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A NOTE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Brother Knights,

I recently reread the Lenten Message of Pope Benedict XVI from Lent of 2006. Towards the end of his reflection he talks about charitable works of organizations.



I think of the good work of the Knights both locally in the parish, the Archdiocese throughout the country and around the world. Thanks

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From the desk of our...

Grand Knight

My Brother Knights,

We are half way through our fraternal year. Its been a great experience for me as your Grand Knight. I am truly blessed with a outstanding team of officers. With their guidance, encouragement, and support, we have enjoyed many successful programs.



I want to thank John Di Marino and Lawrence Pokrywka for their help putting away the manger scene. Also, thanks to Ed Meals, Al Bankard IV, and Rob Edwards for their help setting up the hall for the blood drive, and to all who helped with the blood drive. We collected 23 punts of blood.

The policeman, teacher, and religious teacher of the year awards luncheon was January 27th. The honorees were Carlos Simmons Policeman of the year, Mrs. Susan Ritmiller Teacher of the year, and Mrs. Kellly Guest the Religious Teacher of the year. The honorees are all truly deserving of their awards. Thanks to Terry Friel, and Tony Reina, the food was great. Also, thanks to Keith Wolf, Jim Rudell, and Jim Bocklage and all who helped in making this a really nice affair.

Our membership drive will be held on February 24th and 25th. We need help at all the Masses. Please plan to spend a little time after mass to help. Also, this is a great time to ask a family member, friend, or someone you see in church every Sunday to join.

...justice for all, born and unborn.

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Robert Edwards (Helen)
Mike Eaton (June)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 7th - Regular Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 21st - Regular Meeting (See Below)
Ash Wednesday Mass (7:30 pm)
- 17th - **Shrimp & Bull Roast (See Flyer on Page 7)**
- 28th - Officers Meeting (7:30 pm)

March

- 7th - Regular Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 8th - Chapter of GK Meeting
Annapolis Council (8:00 pm)
- 18th - **Founders Day Mass & Reception**
- 21st - Regular Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 28th - Officers Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 31st - Maryland District - 4th Degree
Exemplification (Hagerstown)
Harbor Cruise (See Flyer on page 6)

April

- 4th - Regular Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 12th - Chapter of GK Meeting
Dundalk Council (8:00 pm)
- 18th - Regular Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 21st - Cardinal's Charity Ball
**3rd Degree - Dundalk Council
Candidates (12:00 pm)**
- 23rd - District Meeting (Mt Carmel 7:30pm)
- 25th - Officers Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 29th - Corporate Communion Breakfast
(TBA)

Council Birthday's

GUY IOZZI	02/01
GORDON LADER	02/01
ROBERT NEUMAN	02/04
PHILIP WHITE	02/04
JOHN RALLO JR	02/06
HERMAN RUTH PGK	02/12
MELVIN GATTUS	02/17
JOSEPH PAZOUREK	02/17
GEORGE SHAW	02/19
JOHN SARACENO	02/20
FRANK BARNETT	02/27
JAMES FENDRYK	02/27
JOHN GRYKEN	02/27
ARTHUR GILDEA REV	02/28
THOMAS MACKOWIECKI	03/03
KURT LAWRENCE	03/04
WALTER GRABOWSKI	03/05
RAYMOND FORD JR	03/12

From the desk of our...

Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

Hope all of us are in good health, but if you know of a Brother who is not, please let us know. Our Worthy Grand Knight has begun a phone tree so that you will be informed of upcoming events with our council. Please feel free to let us know your thoughts or concerns of your council's functions or events.



If you haven't been to a meeting recently, try to make one in the near future. If you need a ride call us and we will try to find someone near you. Hope to see more of you at future meetings.

Fraternally yours,
Keith Wolf, DGK

Chancellor

Brothers,

As we start the new year, I hope to see all of you at our meetings



Also, please remember that in our council, I am the one that you contact if any of our Brothers or their family members become ill or pass away, or are in need. So, please call me Hm: 410-288-2959 or Cell: 443-610-6603

Fraternally yours,
George Goeb

Treasurer

Brothers,

Thanks to the upcoming Shrimp and Bull Roast our checking account is in great shape with \$2900.00. Don't forget your dues which are due now as that money helps us put together great events like this



If you still need tickets, please call: Ed Meals, PGK
Hm: (410) 391-6957

Thank you and God Bless
Jim Rudell, PGK

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight - it's the size of the fight in the dog."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

Financial Secretary

District Deputy

Dear Brothers,

Dear Brothers,

I just want to THANK all of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and other acts of kindness that you have shown me and Anita since my accident. It was a scary experience and by the Grace of God I am here to talk about it. I believe that He had a protective blanket around me during the crash. It's very humbling to know that so many people care. I am getting back on my feet and hope to be back in the swing of things soon.



By the time that this is published, the Holidays have passed, we are all a few pounds heavier and our homes are covered in torn wrapping paper and pine needles at least mine still is. Your Worthy Warden and I wish each and every one of you a great 2007.

Just a note about dues. Of the 135 dues paying members that we have, 85 have paid so far. Your dues are what pay our per capita, Catholic advertising, and other required items to Supreme and State councils. They also help to defray the costs of the newsletters and Columbia magazines that you receive. If you have not sent your dues in-please do so promptly. If not than the money from our fundraisers has to be used to pay these costs. and that impacts our charitable giving.

Remember, that we just celebrated the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Shouldn't he be remembered for not only his birth and death, but the great things he did for us while he was here. He did do some incredible things for you and me. The years he spent teaching aren't as celebrated as Christmas and Easter, but are immensely important to our faith. Let us move into 2007 with a renewed love for our fellow man, dedication to our faith and recognition of Holy Spirit that is in all of us.

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Key dates to remember:

Fraternally,

Bob Snyder, PGK

- Mar 2nd Bus Trip to Supreme Headquarters (State Trip)
- 8th Baltimore Chapter Meeting (Annapolis Council 8:00pm)
- 18th Founders Day Mass & Reception
- 31st 4th Degree Exemplification
- Apr 12th Baltimore Chapter Meeting (Dundalk Council 8:00pm)
- 21st Cardinal's Charity Ball 3rd Degree Exemplification (Dundalk Council 12:00pm)
- 23rd District Meeting (Mt. Carmel Council 7:30pm)
- 29th Corporate Communion Breakfast (TBA)

Why is Blood so Vitally Important?

Ask Bob, he will tell you!

- Blood Drive
- May 1st

Save a Loved One!



See Flyer on Page 7

Fraternally,

John Di Marino, DD # 7

Membership & Activity Reports

Membership

In order for our council to survive and grow, we need to recruit new members to our council. Another part of this is to promote our Insurance Program. The Insurance Program is one of the original reasons Father McGivney started the Knights of Columbus, so our loved ones aren't left without financial stability and in dire need. Please ask potential prospects to join our organization. Word of mouth is one of our best recruitment tools.

Keith Wolf

Membership Director
(410) 375-2976

Church

Dear Brothers Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday Feb. 21st. Our Lady of Fatima will be having a 40 Hours Devotion, prayer service (Eucharistic Adoration). Sunday to Tuesday Feb. 18th, 19th and 20th. There will be a guest Homilist for the Adoration. There is no better way to lead into Lent than by attending this Adoration. (See Flyer on page 7)

Please join us for the Corporate Communion Breakfast on April 29th at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 9:00 am.

James Bocklage

Church Director

Community

This year at our Annual Appreciations Award Luncheon, we honored for the Policeman of the Year, Officer Carlos Simmons for his unselfish work in our community; for Religious Educator of the Year, Mrs. Kelly Guest who has truly given her life to Jesus and shares this with all of us; School Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Susan Ritmiller, who goes the extra mile for the education of our children. It was a momentous event, but was not attended well by you our Brother Knights. Please try to attend next year as this is not only a free meal, but a chance to see who our community heroes really are.

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for January 9th. Please consider giving the gift of life. (See flyer on page 7).

James Rudell, PGK

Community Director

Youth

Most of the youth programs have come to an end for this year. We had a very successful year to date. Our soccer program really stood out this year with thirty seven boys and girls participating. Next year we will try

to involve more councils in the Basketball Shootout. Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest is always a big event in our school and we hope it will be around for many years. Thanks to all the members that came and volunteered in the rain, wind and cold. Your support is greatly appreciated and really needed.

Upcoming youth activities will be in conjunction with the Ten Commandment Monument that is to be dedicated in May. Our school children are making the stepping stones for the base and time capsules for each class that will be set underneath their stepping stones. We will also be looking to start our Hook-A-Kid on Golf program up in the spring and could use a little help with volunteers for this program.

Please join your council and support your kids and grandkids.

John Luczkowski, PGK

Youth Director

Family

Our Family of the Month for November was Joe Reitz and for December was Brian Whaley. Both of these OLF parishioners are well deserving of this honor. They are both great examples of what being a Christian is all about. We are in the process of naming our January and February recipients and will announce them soon. If you have someone that you feel is deserving of this honor please let me know. Remember the Family of the Month honoree does not have to be a Knight. We are looking for people who set the example for all of us to follow, and who go above the expected in service to others.

Bob Snyder, PGK

Family Director

Council

Thanks to all who gave blood and helped make the January Blood Drive a success. Our next drive is Tuesday May 1st. Thanks to all who made the Appreciations award Luncheon a success, .

The 50/50 Club for 2006-07 has a total sales of \$7120.00 with 356 tickets sold and with payouts to date of \$1820.00 Tickets are still available, please help us support our council. Thanks to all who helped sell the tickets. Congratulations to Charlie Strouse for his winning number that gave him \$40 for the month of February.

If you are interested in the 50/50 Club tickets please call me at: (410) 485-1636.

Tony Reina

Council Director

A NOTE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

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to you people like you, our brothers and sisters have been helped. Once again we reflect Christ living in us and Christ living in them.

Let me quote the words of the Pope:

"Thanks to men and women obedient to the Holy Spirit, many forms of charitable work intended to promote development have arisen in the Church: hospitals, universities, professional formation schools, and small businesses. Such initiatives demonstrate the genuine humanitarian concern of those moved by the Gospel message, far in advance of other forms of social welfare. These charitable activities point out the way to achieve a globalization that is focused upon the true good of mankind and, hence, the path towards authentic peace.

"Moved like Jesus with compassion for the crowds, the Church today considers it her duty to ask political leaders and those with economic and financial power to promote development based on respect for the dignity of every man and woman. An important litmus test for the success of their efforts is religious liberty, understood not simply as the freedom to proclaim and celebrate Christ, but also the opportunity to contribute to the building of a world enlivened by charity. These efforts have to include a recognition of the central role of authentic religious values in responding to man's deepest concerns, and in supplying the ethical motivation for his personal and social responsibilities. These are the criteria by which Christians should assess the political programs of their leaders.

"We cannot ignore the fact that many mistakes have been made in the course of history by those who claimed to be disciples of Jesus. Very often, when having to address grave problems, they have thought that they should first improve this world and only afterwards turn their minds to the next. The temptation was to believe that, in the face of urgent needs, the first imperative was to change external structures. The consequence, for some, was that Christianity became a kind of moralism, 'believing' was replaced with 'doing.' Rightly, therefore, my Predecessor, Pope John Paul II, of blessed memory, observed: 'The temptation today is to reduce Christianity to merely human wisdom, a pseudo-science of well-being. In our heavily secularized world, a gradual secularization of salvation has taken place, so that people strive for the good of man, but man who is truncated...We know, however, that Jesus came to bring integral salvation.'

"It is this integral salvation that Lent puts before us, pointing towards the victory of Christ over every evil that oppresses us. In turning to the Divine Master, in being converted to Him, in experiencing His mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will discover a 'gaze' that searches us profoundly and gives new life to the crowds and to each one of us. It restores trust to those who do not succumb to skepticism, opening up before them the perspective of eternal beatitude. Throughout history, even when hate seems to prevail, the luminous testimony of His love is never lacking. To Mary, 'the living fount of hope,' we entrust our Lenten journey, so that she may lead us to her Son. I commend to her in particular the multitudes who suffer poverty and cry out for help, support, and understanding. With these sentiments, I cordially impart to all of you a special Apostolic Blessing."

Vi vat Jesus,

Rev. Kevin Milton, C.Ss.R

From the desk of our...

Grand Knight

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The dinner cruise and casino, is set for March 31st. The cost is \$45.00 per person. Boarding time is 6:30p.m., departs at 7:00 p.m. there will be dinner and dancing on the first deck and a casino on the 2nd deck. This is our 2nd dinner cruise. Last year everyone had such a great time that we decided to do it again. Hope to see you there.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who helped fill in while Bob Snyder was out do to an automobile accident. Special thanks to John Di Marino for his help finishing reports that were coming do, to Ed Meals for taking charge of the blood drive, to James Rudell for taking care of the money coming in from dues and ticket sales and paying bills.

This truly shows the depth and comment of our members.

Fraternally Yours,

Knights of Fatima

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2nd Annual Dinner / Casino Cruise

BRING THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE OUT TO DINNER, DANCING AND INCREDIBLY ROMANTIC VIEWS OF THE INNER HARBOR AT NIGHT FROM THE WATER.

Saturday, March 31st

7:00 -10:00 pm



Ticket Price
\$45.00 Per Person

For Tickets Contact:
Chairman: Alan Miller, GK
(410) 515-6915
Co-Chair: Bob Snyder, FS
(410) 391-1094
Co-Chair: John Di Marino, PGK
(410) 633-8042

Ticket Includes

- 3 Hour Harbor Cruise
- Reduced Parking Pass Available
- hor'doures
- Casino Games
- Buffet Style Dinner
- DJ
- Beer, Wine & Sodas Included
- Cash Bar









**Proceeds to benefit the
Knights of Fatima Charity Fund**

The BAY LADY



Contributions, gifts, etc. paid to the K of C are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

Council Birthday's

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DIETERKIESEL	03/13
JOHN LUCZKOWSKI PGK	03/13
CHARLES DOVE	03/14
ROBERT SNYDER PGK	03/14
ROBERT EDWARDS	03/23
TERRY FRIEL	03/23
GEORGE GOEB	03/26
ANTHONY FRANKLIN	03/27
JOHN RUSSO	03/29
PASCHAL ADIZUA	03/30
PAUL FRESWICK	04/01
JOHN PETRUSH SR	04/02
PETER BLAIR	04/03
MARCO FERRETTO	04/03
DAVID BISHOP	04/05
JULIO FERNANDEZ	04/08
CHARLES HUMEN	04/16
GEORGE KALWA	04/19
JAMES KOTOWSKI	04/21
JOSEPH POTTER	04/22
ANTHONY REINA	04/22
KEVIN MILTON REV.	04/24
JOHN DIMARINO PGK	05/02
SEBASTIAN BARBAGALLO	05/04
LAWRENCE POKRYWKA	05/05
TIMOTHY RAPPOLD	05/05
RONALD PELUSO	05/09
JONATHAN SEWELL	05/09
WILLIAM FAVARO JR	05/14
GARY RITMILLER	05/14
EDWARD MURRAY	05/18
JOE BERAN	05/21
MARK KOTERWAS	05/21
STEVE DISNEY	05/22
LEONARD ELLIOTT SR	05/22
CHARLES STANLEY	05/24
JOHN KWIATKOWSKI	05/26
WILLIAM FAVARO SR	05/31
AL STRZEGOWSKI	05/31

Happy Birthday!

From your Brothers at the Knights of Fatima

“Moral cowardice that keeps us from speaking our minds is as dangerous to this country as irresponsible talk. The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character.”

~ Margaret Chase Smith

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

6420 E. PRATT STREET
• BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21224
• 410-633-9393

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
(40 HOUR DEVOTIONS)**

*Sunday to Tuesday
February 18th, 19th & 20th*

GUEST HOMILIST:
VERY REV. PATRICK WOODS, C.S.S.R.
(PROVINCIAL OF THE REDEMPTRISTS OF THE BALTIMORE PROVINCE)

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ADORATION

Sunday, February 18

ADORATION begins after the 12 Noon Mass
4:00 pm Afternoon Devotion, Sermon and Benediction
Confessions after the Service.

Monday, February 19

8:15 am Mass and beginning of Adoration.
7:00 pm Evening Service, Sermon and Benediction
Confessions after the Service

Tuesday, February 20

8:15 am Mass and beginning of Adoration.
7:00 pm Evening Mass, Sermon and Benediction
Confessions after the Service

Shrimp & Bull Roast

Saturday - February 17th

Time:
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Ticket Price:
\$27.00 in Advance*
no tickets at the door

Location:
Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall

Catered By:
Robin Lee

Entertainment By:
"The Lenny Adams Band"

Contact: Ed Meals (410) 391-6957

SMOKE FREE HALL - NO MINORS ALLOWED



**COMMUNITY
BLOOD DRIVE**

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

Starting at 2:00 pm ending at 8:00 pm

Our Lady of Fatima
School Hall

To schedule your Life-Saving Donation,
Call: Bob Snyder at 410-391-1094

Our Community blood supply is still critically low and
your help is needed. In the summer months the need for
blood is still great.

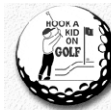
You must be over 17 years of age and in general good
health and you may
donate blood every 57 days.

Hook-A-Kid on Golf

We will be starting up our program again this spring
and will need volunteers to help our Children's Golf
Teaching Pro run this program.

Please find it in your heart to come out and help teach
the children in our community the values that the
game of golf can instill in them.

- Trust
- Honor
- Patience
- Self Discipline
- Confidence



John Saraceno,
USGA Teaching Pro

To help, please contact: Alan Miller, GK
(410) 515-6915



Knights of Fatima
6420 East Pratt Street
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Meetings Held in the Church Hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Every Month at 7:30 pm

Could You Use A Long Term Care Policy?

Or, Could This Happen To You?

Bill & Mary, a long time K of C couple, found out years ago that Bill had signs of dementia. This “cognitive impairment” was actually Alzheimer’s Disease.

Mary was up in years and eventually wasn’t able to care for Bill like he needed. The adult children tried to help, but they had families to raise, busy careers and the logistics were difficult.

After several tough years Mary knew she needed help. Home nursing care was around \$25K at that time and nursing home care was around \$40K.

Mary thought Medicare would cover Bill and it did for only the 1st 100 days partially. For days 21 to 100 she had to pay \$95.50 each day. After the 1st 100 days Mary and Bill had to pay. Bill’s pension and Social Security checks couldn’t cover it all so they had to dip into savings. Only after depleting their assets could Bill qualify for Medicaid.

Mary was allowed to keep her home and \$81,960 under the law. She had no pension but was able to keep her monthly Social Security check.

Bad enough yet? Hold on. Due to the “open bed” rule, Bill was sent to a facility 100 miles away. Shortly after Bill Died, Mary died as well leaving their house to their 4 children. Or so they thought! Due to a 1991 federal law, the State of Maryland put a lien on the home for the amount Medicaid paid toward Bill’s care. Bill and Mary worked hard all their life and left the children almost nothing! Please don’t let this happen to you!

Call me at your convenience to discuss your benefits.

Insurance Advisor

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