



# Late Knight News



## Knights of Columbus – Columbia Council #7559

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### Message from the Deputy Grand Knight

We are fast approaching the end of the fraternal year, and it is the busiest time of the year for us, the Knights of Columbus. We are in the midst of finishing up a few activities before the year end, thus I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to successfully bring this fraternal year to a close. Your support and personal sacrifices for the council is greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you and your family.

As some of you are aware, we also are preparing for yet another election of our officers. I would like to express my gratitude to those who served and those who are willing to run for office next year, so together we will continue to serve our brothers, our church, but most importantly serve the Kingdom of God right here on earth. Without you, we would not have been as successful in what we do. Please plan to attend our next business meeting on May 13, 2014 as we will conduct important business before the end of the fraternal year.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Sonny Van, Deputy Grand Knight  
Columbia Council 7559

***Alleluia!  
Christ is Risen!  
Indeed He is Risen!***

### Message from the State Chaplain

With the call to grow spiritually, I again offer two points this month that I believe will help each of us, as members of the Knights of Columbus, grow in our faith and commitment to the Order.

**Unity in Fraternity:** If we do not have unity we will not have fraternity. What a joy when a Knight discovers that he belongs to an organization of like-minded men. He will come to know these men as his brothers and friends. Brothers are there for one another, they support one another, and hopefully they reach a point of not only encouraging one another but even challenging one another when necessary—but in a fraternal way. It is regrettable but true that sometimes tensions rise, an unkind word is spoken, or a disagreement lingers. Scripture has dramatic examples of tension, even among brothers (e.g. Joseph sold into slavery by his brothers), but they are fortunately the exception. It seems Peter and Paul didn't always see eye-to-eye, but in their ultimate witness and service Peter and Paul were truly brothers, and so linked together in preaching the Gospel. Jesus tells us, "if your brother has anything against you, leave your gift at the altar, go first and be reconciled," (Mt. 5: 23-24) and that we should forgive our brother "seventy times seven" times (Mt. 18: 21-22). May we find the strength in our brother Jesus to build a life-changing fraternity among the Knights.

**Lessons of Loaves and Fish:** The Gospel account of the multiplication of the loaves and fish to feed the multitudes is a powerful example of the Lord's power over nature, and His ultimate feeding the world for all time. But there was a lad with some barley loaves and fish, and he was willing to put his meager gifts in the Lord's hands. And there were the (continued on page 3)

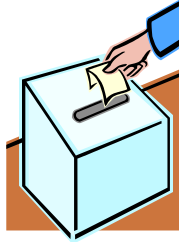
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## **Nominations Open for the 2014-2015 Columbian Year**

During the April Business Meeting on April 8, the Nominations Committee provided a report on nominations for the slate of officers for the 2014-15 Columbian Year. The nominations are:

*Grand Knight* Sonny Van  
*Deputy Grand Knight* Alan Pultyniewicz  
*Chancellor* Harry Lis  
*Recorder* Andy Stack  
*Treasurer* Hugo Tejada  
*Advocate* Tim Lynch  
*Warden* Greg Strakna  
*Guard* Joseph Toyang  
*Guard* Greg Friend  
*Guard* Gary Stradone  
*3rd Year Trustee* Boni Nwugwo  
*2nd Year Trustee* Garland Payne  
*1st Year Trustee* Nick Clemens



Nominations are open until the May Business Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Please make every effort to attend the May Business Meeting to cast your vote for the slate of officers. Thank you to all of these Brothers for volunteering to step forward to serve in these leadership roles in our council.

## **Welcome New Brother Knights**

Columbia Council 7559 welcomes the following Brothers who received their First Degree in March and April 2014:

**James Atkins, Dan Barry, Peter Diggs,  
Wilfredo Escobar, Joseph Linsenmeyer,  
Adrian Sanchez and Miroslaw Skibniewski.**

Also, congratulations to the following Brothers who recently received their Second Degree:

**Wilfredo Escobar, Greg Friend, Thomas Klein,  
Joseph Linsenmeyer, Robert Nyorkor,  
Miroslaw Skibniewski, Gary Stradone, and  
Hugo Tejada.**

## **Other Knightly Notes**

Congratulations to Brothers **Alan Pultyniewicz** and **Sonny Van** who received their Fourth Degree on March 8, 2014 in Frederick.

## **Annual Spring Mulch Sale 2014**

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, the Columbia Council very successfully completed a Spring Fundraiser, for the benefit of the Council. After soliciting yard-mulch orders from new and former customers by email, phone, postal mail and tables at the weekend masses for parts of February and all of March, two (2) big trucks of bagged regular and black mulch were delivered at 6 AM to the eastern side of the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center parking lot. As loaders arrived, the first rental truck went out by 8 AM. Additional loads were delivered by brother knights using their own vans and pickup trucks. Most of the loads were distributed to customers by 2 PM, leaving a clean parking lot. A few additional bags were sold and/or distributed later. The activity in the parking lot attracted the attention of passers-by, some of whom purchased bags, and all of whom added contact information to the database for the 2015 Mulch Drive. Many Brother Knights participated in the work. Various knights worked long and hard with the solicitation of orders, the bookkeeping of the orders and funds, the generation of travel maps for the use of the drivers, and the support of drivers and loaders with food and drink. Many brothers showed up on Saturday morning, some with teenage sons, to load the mulch, to drive trucks and vans, and to unload the trucks or vans at the customers' driveways. Boy Scouts from a local troop helped with the loading of mulch bags. The work of so many Brother Knights contributed to the success of this Council Activity.



Dr. Fred J. Gunther, PGK

## **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

By: Tim Lynch

The Knights would like to thank the St. John's Parish for its extensive support of the Tanzanian Children's Project (TCP) over the past four years. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration was held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. A total of \$2700 was raised that will be used towards a medical waste incinerator at the Malowa Medical dispensary.

A total of 205 tickets were sold and 160 people attended the event. The council received 10% (\$300) of the net proceeds earned. Music was provided by Dileab Phriseal and Tanzanian Ceili Band and the Broeshler School of Irish Dance provided a wonderful dance performance. An amazing selection of craft beers were graciously donated by Cross Street Irregulars and Maryland Home Brew – thank you!!

Also, special thanks to Fr. Gerry Bowen and Fr. Gene Nickol for their generous contributions of \$500 each to TCP.



## **Live Stations of the Cross**

Several Brothers joined the St. John's Parish Community for the annual Good Friday Live Stations of the Cross. Many weeks of hard work and practice went into this dramatic presentation.



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Apostles who saw the gifts the boy had, and it was the Apostles who distributed at the Lord's command. Beginning with the latter, when we join in with our Knights of Columbus activities we help something much bigger unfold. One person can only do so much, but "*many hands make light work,*" and the seemingly impossible becomes possible. When we invite a brother to help, especially the new member or less involved Knight, we bring him into a good thing, and to a success with which he can share some satisfaction. And this inviting is also inviting to leadership. The validation of gifts by another is important, and if there is a feeling that "*my talents are insufficient*" then we place them in the Lord's hands, and prayerfully ask that they be multiplied. In the Gospel, Jesus blessed and multiplied, but it took many hands for the miracle to be shared, and many who would have otherwise gone home hungry were satisfied. Each year councils help similar miracles to unfold. I trust these reflections will be helpful. *Vivat Jesus!*

Fr. Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv. State Chaplain

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Over 100 children took part in the annual Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon English and Spanish masses. Thanks to all of our Brothers who filled 800 plastic Easter eggs and to those who attended the event and hid the eggs on the lawn at WLIFC on Easter Sunday. This was another successful event.

## **April Social Meeting: Earth Day**

On Tuesday, April 22, 2014 – the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Earth Day, the Council welcomed Ms. Gemma Evans, Recycling Coordinator from the Howard County Department of Public Works. Ms. Evans gave a presentation and answered questions about Howard County's recycling and composting efforts. The council also went "green" for the meeting by using beverage cups made from recycled plastic and paper and compostable paper plates, napkins and utensils.

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## **Upcoming Events**

- ❑ **Officer's Meeting** – Monday, May 5, 2014  
Zappata's Mexican Grill, Harper's Choice Village Center; 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, May 13, 2014  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Mother's Day Weekend** – May 10/11, 2014
- ❑ **Adoration and Social Meeting** – Tuesday, May 27, 2014  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11 – Adoration at 6:45 p.m.; Social Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra** – Sunday, June 1, 2014; WLIFC; 2:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Officer's Meeting** – Monday, June 2, 2014  
Zappata's Mexican Grill, Harper's Choice Village Center; 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Third Degree Exemplification** – Friday, June 6, 2014  
Pataspco Council, Catonsville; 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Leprechaun Charity Run** – Saturday, June 7, 2014  
Shrine of St Anthony; 8:00 a.m.
- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Banquet** – Friday, June 20, 2014  
Shrine of St. Anthony; 6:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Adoration and Social Meeting** – Tuesday, June 24, 2014  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11 - Adoration at 6:45 p.m.; Social Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about these events and other Council information including minutes of past Business Meetings, visit our website at [www.koccolumbiamd.org](http://www.koccolumbiamd.org).

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