



# Knight Times

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

Grand Knight: Mickey Dillow, Deputy Grand Knight: Bill Reabe

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers, April was a sad month for our council as we lost three members; Joe



Shimek on April 4<sup>th</sup>, Ray Dicus on April 5<sup>th</sup>, and Dennis Banks on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please remember these and all of our departed brothers in your prayers and pray for their families as well. For those of you who did not know, Ray Dicus and Joe Shimek were the best of friends and how ironic it was that they passed away just 12 hours apart. It didn't take long for them to get together again.

April was a great month for council sponsored activities and I'd like to recap them. What a great event the RCIA / RCIC Reception was. After the Easter Vigil on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we welcomed 21 new Catholics to our parish community with a great reception. Over 100 attended this event which was held in the Monsignor Harris Center. Many thanks to Jerry Hicks for coordinating the event and thanks to all who helped set up and clean up after as well as those who provided and prepared the food. As usual we picked up a couple of new council members from the RCIA Program this year.

A special thank you goes to Chef Tim Brosnihan, Bill Sneeringer, and Bruce Newell for the great job they did preparing and serving a dinner to the youth choir from New Jersey on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>. The choir sang at the 5 PM Mass and followed with a benefit concert for St. John's School in the Monsignor

Harris Center after Mass. Following the concert, Chef Tim and his crew served approximately 75 choir members and 10 accompanying adults a Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks for a job well done.

As most of you know, the Fourth Degree was held this year on Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott UMUC Conference Center in College Park.

This year five of our council members: Dan Seep, Cesar Penaflo, Mearland Rusaw, Jim Russell, and Eric Thompson received the honors of the Fourth Degree. Following the ceremony, all attended the banquet to finish off a wonderful day.

Dan Seep's father came all the way from western Florida to see Dan receive the Fourth Degree. Congratulations to these new Sir Knights and their ladies.

What an event our Awards banquet turned out to be! After having been postponed twice due to snow we finally got the chance to honor those who served so well in 2009. Following is a recap of the evening : First a delicious "Pot Luck Dinner" supplemented by Chef Tim's famous roast beef. Following dinner the ceremony began with awards to the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest winners; Jessica Melchior, Tricia Cheseldine, and Madeleine Taylor. First Grade Student Michael Mattingly then received a certificate of merit for his heroism in putting out a fire in his neighbor's yard. We then announced



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new Honorary Members of our council, Jim O'Brien and Wilbur Kirby and Honorary Life Member John Carter. Winners of the Basketball Free Throw Contest State Championship, sisters Karly and Katie Thompson were awarded certificates of achievement. Karly was the 13 year old girls champion and Katie was the 14 year old girls champion. That's what you call keeping it in the family. Following was the Golden Knight Award to Jerry Hicks from Fraternal Benefits Advisor John Fenwick to acknowledge Jerry's recruiting 5 new members in 2009. Jerry was also awarded a certificate and pin for reaching the 25 member mark in 2009. Brother Jim Dexter was the



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recipient of the annual Jerry Hicks New Member Award for his service to our council during his first year of membership in our council. Joan O'Brien, a CCD and Confirmation Class Teacher, was honored as the Catholic Teacher of the Year. Spurgeon Terry received the Silver Knight Award for recruiting two new members in 2009. Our Family of the Year Award went to Joe and Marian Bowser for outstanding family involvement in the community and Church in 2009. Our Knight of the Year was Jerry Hicks. I could write a book on what Jerry has done in 2009 in service to our order, the Church, and the community in 2009. Deputy First Class Angela Delozier was named our Police Officer of the Year for her work with the youth and students in St. Mary's County. Margaret Gatton was our Citizen of the Year for 2009. For over 15 years Margaret has been serving the poor of our community by providing food, clothing, and furniture for the poor as well as

gifts for needy children at Christmas. Finally, we gave the money collected in our Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Handicapped, \$6044, to the Center for Life Enrichment. Director Jack Hormel was present to accept the donation. The best part about the event was that about 100 parishioners got to see these worthy individuals recognized for their service to others. Congratulations to the winners, thanks to all who attended, and thanks to the ladies for their help decorating for the event.

In the April Newsletter I mentioned the sonogram machine to be donated to the Care Net Pregnancy Center by the K of C. How can anyone ignore the offer from Supreme for matching funds up to \$25000? The councils in Southern Maryland are stepping up to the plate for this fund raising campaign. As of Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> our council has raised over \$1300 for this cause and Immaculate Conception Council has pledged \$1000. Others are also raising

funds. I am requesting that every member of Council 7914 consider making a contribution, no matter how small, to this most worthy cause. Please mail your contribution to our council Financial Secretary, Bill Sneeringer, at 23997 Abells Run Drive, Hollywood, Md. 20636. If you wish a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT** make the check payable to: **Sonogram Fund of SMC #1470 Charities Inc.** The names, addresses, and amount donated will be logged and passed on to the Care Net Pregnancy Center which will issue the tax deductible receipt. If no tax deductible receipt is desired simply make the check payable to **K of C Council 7914**, with "sonogram fund" on the memo line, and send it to the Financial Secretary. It will be added to our council's donation and passed on to the fund.

Mothers Day is fast approaching and we will again pass out carnations to the ladies after Communion at all of the Masses on Mothers Day. We will need four volunteers at each Mass to distribute the flowers. If you would like to volunteer for a particular Mass, contact Mickey Dillow at 301 373-4507.

Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> is Memorial Day and our council will host a Memorial Day Service as we have done in past years. We will begin with Mass and a Living Rosary followed by a memorial service at the grave of Ray Faulstich Jr. in our cemetery. As you know, Ray Jr. lost his life serving in Iraq. We will close the evening with a reception in the Monsignor Harris Center. If you would like to help with organization, set up etc. please contact chairman Chris Woehrer at 301 994-0263.

The State Convention will be held again this year in Ocean City the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Attending from Council 7914 will be Mickey Dillow, Jerry Hicks, Charlie Widmayer, and Chris Woehrer.

Finally, a picnic for District 8 Councils has been planned for Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> at Dorsey Park on Rt. 245 in Hollywood. All council members and their families are invited to attend. Time for the event is 1 PM to 5 PM rain or shine. Please contact Mickey Dillow at 301 373-4507 or by e-mail at [TMDillow91@aol.com](mailto:TMDillow91@aol.com) if you plan to attend and the number in your party. I need a firm head count by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Vivat Jesus,  
Mickey

#### DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Friends and Families,  
**May (dangerous ground)**

**Humor:** As we all know May 9<sup>th</sup> is "Mothers Day", but did you also

know May 10<sup>th</sup> is "Clean up Your Room Day", May 11<sup>th</sup> is "Twilight Zone" Day and May 12<sup>th</sup> is "Nurses Day"? So let me get this straight... After we give Mom a special day.... she makes us clean our room?!?...then in disbelief, we look at her like she is from the twilight zone.... and then we may need a Nurse? NOW I know why some of



us joined the military (Armed Forces Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May), or ran away to Grandmas (Visit your Relatives Day; May 18<sup>th</sup>), or joined the circus (Circus Day; May 19<sup>th</sup>)... I couldn't make this stuff up..... At least we were smart enough to put "International no Diet Day" right before "Mother's Day"!!! All kidding aside, let us not forget "Memorial Day" (Celebrated Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>). **Photos:** Gerry Gleckel is taking a photo of each of our Council Knights for our records. We have 100+ taken so far, so if able, attend any breakfast or Business Meeting and get your photo taken. **Special Olympics:** Special Olympics St. Mary's County has teamed up with The Center for Life Enrichment for another great fundraiser to benefit both organizations. The event will

take place at the outdoor carnival area at the Hollywood Fire Department on Saturday May 22nd from noon til 5 pm. If you would like additional information, to purchase tickets, or help sell them, please contact Mary Lu at somdsmc@md.metrocast.net or 301-373-3469 or you can contact TCLE directly at 301-373-8100. **2011 Budget:** If you have any recommended budget additions, to be included in our 2011 budget, please prepare to discuss them at the May Business meeting. **Memorial Day Mass:** If you have never attended St. John's Memorial Day service make 2010 the year you do, and bring a friend. It is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend with more details to follow at the Business Meeting and in the minutes. **Finally,** please join us at our Business meetings and please volunteer!! We are always looking for

Knights, and their families, to support our Council and Activities. Vivat Jesus!  
Fraternally, Bill

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

Membership is the key to keeping our council strong; it is the lifeblood of our Order. By having a strong and active membership program, we have a stronger and more vibrant Council. Recruiting new members brings in new ideas and new energy. Retaining those members builds the character of the council and solidifies our programs. Appoint yourself an ambassador for Columbianism. Do a favor for a fellow Catholic gentleman: invite him to join us today!  
Jerry

**May 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 First Saturday Devotion / Adopt A Highway
2 <b>Breakfast</b> Council 1470 – 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	3 <b>First Degree, #7914, 7 pm</b>	4	5 <b>Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	6	7 First Friday Devotion	8
9 <b>Mother's Day</b>	10 <b>Second Degree, #9968, 7 pm</b>	11	12	13	14 112 <sup>th</sup> State Convention, Ocean City	15 Adopt A Highway Rain Date/ State Convention
16 Donut Social  State Convention	17	18	19 <b>Council Officers Meeting</b>	20 <b>Assembly #377 Meeting, St. Michael's (elections), 7:30 pm</b>	21	22 TCLE-Special Olympics Cash Bash
23	24	25 <b>L'town Care Net Open House</b>	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Service					

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <b>Council Business Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	3	4 First Friday Devotion	5 First Saturday Devotion <b>SoMD Knights at Blue Crabs, 4:30 pm</b>
6 District 8 Picnic, Dorsey Park, 1 pm	7 <b>Second Degree, #1470, 7 pm</b>	8	9	10	11 <b>Cancer Survivors' Reception</b>	12 <b>Relay for Life, 5:30 pm – 6 am</b>
13	14	15	16 <b>Council Officers Meeting</b>	17 <b>Assembly #377 Meeting, St. Mary's, 7:30 pm</b>	18	19 <b>AWD Meeting Meeting</b> DD Seminar
20 Donut Social <b>Fathers' Day</b>	21	22	23	24	25 GK Seminar	26 GK Seminar
27 GK Seminar	28	29	30			



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BONUS PAGES  
(for Email Subscribers)



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Honorary Member, Jim O'Brien.