



Late Knight News



Knights of Columbus – Columbia Council #7559

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Message from the Grand Knight

Brothers All,

I am wishing you and your family the best of health. The Columbia Council has been very active and we had a very busy month this past September planning for several activities including a Spanish first degree exemplification, the 2nd annual Oktoberfest celebration, and a future spaghetti dinner fundraiser in conjunction with the St. Vincent DePaul Society that is forming in our parish at St. John the Evangelist.

First, I am pleased to report that the Council's Degree Team is working diligently to hold our first ever 1st Degree exemplification in Spanish. We are excited to invite our brothers in the Hispanic community to join the Knights in the coming months. Second, planning for the 2nd annual Oktoberfest is well under way. Please support the council's charity fund by participating in planning, set-up and clean-up after the event. And, most importantly, purchase a ticket for the event and sell tickets to your friends and family. The proceeds we raise for this event will be used for the many charitable organizations that we support. Tickets are only \$25.

Third, after several months of planning and discussions, the Knights, in conjunction with the St. Vincent De Paul Society at St. John's, will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fund raising event. The spaghetti dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 16th at Oakland Mills Interfaith Center (set-up starts at 2:30 p.m. I ask every brother Knight to support this effort. This is our way of contributing support to the needy in our parish and community. There will be a lot of work in order to successfully pull off this event. Please volunteer your time and come to the dinner. I know its

football Sunday, but don't worry as we will have the games showing on the large screen during the dinner. This event is very important to our council and our parish. We are helping those in our parish community who are in most need. How wonderful it is to sleep at night knowing that we have helped a family, even if just for a day. At the end of the day, this is what being a Catholic is about. We care for one another and we watch each other's back.

Fourth, our 1st and 2nd Degree exemplification will be held on Tuesday, October 28th at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center with 1st Degree starting at 6:30 p.m. Please invite your Catholic friend, introduce them to the good work that the Knights do for the church and society and encourage them to join. I will be more than happy to talk to them if you would introduce me to them.

Please stay tuned for details about additional events that will be coming in the next few months. We look forward to seeing you and we pray together that we may do the Lord's work and help each other and those in need.

In Christ,

Sonny Van, Grand Knight



From left to right: Grand Knight Sonny Van, Fr. Ferdinand, and Ray and Alan Pultyniewicz at the 2014 Columbus Day Ball

Message from the Deputy Grand Knight Alan Pultyniewicz

Brothers all,

When our Worthy Grand Knight asked me to draft an article for the October/November issue of the Late Knight News, I must admit, I was hesitant at first. But, after several nights of prayer and reflection, our Lord gave me the words to express the following.

For those of you that read our regular emails, or listen to our twice monthly telephone calls, you have noticed by now how busy our council has been. At times, I must confess, it seems as though there is too much to do, with not enough hands to help – sometime feeling a bit overwhelming. However, as we know, there is nothing that our Lord God can't do. So, by turning to our Lord in prayer, asking Him for His Grace to do His work in our council, in our church, and in our community, there is nothing that can't be done.

This is evident in how we have recently joined together to support one of our own, our loving brother Stanley Daniello. In his courageous battle against cancer, our brothers have stepped up to provide much needed assistance to Stan, his dear wife Jean, and their two daughters, Edee and Rose. I have had the pleasure to visit Stan and his family on several occasions over the past several weeks. Everyone has stepped up to provide assistance - calling, visiting and praying for Stan and his family. Many brothers have cooked and provided meals for the family, while Jean tends to Stan's every needs. There will be more that Jean will need over the weeks to come, but I know that our brothers will be there for Stan and his family. That is what we – each of us – are called to do as brother Knights. As Venerable Michael J. McGivney was dedicated to the welfare of others, we, too, follow his vision to be there for others, our own brothers, their families and the needy in our community. This is why we are called Knights. This is the motivation we need to help our Council expand the work we do for one another and for our church and community. Vivat Jesus!

Knights Prayer Corner:

Please continue to prayer for our brother Stan “Danny” Daniello, his wife Jean, and their two daughters as Danny continues to wage a courageous battle against cancer. Also, please pray for Joan Carville, Candace Olds, Joan Fiscus, Bob Estright, Mike Hastings, Liz Siani and Barbara Thompson.

Rosary Prayer Service for Stanley Daniello

We would like to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to our brother Knights who came together and participated in a special Rosary prayer service for our brother Stan Daniello on September 23rd. There were 30 people who joined us and prayed the Rosary together asking our Blessed Mother for Her intercession for our brother Stan, asking that Stan will be comforted in his suffering and that his wife Jean and their children be given the strength to walk this journey together with Stan. May God bless Stan and his family during this journey together.



1st and 2nd Degree Exemplification

Columbia Council 7559 will be hosting a First and Second Degree Exemplification on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at WLIFC. Candidates must arrive by 6:00 p.m.

Also, the Council's Degree Team is planning for a 1st Degree Exemplifications for our Hispanic community. If you are interested in joining the Degree team, please contact Jim Mahoney.

Columbia Council 7559 Charitable Support

Since the beginning of the 2014-2015 Columbian year, the Columbia Council has donated \$2,050 in financial assistance to the following to support the needy, respect the culture of life, and provide support of vocations.

- Boy Scouts of Columbia Troop 2010 - \$150
- Columbia Pregnancy Center - \$600
- Sr. Mary of Our Lady of the Nativity (Kimberly Uy) - Seminary/Novitiate Support - \$500
- Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (Support of Persecuted Christians in Iraq) - \$100
- Little Sisters of the Poor - \$150
- Msgr. Richard H. Tillman Endowment Fund - \$250
- St. John the Evangelist Religious Education Program - \$250
- Tanzania Children's Project - \$50

In order to continue to providing support to these and other organizations, it is critical that we raise money to replenish and grow our charity fund. In addition, we need to raise funds for our in-house charity fund to support our brothers in times of need. The needs are real and we need your support today. How can you help? Buy tickets for Oktoberfest on October 25th and for the Spaghetti Supper on November 16th. Consider adding an additional donation when you pay your annual membership renewal. And, consult your financial planner and consider adding the council in your estate planning. Together, praying and working together, we will be there for one another and help those in need in our parish and community. For information about KoC Insurance and annuities, contact our Insurance Agent Larry Prior at 410-823-3800.



Coming Up...

Since our last issue of the Late Knight News, we have been busy selling tickets for our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest celebration – scheduled for Saturday, October 25th at 5:00 p.m. at Wilde Lake. Many brothers have also been helping to collect donations as part of the annual tootsie roll drive – money that will support people with intellectual disabilities right here in Howard County. We have the KOC Soccer Challenge coming up on Sunday, October 19th after the 12 noon English and Spanish masses at Wilde Lake. We'll need brothers to help at the registration table and help with judging during the tournament. Immediately following the council's event, we will be hosting the District 23's tournament. And, we will need help for our very first Spaghetti Supper scheduled for Sunday, November 16 at Oakland Mills. We are working together with St. John's newly formed St. Vincent de Paul Society. More details will be forthcoming, but mark your calendar now and join us on November 16th! Visit our website at www.koccolumnbiamd.org for the latest information. We look to your active participation in these many activities.



Columbus Day Ball

Columbia Council 7559 was represented at the Maryland State Council 2014 Columbus Day Ball on Saturday, October 11th. Joining Worthy Grand Knight Sonny Van was Fr. Ferdinand, DW Nick Clemens and Lady Cindy, Tim Lynch, PGK and Lady Claudette, Alan Pultyniewicz, and Ray Pultyniewicz. The Council sold almost 900 car raffle tickets this year, meaning that we retained over \$500 to support our charity fund. Thanks!!

Upcoming Events

- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, October 14, 2014; WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Tootsie Roll Drive** – Saturday, October 18, 2014; 9-5 p.m.;
- ❑ **KOC Soccer Challenge** – Sunday, October 19, 2014; 1:30 p.m.; WLIFC (children ages 9-14)
- ❑ **Tootsie Roll Drive** – Saturday, October 25, 2014; WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 9-5 p.m.
- ❑ **Oktoberfest Celebration** - Saturday, October 25, 2014; WLIFC, 5:00 p.m.
- ❑ **First and Second Degree Exemplification** – Tuesday, October 28, 2014; WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 6:30 p.m. (candidates must arrive by 6 p.m.)
- ❑ **All Soul's Day**, Sunday, November 2, 2014
- ❑ **KOC Memorial Mass** – Monday, November 3, 2014; WLIFC, 7:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Officer's Meeting** – Wednesday, November 5, 2014; Zapata's Mexican Restaurant Harpers Choice Village Center, Columbia; 7:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Veteran's Day** – Tuesday, November 11, 2014
- ❑ **Business Meeting** – Tuesday, November 11, 2014; WLIFC, Rooms 10/11; 8:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Spaghetti Supper** – Sunday, November 16, 2014; OMIFC; 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Adoration and Social Meeting** – Canceled for November
- ❑ **Thanksgiving** – Thursday, November 27, 2014

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

The next issue of the Late Knight News is December/January. The deadline for submissions is November 15th. Send news to: apulty@yahoo.com.

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