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Mater Dei Council 9774 - Knights of Columbus - Rockville, Maryland  
Council Meetings - 2nd and 4th Thursday - 8:00 p.m. - St. Raphael's Duffy Community Center  
[www.geocities.com/materdei9774](http://www.geocities.com/materdei9774)

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## From the Grand Knight's Station

My Brother Knights and Lovely Ladies,

The first thing I want to say to each of you is a heartfelt THANK YOU for all your help and support during the past year. As you are all aware, this has been an unexpectedly busy year for me due to mandatory professional obligations that had to be satisfied. No matter what the personal cost, you were all unfailingly there to help and support me and the Council in every way. Due to your hard work and dedication, Mater Dei has once again participated in many altruistic programs that support those less fortunate. Mother Theresa said: "I don't want you to just give. I want you to give until it hurts." The Knights of Mater Dei Council live this sentiment to the fullest. All of you have given to the needy of our community, to each other and particularly to me in so many, many ways over the past year. While

many of the things I hoped we could do together had to be postponed, many were accomplished. I am proud to know each of you and to count you as Brothers. In the coming year, Mater Dei will be in the very capable hands of Grand Knight – elect Pat Degraha. I look forward to helping Pat as much as possible.

May Our Lady, Queen of the Knights bless each of you many times over.

God bless you and God bless America.

John Cavallo,

Grand Knight

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### Top to Bottom Council Review A new Challenge

As was done with the Garage to Attic Sale, the three Trustees and the Chancellor, Advocate, Warden, Deputy Grand Knight, and Grand Knight (known as the Group of 8), will review every aspect of our Council to determine what activities and processes are good and those that need to be changed or deleted. The purpose is to revitalize the Council and make certain that we are prepared to go forward into the future in a more effective member inclusive manner than we are now doing.

The first step is to determine what we do and why we do it. The group of 8 will look at all aspects of the Council and, when the initial review is finished, develop preliminary recommendations regarding Council operations. Step two is to bring our fellow Council members in to review the initial Group of 8 findings and offer their thoughts on the results.

We intend to fast track this effort so that we can transition to the final findings and determinations during the next fraternal year. Please help the Group of 8 go through the first step by providing us with your thoughts and perceptions concerning the Council by e-mailing PGK Tom Schneider at [tomandjulie@fastmail.fm](mailto:tomandjulie@fastmail.fm). Your comments and opinions will be kept confidential. If you are interested in taking part in the second step, e-mail Tom or call him at 301-279-0291. If you are interested in joining the Group of 8 call Tom.

This is your opportunity to participate in improving our Council. Please contribute!

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE**

My Brothers and Sisters:

There are just a few weeks left in the fraternal year. The Convention is over, exceptional service has been rewarded, our new Council officers have been elected or will be shortly, and planning is in full swing for the new administration. It is easy to forget that we still have a few weeks to earn the Columbian award for a full slate of program activities, and to bring deserving Catholic men into our Order. I call on each of you to continue to support your Grand Knight and activities chairman in these last weeks and to continue to recruit eligible men for our Order. In some cases, Councils are still looking for men to assume a leadership role for the new fraternal year. If you have the skills needed by your Council, please step forward and help lead your Council in the year ahead.

Your Council's Installation of Officers in July/August is an important moment in the life of the Council. Plan to attend this impressive event and help your new officers ring in the new year in a festive manner. They will appreciate your interest and support. Pray for our beloved John Paul II and for His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. Many challenges face our Church and its leaders. However, I have confidence that Our Lord will lead his Church to the Promised Land as many times as it takes for us sinners to get it right!

This will be my last message as your District Deputy. Join me in welcoming Larry Grayson, PGK (Rock Creek), PFN(Cardinal O'Boyle), as District Deputy for the 2005-2006 fraternal year, and Sam Balboa, PGK (St. Elizabeth), as the new District Warden. I am confident they will do an excellent job. Nona and I want to thank each of you again for your support, hospitality and friendship over this past year, and wish each of you a blessed summer.

Vivat Jesus!

District Deputy Mike Perez

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### **A NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY IS NEEDED!!**

MDC is seeking a new Financial Secretary (FS). Eric Gregrich has faithfully served his three-year term and says that he is ready to relinquish the position. He will thoroughly train the new FS and provide him with the software necessary to accomplish the duties efficiently. The FS position is an appointed three-year position. It requires dedication. A stipend is paid to the Financial Secretary. You will work with Mater Dei Council and report to the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. This is a true position of responsibility.

To apply, contact any Search Committee member that includes Trustees Lawrence Boesch, Thomas Schneider, and Robert Fontana, Grand Knight John Cavallo and Patrick DeGraba (see the list of officers in this Blue Mantle for their phone numbers and email addresses).

## CONGRATULATIONS !

Below are the Officers for the Fraternal Year, 2005 - 2006 (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006).

| <u>Office</u>                                                                                                                                                                   | <u>Brother Knight</u>                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Grand Knight:                                                                                                                                                                   | Patrick DeGraba                         |
| Deputy GK:                                                                                                                                                                      | Wil Adams                               |
| Chancellor:                                                                                                                                                                     | ....unfilled                            |
| Warden:                                                                                                                                                                         | ....unfilled                            |
| Treasurer:                                                                                                                                                                      | Paul Sullivan,                          |
| Recorder:                                                                                                                                                                       | Joseph Doane                            |
| Advocate:                                                                                                                                                                       | William Schaffer                        |
| Inside Guard                                                                                                                                                                    | Robert Scott, John Frey, Donald Novotny |
| Outside Guard                                                                                                                                                                   | Greg Daly                               |
| One-Year Trustee:                                                                                                                                                               | Thomas Schneider, PGK, FN               |
| Two-Year Trustee:                                                                                                                                                               | Robert Fontana, PGK                     |
| Three-Year Trustee:                                                                                                                                                             | John Cavallo, PGK,                      |
| Delegates to Maryland State Convention: Patrick DeGraba, John Cavallo. 1st and 2nd Alternates to Convention, Thomas Schneider, FN, PGK, and Lawrence Boesch, PGK, respectively. |                                         |

We hope to soon have volunteers to come forth to fill the Chancellor and Warden positions. Contact Patrick DeGraba, GK-elect, Tom Schneider, FN, PGK, Trustee, or Larry Boesch, PGK, Trustee. Telephone and email addresses are on page 5.

Your Officers for the new Fraternal Year will be looking for many volunteers to fill the tasks of Program Director, Committee Chair or Committee Member. The success of your Council is measured by the participation of its Brother Knights. Don't wait to be asked. Offer to serve.

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## INSURANCE REPORT

If you are between the age of 60 and 75 -- why would you need insurance protection? Let me suggest a few reasons why many Brother Knights in this age bracket utilize our protection:

1. You are currently receiving a pension. If you die -- your wife only gets 50-60% of your pension -- if any.
2. The group life insurance you once had is decreasing. You will lose either a majority of it -- or all of it.
3. Your wife could outlive you and she will need money to pay for her care in the future. Long term health care and nursing home horror stories are commonplace -- don't let this happen to your wife.
4. To provide a tax-free infusion of money to your wife or your estate to handle funeral costs, debts, bills and medical expenses. Also, attorneys' fees, probate costs and any taxes that are due.
5. Self respect -- life insurance allows a man to leave this world without any debt and better yet -- the ability to leave someone else better off! Call me today, for your free Family Needs Analysis.

Fraternally,

Rick Morin, FICF/LUTCF Your K of C Insurance Agent (301) 384 7627

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## Knights of Columbus Family Baseball Night

ORIOLES vs CLEVELAND INDIANS

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Game time: 7:05pm - Bus depart St. Raphael at 5:30pm

Cost: about \$25.00 per person (tickets and transportation). Refreshments and game pool on the bus.

To reserve your tickets, call Paul Schuncke, 301-762-8969 or email pgssr@comcast.net. I encourage you to do so as early as I will probably advertise the event in the St. Raphael's church bulletin about the end of May at which time the tickets will go quickly.

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### Brother Knights and their families are invited to participate in the Council's 2nd annual 3 on 3 Family Basketball Tournament

For those Brothers who do not wish to play, we will need volunteers in the following areas:

Court Monitors (Referees) Refreshment Stand Operators Scorekeepers Set-up & Take-down

To sign up your family or to volunteer, call John Li @ 301-424-2713.

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### 3 ON 3 FAMILY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Mater Dei Council  
Knights of Columbus

*PLACE: OUR LADY OF MERCY GYMNASIUM  
9200 KENTSDALE DRIVE, POTOMAC, MD*

*TIME: 8:30AM – 3:00PM SATURDAY, JUNE 25*

*KIDS (AGES 10-16), DADS & MOMS COME PLAY OTHER FAMILIES  
IN A FRIENDLY GAME OF 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL*

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### Entry Form

#### Player 1 – Adult Parent (Required)

Name:  
Address:  
City, State:  
Telephone:  
Age: Height: Weight:  
Signature:

#### Player 2 (Child)

Name:  
Address:  
City, State:  
Telephone:  
Age: Height: Weight:  
Signature:

#### Player 3 (Child)

Name:  
Address:  
City, State:  
Telephone:  
Age: Height: Weight:  
Signature:

#### Player 4 (Additional Parent or Child)

Name:  
Address:  
City, State:  
Telephone:  
Age: Height: Weight:  
Signature:

### RULES

**(MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 18 – ENTRIES LIMITED TO FIRST 25 FAMILIES)**

Mail Application & Check (payable to Mater Dei Council) to: Knights of Columbus, c/o John Li, 12821 Lamp Post Lane, Potomac, MD 20854

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS CALL JOHN LI at (301) 424-2713**

ENTRY FEE OF \$20 PER TEAM. GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AMONG FAMILY TEAMS OF 3 PLAYERS (A 4TH TEAM MEMBER IS RECOMMENDED). GAMES CAN BE COMPLETED WITH LESS THAN 3 PLAYERS, BUT NOT BY LESS THAN 2. ONE ADULT PARENT MUST BE ON THE COURT AT ALL TIMES. ANY PLAYER, OTHER THAN PARENT, MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD OR LESS. ALL GAMES WILL BE TO 10 POINTS, WIN BY 2, OR 20 MINUTES. AT THE END OF THE 20 MINUTE TIME PERIOD, THE TEAM THAT IS AHEAD IS DECLARED THE WINNER. SPECIFIC GAME RULES TO BE PROVIDED ON DAY OF TOURNAMENT.

#### WAIVER OF LIABILITY (EACH ADULT MUST SIGN FOR SELF AND CHILD)

I DO HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE MATER DEI COUNCIL, ITS OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND AGENTS; AND ANY AND ALL SPONSORS FROM ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR CLAIMS FOR RELIEF ON ACCOUNT OF ANY AND ALL INJURIES WHICH MAY EXIST OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

PARENT (OR GUARDIAN) SIGNATURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DIRECTORY OF KEY CONTACTS**

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Open

### **FAMILY PROGRAM**

Open

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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**June 2005**

June 7 Executive Board Meeting - DCC - 7:30pm

June 9 Council Business Meeting - DCC - 8:00 p.m.

June 23 Council Social Meeting - DCC - 8:00 p.m.  
Jewel Transfer

June 25-26 Grand Knight Seminar - Mt. St. Mary's

**JULY BEGINS NEW FRATERNAL YEAR**  
**Give support to your Officers by volunteering**

**THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE  
JULY 2005**

All articles for the JULY Issue  
must be received by the Editor by  
Monday, June 27, 6:00 P.M.  
[w-hunter01@comcast.net](mailto:w-hunter01@comcast.net)

**E-MAIL ADDRESS ? ?**

Does the Financial Secretary have  
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if you now have e-mail, or have a  
change of e-mail address.