



# Late Knight News

## Knights of Columbus – Columbia Council #7559

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### Message from the Grand Knight

We or I must say Alan Pultyniewicz has finally done it! After many years and a number of false starts the Columbia Council finally has its newsletter back in circulation. We will be publishing both an electronic and paper version to make sure all our members receive our council updates. We will also have a Spanish edition. Our goal is to assure that all the men and specifically the brother knights in our Saint John’s community maintain a bond of fraternity and brotherhood through our charitable and spiritual work. Our newsletter and website ([www.koccolumbiamd.org](http://www.koccolumbiamd.org)) will form the link that will keep our community informed, active, and together.

As we move forward during the next year we will increase our outreach to other parish activities, strengthen our internal organization and increase our activities as active new members come on board as brother knights. Our communications efforts, to include this newsletter, emails and our website will serve as a catalyst that will enable these program enhancements. Again, thanks to Alan and his communication team for all the work this past half-year in getting the website up and running again, establishing an email alert program and in resurrecting our newsletter.

Keep an eye out for updates and event notices as the best is yet to come!

*Nick Clemens, Grand Knight  
Columbia Council 7559*

### Program Director Message

By: Sonny Van

As we are approaching the conclusion of the current fraternal year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who has sacrificed their time and efforts in volunteering for the many activities throughout the past year. The Knight of Columbus, Columbia Council 7559, is better because of your unselfish participation. On behalf of the council, The Grand Knight and the other officers, thank you very much. May God bless and continue to give you strength and to fill your hearts with His love.

Next year I envision all of us working together in many little ways to help our brothers, parish, and community through the unity of many small measures that add up to significant help. To make this happen, please consider volunteering on a committee or perhaps chairing one of our standing committees focusing on church, youth, family, council, or life activities. Your much needed time and effort is vital to the activities of our council, and as Jesus said through John 13: 13-14 “You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” This calling touches me deeply and I hope you feel the same. We shall follow our Master Jesus hoping to enrich ours and others lives.

In closing, I encourage us all to regularly get together during our social meetings and to deepen our faith through active participation in church and council activities. Let us all pray that the Holy Spirit guides us in spreading God’s love to others through the many ministries in our church, and our council and at the same time, create bonds of support among ourselves and one another. Vivat Jesus!

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## Mulch Sale 2013

By: Dr. Fred Gunther, PGK  
Chairman, 2013 Mulch Fund Drive

On Saturday, April 13, 2013, The Columbia Council very successfully completed a Spring Fundraiser, for the benefit of the Council. After soliciting yard mulch orders by email, phone, postal mail and table at the weekend masses for parts of February and April, and all of March, 2 big truckloads of bagged mulch were delivered at 6 am to the eastern side of the Wilde Lake Parking Lot. The first load went out by small truck before 7 AM and all loads were distributed to customers by 1:30 PM.



The activity in the parking lot attracted the attention of passers-by, who added contact information for the 2014 Mulch Drive.

Many Brother Knights assisted with the work. Various knights worked long and hard with the solicitation of the orders, the bookkeeping of the orders and funds, the generation of travel maps for the use of the drivers, and the support of the workers with food and drink. Many brothers showed up Saturday morning, some with teen-aged sons, to load the mulch, to drive trucks and vans, and to unload the mulch at the customers' driveways. The work of so many Brother Knights contributed to the success of this Council Activity.

## Prayers for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers: Mary Befacchia, Canadace Olds, Ed Strakna, Tom Murphy, Pura Murphy, Bob Estright, Mike

Hastings, Liz Siani, Lillian Geran, and Barbara Thompson.

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## Nominations for 2013-2014 Term

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of Officers for the 2013-2014 term:

**Grand Knight:** Nick Clemens

**Deputy Grand Knight:** Sonny Van

**Chancellor:** Harry Lis

**Recorder:** Andy Stack

**Treasurer:** Don Plasse

**Advocate:** Tim Lynch

**Warden:** Greg Strakna

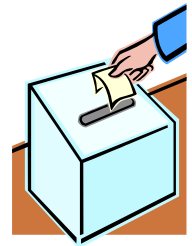
**Guard:** Joseph Toyang

**Guard:** Alan Pultyniewicz

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee:** Jim Mahoney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee:** Boni Nwugwo

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee:** Garland Payne



The elections will be held at the May Business Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at WLIFC (Business meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.).

## Apostleship of the Sea

Rev. Msgr. John L. FitzGerald, Executive Director of the Apostleship of the Sea, Archdiocese of Baltimore, was the guest speaker during the Council's April 2013 social meeting.

Msgr. FitzGerald spoke about the mission of the Stella Maris International Seafarer Center in the Port of Baltimore. The Apostleship of the Sea is the Archdiocese of Baltimore's non-profit, all volunteer outreach to thousands of international seafarers in the Port of Baltimore. Support these men and women in their personal, emotional, physical, spiritual and professional lives.

For more information, visit [www.AOSBalt.org](http://www.AOSBalt.org) e-mail [aosbalt@gmail.com](mailto:aosbalt@gmail.com) or call 443-845-7227.

## Tanzania Children's Project

By: Tim Lynch and Pat Murphy

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. To-date, we are approaching a total of \$70,000 raised which has been used to build the Malowa Medical Dispensary in Tanzania, Africa. We are pleased to announce that after 3½ years, the dispensary has opened. The dispensary is currently being stocked with medical equipment and the first patients have already been seen and are receiving care.

Some additional money will need to be sent to fully open and staff the dispensary. Our next project is the construction of a Catholic primary school. We will begin to raise money for the school starting with the next fundraiser on June 2, 2013.

Below is a list of activities from November 2012 through April 2013 that Columbia Council 7559 has done specifically for the TCP:

### November 2012:

- ❑ Tanzanian Ceili Dance; raised \$500 with the Knights providing 20 hours of volunteer service
- ❑ Maryland Irish Festival; raised \$1,200 with the Knights providing 20 hours of volunteer service

### December 2012:

- ❑ Alternative Christmas Giving; raised \$1,600 with the Knights providing 10 hours of volunteer service
- ❑ Change for Children; thanks to Mike Shaw, Kathy Armstrong and the elementary school children who raised \$1,600

### January 2013:

- ❑ Mid-Winter Irish Benefit Concert; \$2,700 raised (\$2,500 net after expenses) with the

Knights providing 50 hours volunteer of volunteer service

- ❑ Social Action Box: \$840 raised

### March 2013:

- ❑ St. Patrick's Day Parish Party; \$5,200 raised (\$4,500 net after expenses) with the Knights providing 60 hours of volunteer service

*Special thanks to Fr. Gerry and Fr. Gene who contributed \$500 each and to the St. John's Parish Community for their donation of \$1,000.*

### April 2013:

- ❑ Leprechaun 8K Charity Run; \$5,260 raised (\$1,000 net after expenses) with the Knights providing 350 hours of volunteer service

Special thanks to: Marcelo Amador, Gerry Carville, Hugo Chavez, Nick Clemens, Stan Daniello, Michele Jameson, Bill Kotraba, Tim Lynch, Jim Mahoney, Robert Martin, Pat Murphy, Boniface Nwugwo, Alexander Onukwugha, Garland Payne, Don Plasse, Alan Pultyniewicz, Mel Quecan, Andy Stack, Gary Stradone, Greg Strakna, Joe Toyang and Sonny Van.

We also would like to thank the following sponsors who contributed a combined total of \$1,300:

- TCB Tech
- Feet First
- Race Pace Bicycles
- Bullseye Running
- Mel Quecan Long and Foster Realtors
- Michele A. Jameson
- Tanzania Ceili Band
- Dileab Phriseil
- 2M Quality
- Wegmans
- Bikram Yoga
- Running Man Brewing Company
- Irene T. Murphy
- Charm City Run

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Also, special thanks to the following for their support of the Leprechaun 8K Charity Run:

- Howard County Police and Fire and Rescue/EMS
- Sue Probst
- Joe White - St. Anthony Shrine

We also thank St. John's Parish for their continued support. The next TCP fundraiser will be the Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra on Sunday, June 2, 2013 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at WLIFC.

### Upcoming Events

- ❑ **Officer's Meeting** – Monday, May 6, 2013  
WLIFC - Time: 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, May 14, 2013  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11 - Time: 7:30 p.m.  
(Business Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.)
- ❑ **Mother's Day Weekend** – May 11/12, 2013
- ❑ **Social Meeting** – Tuesday, May 28, 2013  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11 - Time: 7:30 p.m.

- ❑ **Bingo** – Saturday, June 1, 2013  
WLIFC - Time: 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Baltimore Mandolin Concert** – Sunday, June 2, 2013  
WLIFC - Time: 3:00-5:00 P.M.
- ❑ **Officer's Meeting** – Monday, June 3, 2013  
WLIFC - Time: 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Council Picnic** – Saturday, June 8, 2013  
Stan Nelson's House, WV - Time: 10:00 a.m.
- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, June 11, 2013  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11 - Time: 7:30 p.m.  
(Business Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.)
- ❑ **Social Meeting** – Tuesday, June 25, 2013  
WLIFC, Rooms 10/11 - Time: 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).

*The next issue of the Late Knight News is July/August 2013. The deadline for submissions is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Send news to: [apulty@yahoo.com](mailto:apulty@yahoo.com).*

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