

# The Blue Mantle



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

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**MARCH**  
**2005**

## **GARAGE TO ATTIC SALE FILLS ST. RAPHAEL'S TRUMPET ROOM AND D.C.C.**



*Furniture of many types and styles are arranged for sale*



*Computer Equipment is popular sales item*

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## **GROSS SALES EXCEED \$14,000 !!**

The temperature may have been in the 20's, but the line of shoppers awaiting the 9:00 a.m. opening time stretched from the entrance to the Trumpet Room to the doors of the church. The crowd rushed in as the doors opened and the buying frenzy began, keeping all seven of the cashier stations busy the rest of the morning. As the crowds thinned later in the day, special sales offerings of clothes, books and other items remaining in good supply were announced. These opportunities excited the customers, with many selecting items, taking their purchases away, and returning for more shopping.

The total success is attributed to the many Knights, and their family members, who worked many hours.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Spring is just around the corner and the end line for this fraternal year is on the horizon. You have accomplished so much within your parishes and communities. I thank you for your sacrifice and service. We have much to be thankful for and much yet to do. Support your Council officers in all your Council activities in support of church, community, family, youth and council. At this time of year, each of us is examining our own lives and our own commitment to the vocation to which Christ calls us. In this Lenten season during this Year of the Eucharist, I encourage you to find time to spend with Christ in eucharistic adoration. For all of us who are troubled by the pressures and cares of our hectic existence, this devotional period can be a source of peace, of renewal, and of joy. I encourage you to then share His gifts to you with those who are needy, are suffering, or are lonely. Vivat Jesus!

On February 5th, we held the District 18 Free Throw Championship at the Heights School. We crowned 7 young champions who are now eligible to compete in the State Free Throw Championship. The State Championship will be held on March 5 at 11 am at Mount St. Mary's College. I want to thank my District Warden, Larry Grayson, and John Li of Mater Dei Council for all they did to arrange for and support the District Shoot Out. I also want to thank all those Brother Knights who organized and participated in Council level competitions and those who assisted at the District level. The enthusiasm among the youth was great to observe. February also marked one of my favorite events\*the distribution of the proceeds of our tootsie roll program in Montgomery County to the many organizations that serve the mentally handicapped in our community. The Presentations Dinner, held at St. Raphael Catholic Community on February 12, was an opportunity for us, as Knights, to see the benefits of our hard work and sacrifice to those special children of God. As a community of 16 Councils in Montgomery County, we distributed over \$68,000 to 20 service organizations. Congratulations and a hearty \*THANK YOU\* to each of you and your family members who supported this great effort. I've never been more proud to be a Knight!

March 6th brings the annual Fourth

Degree Exemplification for the Archdiocese of Washington District at University of Maryland University College. Many men from our District have indicated their intent to become \*Sir Knights\* that day as they join the Cardinal O'Boyle and Sullivan Brothers Assemblies. I offer my congratulations to all new Sir Knights and encourage each of you to become involved in our patriotic programs. I also encourage you to consider developing new programs to support our new and aging veterans. Another highlight of March is the annual Founder's Day Mass and Dinner on March 13. The State Council will present its awards for Citizen of the Year, Police Officer, Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Technician of the Year, and Catholic Teacher of the Year. This dinner is open to all Knights and their families. Reservations and payments must be in by March 4. See your Grand Knight for details on how to register.

April 4th is the Feast of the Annunciation and is the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. I encourage all Knights and families to observe this day through attendance at Mass, prayer, or other appropriate way. Also in April, Birthright Volunteers of Wheaton will be holding a fund raiser featuring tenor Mark Forrest. Ask your Grand Knight for the details.

In closing, let me encourage each of you to reach out to a Catholic man, 18 years old or older, in good standing with the Holy See, and ask him to join the Order. As our Worthy State Deputy reminds us, we have an obligation to share the Experience of a Lifetime with all our Catholic men. Nona and I wish you and your family a Joyous and Faith-Filled Easter.

Vivat Jesus!  
District Deputy Mike Perez

## IN MEMORIAM

**Brother William Satterfield**

1902 - 2005

**The Brothers of Mater Dei  
Council offer their prayers for the  
repose of the soul of our Brother  
Knight.**

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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT'S STATION

Brothers All,

Despite the snow on the ground, the 16th Annual Garage to Attic Sale was well attended by numerous stalwart shoppers and browsers. Many devoted Knights and their Ladies spent Thursday evening and all day Friday getting the Trumpet Room and all the rooms in the school and DCC set up with all the goods donated for sale. Fortunately, we had clear weather for the sale on Saturday which netted us approximately \$15,000.00 for charity. Longhorn Steakhouse was in attendance with delicious food and a most able and attractive staff to provide food for all those at the sale. The staff and residents of Raphael House were most happy to receive the leftover food. Many thanks to PGK Tom Schneider, Will Adams and Bill Shaffer for their hard work in making this event such a success.

March is certainly entering in her usual leonine fashion. Don't let the weather deter you from attending the 17th Annual Anniversary Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 5th in the Trumpet Room. For reservations, contact DGK Pat DeGraba. We hope to see you in there at 6 PM.

God bless each of you and God bless America,

John Cavallo

Grand Knight



*Mater Dei Council members who assisted with Free Throw competition, included Dick Bianchi, Eric Gregrich, Don Novotny and Alex Echeandia.*

### DON'T MISS YOUR COUNCIL'S ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Mater Dei Council #9774 Anniversary Dinner normally is held near the end of March because the Council was formally inaugurated on 29 March 1998. Because Easter occurs on the 27th, which is earlier than usual for Easter, I had to schedule in conjunction with the Parish, the 17th Annual Mater Dei Council Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, 5 March 2005 starting at 6:00 pm. We hope to have dancing after dinner. Come and have fun.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM.

Pay at the door: \$ 15.00 per person or \$ 25.00 per family. (No need to bring food.)

Make your reservations by Thursday noon, March 3, by calling or emailing either

\*Tom Schneider, PGK, Trustee, FN at 301- 279-0291 and TomAndJulie@fastmail.fm

or

Patrick DeGraba, DGK at 301-279-2873 and PDeGraba@comcast.net

A few volunteers are still needed for setting up Saturday afternoon, cooking during the afternoon and early evening, bartending in the evening, and cleaning up during and after the banquet. Please call Tom Schneider to volunteer.

### 2005 FREE THROW COMPETITION MAKES FOR A BUSY JANUARY

Mater Dei Council conducted two Free Throw Competitions. On January 14, twelve boy scouts participated at St. Raphael's Trumpet Room. On January 26, 184 students from the Height's School in Potomac competed at that school's gymnasium.

District 18 competition was also held at the Height's School on February 5th. Of our 196 boy competitors, 3 advanced to the State finals. The State finals will be held at Mount St. Mary's on March 5.

Many thanks to Brothers John Li, Eric Gregrich, Andrew O'Lone, Don Novotny, Tom Luxner, John Daly, Dick Bianchi, Alex Escheandia and PGK Tom Schneider for their assistance in judging the Free Throw competition.

The Basketball Free Throw competition is conducted annually as an activity of our Council's Youth Program.

The State Middle School Basketball tournament will be held at Mount St. Mary College on March 19.

**BOWIE BAYSOX GAME:** Maryland State Council has arranged a trip to a Baysox game on April 30. Reservations are due to John Durbin, PGK, Montgomery Council, by March 31. Contact PGK Tom Schneider for details if you are interested.

**ORIOLES GAME ON JUNE 30:** The annual trip to the Orioles game has been scheduled. The Orioles will play against the Cleveland Indians. Watch for details in a later issue of the Blue Mantle, or contact Paul Schuncke, at 301-762-8969, PPGSSR@comcast.net for reservations.

**STATE CHARITY FUND:** Collection for the State Charity Fund are currently taking place. Check at the next Council meeting for envelopes in which to submit your contribution.

Please be generous.

### THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Our Holy Father has designated this year as the year of the Eucharist. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson has encouraged our Knights around the world to join in special Eucharistic celebrations.

At St Raphaels starting March 13 through March 15 a three day solemn exposition will take place. It will start on Sunday

March 13 at 7:30 PM and will continue on Monday and Tuesday, March 14 and 15 after the 9:00 am Mass until 7:30 PM.

Additional details are included in the St. Raphaels parish bulletin. All Knights and their families are encouraged to participate and attend. Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the church for individual time to visit the Eucharist in the tradition of the Forty Hour devotion which many of you will remember from

years ago. This can be a special time for you and your family to spend time in prayer privately with the Lord. Take advantage of this opportunity for family prayer, for special graces and for special instruction with your children on family prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Vivat Jesus!

John Cavallo, GK

**SPRING WINE TASTING:** The Spring Wine Tasting Party will be held Saturday April 30, 2005 at 7:30 pm. Our previous parties have been very successful and are growing in popularity. This is truly a great way to meet other Knights and their wives in a very relaxing and fun-filled atmosphere. We even have had people that do not drink wine at our previous parties, and they have expressed that they really enjoyed the evening.

This should be a very exciting and interesting evening as we will be trying something we have never attempted before. We will try to duplicate a wine/dinner held at a local restaurant in March, sans the dinner.

Please get your reservations in early and make your check for \$30 per couple payable to Richard Weller ASAP. We are taking a limited number of reservations (22) and after that number is reached will start a waiting list. Those on the waiting list that we can't accommodate will have their money promptly refunded.

Send reservation and check to: Richard Weller, 20302 Butterwick Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20886

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**SPECIAL NEED FOR SEMINARIANS AT MOUNT ST. MARY:** FDD Steve Adamczyk has advised of an urgent State project to assist our seminarians at Mount St. Mary Seminary by renovating the kitchen they use. The current conditions are disgraceful. Stoves have broken burners, ovens are missing doors, other appliances are old and inadequate. The kitchen is completely ill-equipped to provide for the needs of our seminarians.

Steve is asking all of us, as Brother Knights to many of these seminarians, and as Knights in solidarity with priests to all of them, to step forward and join together to finance renovation of the kitchen in the Seminary. The renovation work is planned for this March. Therefore, Steve is asking all Councils, as well as District and State officers, to make a donation to the cause by March 1.

Checks should be made out to "Maryland State Council Seminarian Fund" and addressed to 6243 Gilston Park Road, Baltimore, MD 21228.

#### **COUNCIL REPRESENTED AT DISTRICT 15 LOBBYING EFFORT:**

Members of Mater Dei Council were among 12 members of Legislative District 15 who took part in a lobbying effort last Monday, February 21, at lawmakers' offices. Brother Knight Tom Sherman was District group captain. In addition to Mr. Sherman, other Knight lobbyists were Larry Boesch and his wife, Ursula, and Tom Buck from District 15. The group met with State Senator Robert Garagiola and Delegates Kathleen Dumois and Jean Cryor. Delegate Michael Gordon did not attend the scheduled meeting.

Brother Tom Buck said in introducing the lobbyists, "We are here to talk about people who can't speak for themselves". The group addressed (1) parental notification for minor abortions (2) tax credits for non-public school teachers, (3) a ban on cloning, (4) embryonic stem cell research (5) fetal homicide, and (6) a minimum wage increase. Ursula Boesch, a delivery room nurse, supports the rights of parents to know if their minor child was seeking an abortion. Under present law, the abortionist decides if the parents are notified. The three lawmakers either agreed to support the bills or to study the issues further.

Brother Tom Buck citing his 30 years experience in Montgomery County schools, told the representatives that non-public schools save the state millions of dollars each year in education costs. He asked for fairness in granting tax credit for non-public teacher education toward certification and beyond, the same as granted to public school teachers.

Brother Larry Boesch summed up the purpose of the Annapolis trip; "Hopefully you make some mark that they, the lawmakers, will remember. The Catholic Standard featured the 15th District lobbyists in last weeks issue."

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#### **MATER DEI MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

On February 10th we held a First Degree ceremony at Mater Dei Council. We had three new members join District 18 with one new member joining Mater Dei. Please welcome Mark Judge from Our Lady of Mercy to our fraternity of brothers. Mark was sponsored by Bill Shaffer. Great job Bill! Thanks goes to Jerry Brown and all of our brothers for getting the First Degree team prepared for a beautiful ceremony. We had a great turn out of support and had a good time.

On March 8th at 7:30pm we will be participating in the St. Raphael's Open House. This is a good opportunity to show the community in faith our commitment to the parish and provide information on the Knights. Feel free to stop by that evening to show support of the Council to the new and future members at St. Raphael's.

On March 10th we will have a Second Degree ceremony for those brothers who have joined the council this year and all other first degree brothers who would like to take the next step to Knighthood. We would like to see all of our first degree brothers take the second degree this council year. The second degree ceremony will be at Mater Dei, and you would need to arrive at 7:30pm on Thursday March 10th. Please contact Scott Graham, Chancellor \* Membership Director, to attend or for any questions.

In April, Mater Dei will have our final push for membership this council year. The Supreme Council has asked that we conduct an April Membership Blitz to reach our goal of 1.7 million members in the Knights of Columbus. Mater Dei will plan to have recruitment activities at Our Lady of Mercy and St. Raphael's in early April. We will conduct our last First Degree ceremony this council year on April 14th. In the next month, please ask a partner in Christ to support and join the Knights of Columbus.

Your brother in Christ,

Scott Graham  
Chancellor

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****March 2005 - April 2005**

Mar 1 Executive Board Meeting - DCC, Room 4 - 7:30pm  
 Mar 5 Council Anniversary Dinner/Dance - Trumpet Room - 6:00pm  
 Mar 10 Council Business Meeting - Host Second Degree Exemplification DCC, 8:00pm  
 Mar 13 Founders Day Mass - St. Johns the Evangelist Church  
 Mar 24 Holy Thursday - No Council Meeting

Apr Parish Grounds Cleanup - Date to be Announced  
 Apr 5 Executive Board Meeting - DCC, Room 4 - 7:30pm  
 Apr 10 Host Coffee & Doughnuts - Trumpet Room after Masses.  
 Apr 12 Open House for Member Recruitment - DCC - 7:30pm  
 Apr 4 Council Business Meeting - First Degree - DCC - 8:00pm  
 Apr Cardinal's Charity Ball - Date to be Announced  
 Apr 28 Council Social Meeting - DCC - 8:00pm

**May Highlights**

Rosary Month  
 Special Olympics support  
 Maryland State Council KofC Convention

**THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE APRIL 2005**

All articles for the APRIL Issue  
 must be received by the Editor by  
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