
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

From the Grand Knight's Station

Worthy Brother Knights:

April showers have brought us May flowers, but with May also comes the month of Our Lady, Queen of the Knights. As part of the privilege of being Knights, we will be leading the rosary at 6:45 P.M. on Thursday nights at St. Raphael's. Let us never forget to turn to Our Lady to both honor her and ask her intercession in our daily lives. The words of the beautiful prayer, The Memorare, are a wonderful summation of what the Blessed Mother means to us as Knights and as Catholics:

“Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto Thee, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.

Our May calendar promises to be a full one. Decisions will be made on which charities will be awarded money from the proceeds of the Garage to Attic Sale. The annual convention for the Maryland State Council will be held in the middle of the month. We will be once again showing our support for the Montgomery County Special Olympics by hosting a cookout for the athletes, their parents and coaches. The event will be held at the Potomac Community Center with set up starting at 2 PM and the picnic taking place from 3 to 5 PM. Remember the words of Our Lord: “whatsoever you do unto these, the least of My brethren, so you do unto Me.” Later in the month, we will have our Election of Officers.

I cannot thank all of you enough for your support and understanding during this past Fraternal Year. You have all gone far more than the extra mile to make this year a success for Mater Dei.

May God bless and keep you and yours always.

John Cavallo, Grand Knight

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

My Brothers and Sisters: As I write this letter, the thoughts and prayers of Catholics worldwide are with the College of Cardinals at the Vatican as they meet to select the next successor to Saint Peter as the Bishop of Rome. I pray that the Holy Spirit abide with them and that the Cardinals' actions accomplish the Lord's will. Vivat Jesus!

As the fraternal year draws to a close, our Councils enter a transition phase. We continue to move forward with a wide array of activities to complete our program plans for the current year, and plan for participation in the Annual State Convention. Many hands are needed.

Please continue to support your Council's activities. At the same time, our Councils are forming a slate of officers for the new fraternal year, holding Council elections, scheduling installations of new officers, and planning a slate of activities for the new year. As a member of your Council in good standing, you have an important right to elect the new leaders in our Order. Take this right, and duty, seriously. Please make an extra effort to attend your Council meeting on election night, and participate in shaping the new fraternal year.

In the Spring, we especially encourage our First and Second Degree members to plan to take the final steps to full knighthood. On May 12, Mater Dei Council will host the final Second Degree Exemplification within our District this fraternal year. It appears this will be the last Second Degree this fraternal year within Montgomery County. If you are a First Degree member, please plan to take your Second Degree on May 12 at St. Raphael Church in Rockville. There are three Third Degree Exemplifications scheduled in May and June that are within 30-45 minutes driving time: (1) On May 13, at Sacred Heart Council #2577 in Bowie, (2) On June 10, at Patapsco Council #1960 in

Catonsville, and (3) On June 17, at St. Pius X Council #4076 in Forestville. I strongly encourage all Second Degree members (including those First Degree members who participate in the May 12 Second Degree) to participate in one of these Third Degree Exemplifications. A member of your Council will accompany you. It is imperative that you contact your own Council's Financial Secretary and advise him of your plans so he can prepare the necessary paperwork and membership cards, coordinate with the host Council's Financial Secretary, and verify that the planned exemplifications will be held as scheduled. I look forward to welcoming each of you to full knighthood!

Many of you are aware that the Maryland State Council is the sponsor of several High School and College scholarship programs for its members and for Catholic students in general. You may not know that the Maryland State Council arranges a number of tours each year to benefit the State Scholarship Fund and help finance those scholarships. Information on upcoming tours can be found on the State Council website

at <http://www.kofc-md.org/pages/tours/mdtours.htm>.

Check back frequently for the latest information.

It has been an interesting and challenging year. I thank all of you for your hard work, your hospitality and friendship, and your dedication to the principles of Columbianism. Nona and I wish you a successful and delightful Spring. See you at the Convention!

Vivat Jesus!

District Deputy Mike Perez

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).

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS by members of Mater Dei Council (MDC) will be held during the Council meeting on 12 May 2005. On or before 12 May, MDC members are requested to nominate MDC members in good standing as Council officers. You are welcomed to nominate yourself and even for more than one position.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Current Nominee</u>
Grand Knight:	Patrick DeGraba, DGK,
Deputy GK:	Wil Adams
Chancellor:	(no current nominee)
Warden:	Richard Bianchi,
Treasurer:	Paul Sullivan,
Recorder:	(no current nominee)
Advocate:	(no current nominee)
Inside Guard : 3 Needed	Robert Scott
Outside Guard: 2 Needed	(no current nominees)
One-Year Trustee:	Thomas Schneider, PGK, FN
Two-Year Trustee:	Robert Fontana, PGK
Three-Year Trustee:	John Cavallo, PGK,

There can be one or more nominees for each office. You are even welcomed to nominate yourself. We definitely need one or more good Knights to be nominated for each position. This is the time to step forth!

To make a nomination, contact any Nomination Committee member that includes Trustees Lawrence Boesch, Thomas Schneider, and Robert Fontana, and Grand Knight John Cavallo (see the list of officers in this Blue Mantle for their phone numbers and email addresses) or nominate during the elections meeting on 12 May.

INSURANCE REPORT

Have You given Your Universal Life Policy an "Interest Check?"

Many years ago when interest rates were very high, projections of cash accumulations were quite aggressive. Rates of 10% - 12% or even 14% were common.

Have you reviewed your interest rates recently? With lower rates, what has happened to your Universal Life policy? Will it perform as projected? Will it terminate, unless more premium deposits are made?

Those lower interest rates may require more premium deposits. However, that may not be your only worry.

If you counted on those policy proceeds to be left on deposit for your loved ones, consider that a \$100,000 death benefit will produce \$10,000 a year at 10%. Unfortunately, at today's lower interest rates, a \$100,000 death benefit may not even produce \$5,000 a year.

What about your retirement plan? How have these lower rates affected your projected income? Isn't time you had an "Interest Check?" Call your Brother Knight and council's field agent today.

Fraternally,

Rick Morin, FICF/LUTCF
301-384-7627

MAY IS ROSARY MONTH

Mater Dei Council will lead the Rosary at St. Raphael's Church on each Thursday in May. Rosary will be recited at 6:45 p.m. in the Church.

Attend with your family.

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.

This conference could save your life. You can't afford to miss it!

What is "Compassionate Care" for You and Your Loved Ones

- Appropriate health care for persons who are sick, disabled, elderly, or dying
- What to do if you are concerned about the medical treatment of a loved one
- The difference between living wills and power of attorney & which is safest
- Catholic teaching on the care of the sick and dying
- Euthanasia and assisted suicide: should you worry
- The recent directives of Pope John Paul II on food and hydration
- Serious auto accidents; do your teens/young adults have medical directives
- Medical Emergencies for your out of state college students – who makes the decisions

Speaker:

Rita Marker J.D., Executive Director

International Task Force on (against) Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Mrs. Marker is an internationally known attorney, author, speaker, and debater who has appeared on numerous television shows including CNN, MSNBC, Crossfire, Larry King Show, ABC news, CBS This Morning, C-Span, Geraldo Show, and NBC news. She is the author of many articles and publications including the critically acclaimed book, *Deadly Compassion*.

Wednesday, May 18

10: a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

St. Raphael's Church

This conference is for those who want to protect themselves and their families in the event of sudden illness or accident as well as those interested in the care and treatment of the sick, elderly, or disabled persons. There is no cost to attend. Sponsored by St. Raphael's Church and the Pro-Life Office, Archdiocese of Washington. For information, call Tom Buck, 301-424-3606.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 2005 - June 2005

May 2 Executive Board Meeting - DCC - 7:30pm

May 5, 12, 19, 26 Council leads Rosary at St. Raphael Church - 6:45pm

May 12 Council Business Meeting - DCC - 8:00pm
Second Degree Exemplification

May 13 Council Host Third Degree Exemplification - Trumpet Room -
6:00 pm

May 20-22 Maryland State Convention - Ocean City, Maryland

May 26 Council Social Meeting - Election of Officers - DCC - 8:00 pm

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
JUNE 2005**

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