



# The Blue Mantle



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## Grand Knight's Report

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### Special points of interest:

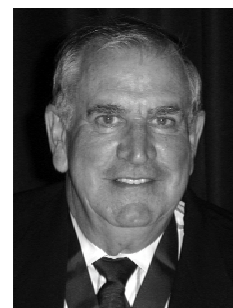
- \* October is Tootsie Rolls month.
- \* The new 2007 Entertainment books have arrived and are available for the same low price of \$25. When you purchase a book this year you will receive a free \$25 restaurant certificate plus \$20 worth of coupons for Safeway. To order, call Tom Sherman at 301-340-2042

My special thanks this Month go to Don Novotny and his crew for setting up and beginning this year's Tootsie Roll Campaign for the Mentally Handicapped. Don has established relationships with 11 businesses and scheduled collections for every weekend this month. If you are not already involved, and most of you are, contact Don at 424-6772. John Daly and his crew did a fantastic job in cooking for the St. Raphael Parish picnic. Bill Shaffer and Pat DeGraba organized and conducted the Voter Registration Drive for the Maryland Catholic Conference. Larry Boesch arranged for our Guest speaker for the September Social meeting.

Tom O'Rourke spoke on Estate Planning, wills, trusts probate and related topics. Thanks also to Tom Sherman for arranging this year's Entertainment Book sale. We all benefit from this significant fund raiser.

October marks the real beginning of this years recruitment blitz. Bob McCaffrey will be leading our efforts with recruiting at both St. Raphael's and Our Lady of Mercy. New members will be welcomed at the First Degree ceremony on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Gerry Brown and the team have been busy rehearsing and learning their roles for a new ceremony to be conducted for the first time here on that date. Come see if you can notice what's

new and better under the new script.



**Wilsie Adams**  
Grand Knight

John Li and Ophelia were selected as the Family of the Month for August. We congratulate them. Recommendations for Family of the Month can be made at any time by contacting any officer of the Council. (Continued on Page 2)

## Fraternal Benefits

Nearly 90 Knights of Columbus field agents are members of the *Million Dollar Round Table*, the leading association of life insurance and financial services professionals. The MDRT Code of Ethics

calls for member agents to "always place the interests of their clients above their own interests," and to "give the best possible advice to clients by seeking to maintain and improve professional knowl-

edge, skills and competence." MDRT expects of their members exactly what you expect of your agent – exemplary sales practices... outstanding service...

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Elsewhere in this issue you will see articles regarding the creation of the Round Table at Our Lady of Mercy and our sponsorship of the KofC essay contest at three elementary schools.

Finally, my thanks and gratitude go to Camille Ng for undertaking to be the new editor of this publication. Despite the meetings, phone calls and e-mail, many members depend on this newsletter to kept in touch with what we are about.



**Essay Contest  
for 8th grade students**

### Essay Contest

Mater Dei Council is sponsoring the annual Knights of Columbus essay Contest in three Catholic Elementary Schools, Our Lady of Mercy, Mary of Nazareth, and The Woods Academy. The contest is only open to graduating eighth grade students who must write an essay on this year's theme "The Role of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society". The winning entrant in each school will receive a \$100.00 US Savings Bond.

## Fraternal Benefits

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high ethical standards.

What does this mean for you and your family? It means that I won't simply try to push a policy on you. I'll take the time to review your current coverage with you. I'll ask questions about your needs, goals and budget. I'll recommend a plan to help you meet your needs and move toward accomplishing your goals. Most importantly, I'll answer your questions. I want your purchase to be an informed one. Exemplary

**The MDRT member agents strive to "always place the interests of their clients above their own interests."**

sales practices.

Whether or not you purchase life insurance coverage through the Order (and I hope that you do!), our

relationship won't end. Things change. Things like needs, goals and budgets. What is an appropriate amount of coverage today may not be appropriate tomorrow. I'll meet with you annually to make sure you and your family remain adequately protected. Outstanding Service.

As a brother Knight, I have the best interests of you and your family at heart. I'll render that service, which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself. High ethical standards.

Give me a call.

Fraternally,

Rick Morin- member MDRT  
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**Build your retirement nest.**

## Round Table

The Mater Dei Council has formalized its relationship with Our Lady of Mercy Parish by establishing a Round Table. Msgr. English, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy, has agreed that we may characterize our prior productive but informal relationship as an official Knights of Columbus Round Table. The difference is more semantic than real. Under this arrangement all Mater Dei Knights who are also members of Our Lady Of Mercy parish are automatically considered members of the Round Table. There are no meetings of the Round Table, no dues and no additional obligations of any kind. As

we have in the past, Mater Dei Council will continue to offer our assistance to Our Lady of Mercy Parish.



**Mater Dei & Our Lady of  
Mercy Round Table**

Should the Pastor request our assistance, any task we agree to undertake still will be considered a task of the Council and members of the Round Table will be given the first opportunity to serve their home parish with further support of the rest of the Council as necessary. The naming of our relationship with Our Lady of Mercy Parish will have no effect on our relationship with the St. Raphael Parish community.

## Spiritual Life

### *The Holy Name of Mary*

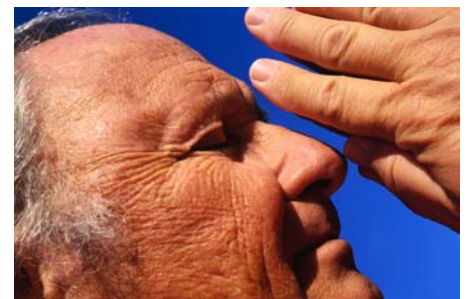
Choose the Blessed Mother of Jesus ahead of your own parents and friends as a special Mother and advocate before death. Greet her frequently with the angelic salutation, for she listens to this most willingly. If the malignant one attacks you and hinders your prayer, pay him no heed, increase your praying and praising, but even more, invoke with greater intensity the Name of Mary. Salute Mary, think Mary, honor Mary, lean on Mary, commend yourself to Mary and repeat the Name of Mary. Be with Mary in your cell, be silent with Mary, pray with Mary, rejoice with Mary, be sad with Mary, work with Mary, walk and sit with Mary, and be recollected with Mary.

Seek the things of the spirit with Maria-Jesu, bear Maria-Jesu in your arms, live with Mary and Jesus in Jerusalem

even to the cross, weep with Mary and Jesus, be buried with Jesus and Mary, rise again with Jesus and Mary, ascend into heaven with Jesus and Mary and desire to die with them. If you know and practice this method, the devil will fly away from you and you will become proficient in the spiritual life. Mary will willingly intercede for you in her mercy and Jesus willingly listens to Mary out of his respect for her. It is little enough that we do, but if we approach the Father with a humble and contrite heart through Jesus and Mary, we shall be recipients of his mercy and grace now and of his glory in the future for ever and ever... It is indeed good often to repeat the Ave Maria and to invoke the Name of the Mother of Jesus frequently.

FATHER THOMAS À KEMPIS

*Father à Kempis († 1471) was a German priest and monk who wrote many spiritual works. His spiritual classic "The Imitation of Christ" is the second most widely read spiritual book after the Bible.*



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## Meditation

### To be a living saint now and for all eternity:

- 1) Love God
- 2) Love each other
- 3) Love God's Law and keep it
- 4) Repent
- 5) Make penance
- 6) Live a life of prayer...pray unceasingly
- 7) Forgive without measure
- 8) Trust God
- 9) Trust each other
- 10) Be peaceful and keep the peace
- 11) Persevere
- 12) Be courageous in all things
- 13) Be silent
- 14) Share everything
- 15) Be Prudent
- 16) Be Wise
- 17) Fast
- 18) Be Eucharistic-ally Joyous
- 19) Die to self
- 20) Embrace your cross
- 21) Be humble and poor in spirit
- 22) Love the Truth
- 23) Become detached from worldly

things

- 24) See Jesus in all people and be a good brother/ sister to them by treating them as you would be treated yourself.
- 25) Keep the Sacraments
- 26) Consecrate yourself to the Sacred Hearts of our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary and Jesus.
- 27) Uphold the Magisterium
- 28) Be Obedient
- 29) Read Sacred Scripture so that it enters your heart, not just your intellect, in entering your heart, live it and in living it evangelize.
- 30) Live in the Holy Spirit, forming virtue, grace and conscience, worshipping in spirit and truth.
- 31) Live under our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary's mantle.
- 32) Be simplistic and disciplined
- 33) Remain the servant, never greater than the Master who is servant of all.
- 34) Be Merciful
- 35) Be thankful, happy and rejoicing. Enjoy your life as God desires you to.
- 36) Recognize God in others and His

works in them and in the world as well as your own self and life.  
37) Achieve holiness through all these things in your state in life.

Most importantly of all these and encompassing all these....

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND SHOW THE LOVE AND KINDNESS OF CHRIST TO ALL YOU MEET; IN DOING THIS YOU LOVE AND HONOR OUR GOD AND YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.**

**MOST OF ALL IT IS THE INTENT, WHAT WE DESIRE TO BE THAT MATTERS, EVEN THOUGH WE MAY SIN.**

God Bless you and much love and peace to you

Teresa

## Self-Denial

If the soul is to know God, she must forget herself and lose herself: for if she were aware of herself, she would not be aware of God: but she finds herself again in God. By the act of knowing God, she knows herself and in him all things from which she has severed herself. To the extent that she has abandoned them, she knows herself totally. If I am truly to know goodness, I must know it there where it is goodness in itself, not where goodness is divided. If I am truly to know being I must know it where being subsists in itself, undivided: that is, in God...

No man ever wanted anything so much as God wants to bring a man to know-

edge of himself. God is always ready but we are unready. God is near to us, but we are far from him. God is in, we are out.



God is at home in us, we are abroad. The prophet says "God leads the just through

*narrow paths to the highway, that they may come out into the open."*

May we all follow his lead and let him bring us to himself where we shall truly know him, so help us God.

MEISTER ECKHART

*Meister Eckhart († 1327) was a Dominican preacher, theologian, and mystic from Germany.*

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## Special Notices

- The next issue will be November 2006  
All articles for the November issue must be received by the Editor by Friday October 27.
- If you would like to receive a copy of each month's Blue Mantle as an PDF file, please send your request by email to the Editor.
- Please let John Frey know if you have any changes in your contact information: address, phone or e-mail. If you have an e-mail address and have not provided it, please do so. We rely heavily on electronic communication for notices, reminders, coordination, etc. If your only source of information is the Blue Mantle you are missing a lot. If you have not had an e-mail from us lately, either we don't have it or what we have is incorrect.
- The rosary will be recited by the Knights of Columbus on Thursdays during the month of October at 6:40pm in the Church.



## Schedule of Events: October 2006

Sun Oct 1	Voter Registration at St. Raphael's and Our Lady of Mercy Raffle Sales at St Raphael
Tue Oct 3	Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30pm DCC
Sun Oct 8	Recruiting at Our Lady of Mercy
Thu Oct 12	Regular Business Meeting, 8pm DCC
Sun Oct 15	Entertainment Book Sales at St Raphael
Sun Oct 22	Recruiting at St Raphael
Thu Oct 26	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony and Degree Team Certification, 8pm DCC
Sun Oct 29	Entertainment Book Sales at St Raphael & Our Lady of Mercy

*Tootsie Roll campaign for mentally handicapped Fri-Sun every week-end this month at selected locations.*

*Please sign up, if you have not done so already. Thank you!*

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