" is the new catchphrase. Talk to prospects anytime the opportunity feels right. Don't walk away from a chance to share the good news about the KofC experience, only to look back later and wish you had said

something. May God bless your efforts!  
Vivat Jesus! - Jerry

**LADIES COLUMN**

We lost another wonderful member of our group: Mrs. Shirley Dugan, mother of Pat Dugan, passed away on 2 September. Please keep Shirley and her family in your prayers. We had a small crowd at our 16 September gathering, but the ladies enjoyed making our Fall Indian corn lapel pin and socializing. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies; we had a nice variety and everything was delicious. I have more lapel pin kits (VERY simple to make) if you'd like one. Thanks to everyone who attended or contributed to the baby shower at Immaculate Conception. I understand it was quite a

success. **Our next WW&F get together will be held on 6 November at the Victorian Candle after 11:30 a.m. Mass.** Please contact Peggy Dillow on 301-373-4507, Terri Widmayer on 301-373-8933 or me at [anitahicks@verizon.net](mailto:anitahicks@verizon.net) by 22 October if you plan to attend. I'll send out an e-mail with more details after finalizing the menu and price with Susan. I know we will have soup, sandwich, salad and their famous pineapple upside down cake. We sure hope to see you there for a pleasant afternoon.  
Anita Hicks

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm	6 That Man is You (TMIY), #1470, 6:30 am	7 Raffle Tickets Due 1 <sup>st</sup> Period Activity Report Due to DD	8 Columbus Day Ball, La Fontaine Bleue, Glen Burnie
9 Columbus Day Mass & Wreath Presentation, Baltimore	10 Columbus Day Celebration, DC	11	12	13 TMIY #1470	14	15 1 <sup>st</sup> Period Activity Report Due
16	17 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree @ IC 8159	18	19 Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM	20 TMIY #1470	21 Fall Meeting, Pangborn Council #1365 and Clarion Hotel, Hagerstown	22 Fall Meeting, Pangborn Council #1365 Hagerstown
23 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree #5450 LaVale	24	25	26 Pro-Life Mass, Loyola Univ, Baltimore, 7PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Holy Face #3849	27 TMIY #1470	28 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer service 6PM at St. George	29
30	31					

November 2011

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		1 Necrology Due  Order Free Throw Kit	2 Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm	3 That Man is You (TMIY), #1470, 6:30 am	4	5 Football Party Navy v Troy
6 Breakfast	7	8	9	10 TMIY #1470	11	12
13 State Memorial Mass	14	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 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree @ Fr. SD 13091	23	24 TMIY #1470 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree @ St. John's 7914	30			



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**National Life Chain**  
**Sunday/ 2 Oct 2011. 2-4 PM**

National Life Chain confronts an injustice unsurpassed in world history. Year by year, the Abortion Holocaust in America and Canada extends a death toll that reaches far beyond the Nazi killings in Europe. Today, as in Germany, accountability rests heavily with an America that has failed to discern and value the victims' humanity and lacks the resolve and passion necessary to end an unspeakable injustice.

Each year, National Life Chain Sunday lines U.S. and Canadian sidewalks with a prayerful and peaceful public witness that is an extension of Sunday morning worship. Christians of all ages are urged to participate, for profound reasons. If instead we choose Sunday afternoon football or like pleasures, we betray desperate Preborns and help sustain the American and Canadian Holocausts.

Let us provide a witness God can anoint and use greatly!



**Stand humbly with us on Sunday, 2 Oct from 2-4 PM along Rt. 235 from Immaculate Heart of Mary RCC to Gate 1 at NAS Patuxent River.**



<http://lifechain.net/>  
<http://www.nationallifechain.org/>