



Late Knight News



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Message from the Grand Knight

With September just a month away and July already behind us we are fast approaching the “dog days” of a DC summer here in Columbia, MD. I think of this time as a final break before we turn again to hard work, clogged roads and routine that typifies the work-a-day life that makes up the ten months of the year between September and June. However, for us in the Knights we need to begin our work and to be prepared to move into the “new parish year” with energy and excitement. In fact, our fraternal year has already begun and your officers have been planning for increased activities since its start this past July. My thanks go out to the officers elected this past spring and those who have volunteered for various committee positions. Remember, many hands make light work.

This year we want to focus on three areas; faith, fraternalism and charity. By faith we mean an increased offering of everything that we do to our Lord. Whether its family, work or relaxation lets offer all we do up to the Lord. By fraternalism let’s have fun in everything we do, and finally in charity, let’s give our extra, time, knowledge, experience, interest or money to those around us. To those who need our help.

Starting this year to promote our faith, fraternalism and charity we will be holding Adoration of the Holy Eucharist prior to our social meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month from about 6:45 until 7:30 p.m. We will also have a pay as you go light dinner (donation of \$5.00) prior to our business meeting, on the second Tuesday of every month from about 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Both of these activities will be open to everyone. However, by rules of the order, our business meeting starting at 8:00 p.m. will only be open to members. The meeting should be completed by 9:00 p.m.

Aside from our first Monday of the month officers’ and leadership meeting, our second Tuesday of the month dinner and business meeting, and our fourth Tuesday of the month adoration and social meeting, (Wow, that’s a lot) looking ahead here is what we have planned for the next few months.

In September, we have our installation of officers and Mass which will be held on Friday, September 6 at

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Wilde Lake. Mass will start at 6:30 p.m., installation will begin at 7:30 p.m. directly after mass. A stand up buffet and social hour will be held after the installation between about 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. All officers must attend. We will also be selling raffle tickets during August, September and the first half of October to support our charity programs.

Also during September we will be working on our Tootsie Roll campaign to collect donations for the handicapped here in Howard County. This will involve a few weekend mornings to solicit donations at our local shopping centers.

On Saturday, October 26 starting at 5:00 p.m., we will be sponsoring a beer tasting and October Fest party that will include a German band. It will be a fun night for the whole family and proceeds from the party will support the council's charitable programs.

BRING ON NEW MEMBERS! We will be holding a 1st Degree on Thursday, October 24, 2013 (If you know of a potential candidate, please send an email to Brother Pat Murphy at patrickmmurphy39@yahoo.com).

Finally, the annual state Columbus Day Ball will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 7:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the LaFontaine Bleue. This event is only open to Knights and their Ladies.

We have a lot going on. But remember, many hands make light work. I look forward to a great year focused on faith, fraternalism and charity. Together we can significantly help our fellow parishioners while having fun and increasing our faith in the Church. I hope to see every member and active member this year.

Nick Clemens, Grand Knight
Columbia Council 7559

Annual Car Raffle

The Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Annual Car Raffle to benefit charity and scholarship programs is now underway. Tickets are only \$1.00 per ticket and \$0.60 cents from the sale of each ticket comes back to our Council. This is our major fundraiser for the year. Here are the prizes for this year's raffle:

Grand Prize: 2014 Ford Mustang

2nd Prize: iPad3 32GB with wifi

3rd Prize: \$200.00 gas card

The drawing will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at the Columbus Day Ball (LaFontaine Bleue, Glen Burnie, MD). Winners do not need to be present to win! Support the charitable works of the council by helping to sell tickets after masses and on weekends during the Tootsie Roll donation drive this coming fall. Stay tuned for details.

Annuities: More flexible than you might think

By: Leo DesBiens

Annuities are easily misunderstood, in part because of their name. When you "annuitize" the money you've paid into an annuity (plus the interest it has earned), you've chosen to receive monthly payments for life or for a fixed period. However, annuitizing this money isn't your only option. You may also treat an annuity like a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC). That is, you use the annuity as a way to accumulate savings and earn a steady interest rate. You can make withdrawals from the annuity for any reason, although you may then owe income tax on some or all of the withdrawal amount. If you do choose to annuitize, you also have several payout options. The point is these products are flexible enough to serve a variety of needs.

Contact me if you're interested in setting up an annuity as an RRSP, spousal RRSP, RRIF, a non-registered account, or a TFSA account.

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Officers for 2013-2014

The slate of officers for 2013-2014 was approved by the membership at the Business Meeting on May 14, 2013. The officers for the new Columbian year are as follows:

Chaplain: Rev. Jerry Bowen
Grand Knight: Nick Clemens
Deputy Grand Knight: Sonny Van
Chancellor: Harry Lis
Recorder: Andy Stack
Treasurer: Don Plasse
Advocate: Tim Lynch
Warden: Greg Strakna
Guard: Joseph Toyang
Guard: Alan Pultyniewicz
3rd Year Trustee: Jim Mahoney
2nd Year Trustee: Boni Nwugwo
1st Year Trustee: Garland Payne

Please support your fellow Brothers who have volunteered their time to serve as officers. Monthly Officer Meetings are held the first Monday of every month. These meetings are open to all Brothers who are interested in the activities of the Council. Most meetings are held at Union Jack's Pub in Columbia, MD. Come for food and drink at 7:00 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Prayers for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers: Mark Mangus' son, Stanley "Danny" Daniello, Mary Befaccia, Candace Olds, Ed Strakna, Tom Murphy, Pura Murphy, Bob Estright, Mike Hastings, Liz Siani, Lillian Geran, and Barbara Thompson

Knights Tower

Sunday, September 8th marks the 50th anniversary of the Knights Tower, the bell tower, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. A special Mass will be celebrated at noon. The Fourth Degree Color Corps will be there in force.

Deputy Grand Knight Message

Welcome to the new fraternal year! I am humbled and honored to serve as your Deputy GK this fraternal year. Thank you for placing your trust in me and to give me the chance to serve you, and this council. While I will give it all I have, I will still need your support and guidance in order to successfully carry out the works that lay ahead. And, as I mentioned in the last newsletter, I will once again ask that we participate and only when each of us gives the order our true love through our actions, will it be succeeded. We shall follow the steps of our Master, Jesus, and build the Kingdom of God right here, in our council, and our Church.

Furthermore, together with our Grand Knight, we will start our most important task of Christian life in September, ADORATION. I believe and know that without help from our Lord, Jesus Christ, we may not do anything right. So by praying for His blessing, we will place ourselves in His good hands and we will archive great things in the name of God. Thus, I strongly encourage that we set aside a few minutes every 4th Tuesday of the month to get together and pray for each of us, for our families, and for the work that he chose us to do, and for His church.

There is lots of work ahead, so please join our council to carry out the good deeds each of us are called to do. Let us bring our council together, unite in one body, and provide the highest level of service to our brothers, the people of God. And know this, **"whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."** Mt 10:42.

May the Lord bless and keep you always.

Sonny Van, Deputy Grand Knight



Upcoming Events

- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, August 13, 2013
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11: Food at 7:30 p.m.; Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – August 15, 2013
- ❑ **Labor Day** – Monday, September 2, 2013
- ❑ **Officer Mass and Installation** – Friday, September 6, 2013
WLIFC – Rehearsal: 6:00 p.m., Mass: 6:30 p.m., Installation: 7:30 p.m.; Buffet Dinner: 8:00-9:00 p.m.
- ❑ **State Picnic** – Saturday, September 7, 2013
Prince George’s Council: 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Officer’s Meeting** – Monday, September 9, 2013
Union Jack’s Pub: 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, September 10, 2013
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11: Food at 7:30 p.m.; Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Adoration and Social Meeting** – Tuesday, September 24, 2013
WLIFC: Adoration at 6:45 p.m.; Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Officer’s Meeting** – Monday, October 7, 2013
Union Jack’s Pub: 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Columbus Day Ball** – Saturday, October 12, 2013
LaFontaine Bleue: 7:30-12:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, October 15, 2013
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11: Food at 7:30 p.m.; Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **1st and 2nd Degree** – Thursday, October 24, 2013
WLIFC
- ❑ **Oktoberfest** – Saturday, October 26, 2013
WLIFC: 5:00p.m.

For more information about these events and other Council information including minutes of Business Meetings, visit our website at www.koccolumbiamd.org.

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