
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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From the Grand Knight's Station



Here we are two months into the fraternal year. We have already been very busy and we are about to enter an even busier time. First lets thank those who have done some of the heavy lifting to this point, including Pat DeGraba and our worthy warden for the very enjoyable July social meeting of cards and conversation. Bob and Carla McCaffrey for a delicious cook out in August with help from Jack Phillips, Joe Doane and others.

As you will see from the schedule there are a number of other activities we can all pitch in for, coming up in short order; most notably the car raffle, entertainment book sales, the St. Raphael Parish picnic, a new voter registration drive, the fall recruitment blitz and the Tootsie Roll campaign. Volunteers are needed for all. We will be working on some of the details for these activities at the September Executive Committee meeting.

In the meantime, John Daly is seeking help for cooking at the Parish picnic while Don Novotny is organizing the Tootsie Roll campaign. Contact them and let them know you are ready to help no matter how little time you can promise.

With all this on our plate, the September business meeting will be a great time to move forward on this agenda. Let's try to make it a good turn out. God Bless you for your efforts.

This will be the last issue of the "Blue Mantle" produced by long time Editor, Bill Hunter. Bill, You have the sincere appreciation of not only the many Grand Knights you have served but of the entire Council who has silently awaited each edition, always grateful but usually remiss in failing to say "Thank You". We do so now. Thanks.

Wilsie

Resolution Pending

There is a pending resolution to be voted at the business meeting on September 14th.

“ Resolved that the Council ratify an expenditure in excess of \$500.00 for expenses in support of the Installation dinner”

IN MEMORIAM

PAUL FRANCIS GALVIN, PGK
1937-2006

The Bothers of Mater Dei Counsel
offer their prayers for the
repose of the soul of
Brother Galvin

Fraternal Benefits

BACK TO SCHOOL

Is there anyone out there who has not noticed the absence of children on the streets during the day? No question about it, school has reopened. Never before has more emphasis been placed on school costs and how to pay for them. Sure, the Order has a scholarship program and a student loan program and our Swift-Matthews Educational Trust Fund does answer particular needs. But most still must borrow money from banks in order to finance a college education for their sons or daughters. Costs, of course, are up. This comes as no great surprise. In fact, while most people loudly protest increases in food prices, taxes and costs of other services, seldom do they oppose increases in the cost of education. Most parents seem to view college costs as an investment. They are investing money in their children's future. It has been definitely established that college graduates earn, on the average, from 1-1/2 to two times as much as non-college grads. Perhaps this is the reason why costs are so infrequently questioned. Wise members prepare for these expenses by planning for them in advance. I can tell you of a plan specifically designed with college in mind. It enables you to plan, in advance, for your child's college bills. It guarantees that if your child has the desire, the ambition, and the drive, he or she will also have the money. Moreover, it has a feature that no other financial institution can offer. If you die, the money you had planned to save will still be there. Call me today to discuss these needs.

Fraternally,

Rick Morin

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Council Supports Children in the Holy Land

Lawrence P. Grayson

Chairman, Holy Land Outreach Committee

The condition of the Christians in the Holy Land is dire, with the current fighting in the Middle East being the most recent test of their resolve to remain in their homeland. The insecurity of living in a perpetual war zone, high unemployment, innumerable restrictions, and growing poverty have caused a continual migration from the area so that the Christian population has decreased from almost 20% in 1948 to less than 2% today. The Pope has expressed a particular concern that if these descendents of the first Apostles leave, there will be no Christian presence in the land of Our Lord.

The Knights of Columbus is helping these brethren by providing support for the education of their children in Catholic schools in the Holy Land, at a cost of \$300 per child annually. Mater Dei Council voted to support a child. Thanks to then-Grand Knight Patrick DeGraba and all members of the Council!

The child being helped by the Council is Haya Haddadeen, who is a 9th grade student at The Latin Patriarchate School in Zarqua, Jordan. Haya, who has a brother and three sisters, enjoys English, math, science, singing and swimming. Her father is a policeman and her mother is employed as a typist.

Grand Knight Wilsie Adams was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation and a framed picture of Haya. It is expected that she will be writing to the Council to tell the members a bit about her life in the Holy Land.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September - October 2006

Sept 2,	State Picnic Cabin John Park
Sept 5,	Executive Committee Meeting
Sept 10,	Coffee and Donuts at Our Lady of Mercy
Sept 14,	Regular Business Meeting
Sept 17,	Coffee and Donuts at Our Lady of Mercy
Sept 24	St. Raphael Parish Picnic
Sept 28,	Social Meeting (details TBD)
Sept 30	Voter registration at St. Raphael's and Our Lady of Mercy
Oct 1	Voter registration at St. Raphael's and Our Lady of Mercy
Oct 3	Executive Committee Meeting
Oct 7	Columbus Day Ball
Oct 12	Regular Business Meeting

SPECIAL NOTICE

**THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE
OCTOBER**

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ITEMS WILL BE SEND VIA
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A Note from Editor Bill Hunter

I appreciate the kind words from Grand Knight Wilsie. After upwards to ten years of preparing the Blue Mantle, I feel this is definitely "retirement time".

During these past years it has been a privilege for me to work with the fine elected leaders, program and committee chairs and our Brother Knights of Matter Dei Council to produce a newsletter which was felt to be of value to our membership. I wish to thank all those who have aided and supported this effort.

Fraternal regards,

Bill Hunter, PGK, Editor