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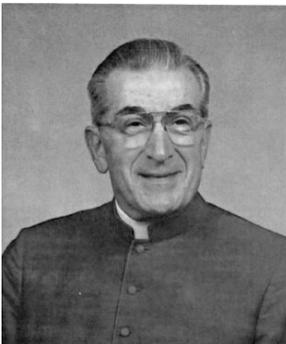
Rock Creek Council brought in the New Year in style, as it is our tradition. 200 of our closest friends gathered in Cantrel Ball and, with the aid of a generous –limited– open bar, a grand buffet and the music of The Continentals, had a great time saying farewell to 2005, and ushering 2006. Above we see DGK Morris, Midge Shanahan, Jeannie Peternell and GK Cunningham waiting for midnight to release a shower of balloons.

### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

REV. MSGR. VINCENT S. GATTO

### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

JOHN F. CUNNINGHAM



Chaplain Gatto

January has been traditionally the month in which we call to mind the sacredness of human life and the seriousness of the sin of abortion. For thirty three years the Church has been at the forefront of defending the life of the unborn, and the effort is not less important this year as we see progress being made in the defense of the unborn.

The sanctity of human life is about the issues which are most fundamental to our society: protec-

tion of the unborn and their mothers, care for the terminally ill, scientific research which respects basic human values, and the defense of those who are most vulnerable.

These issues have political ramifications, but our deepest concern is not politics. In fact, politics, in the sense of laws and programs, is a tiny part of the whole picture. The real goal is conversion of hearts, which will lead to a new culture: one where the strong defend the weak, where those who are blessed care for those who are in trouble. That will only happen when we look at ourselves and our world in a radically different way.

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I finally returned to the council on New Year's Eve. Thanks to the hard work of many individuals, the party was a success. I even managed to get on the dance floor when they played some slow dances. I acknowledged these individuals in my remarks at the party. But for those who were not there, I will list them.

Once again Vince and Glenda Bunag stepped forward to handle the invitations, publications, reservations and decorations. Wes and Joann Chin arranged for the buffet dinner, a varied assortment of delicious items. Art Hanley handled check reservations, preparations for drinks at the bar and for receiving guests at the door. Also helping out were past grand knights Peter Ferrigno, Kevin Kittka and Neil Dorian. In addition, Bill Morris, Art Rawson, Andrew Miller and his children and Greg Curtin lent a helping hand.

On Thursday, January 5, we had a Second Degree exemplification at Rock Creek. The following day, Friday, a Third Degree was exemplified. It was the first time I had observed these

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Grand Knight Cunningham



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**DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT**

By Lawrence Grayson, PGK, PFN - District Deputy, District 18

Several weeks ago, we had two very successful degree ceremonies in the District. On January 5, at Rock Creek Council, 27 members advanced to the Second Degree. The following evening, 32 members participated in the Third Degree. While these numbers are encouraging, it is not enough simply to have brother Knights progress through the levels of our Order. As explained in the accompanying column on the value of association in a democracy, it is active members, not members that are important. It is up to each Council to assure that its members are engaged in the life of the Council and the parish or parishes it serves. Without involvement, members are no more important than an accountant's tallies.



**DD Grayson, PGK, PFN**

On January 8, at the State Mid-Term meeting, Rateb Rabie, president of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, who is a member of Rock Creek Council, described the plight of Christians in the Holy Land, three-quarters of which is in Israel and one one-quarter in Palestine. Today, only two percent of the residents in this area are Christian, and they are under severe constraints. Due to the political situation, a 30-foot high wall, 550 miles long has been erected around the area of Bethlehem. People cannot travel easily to the site of the Nativity, many homes are in dire repair, unemployment is at 60 percent, and the operation of Christian schools is economically difficult.

With the approval of our Supreme Knight and of our State Deputy, Mr. Rabie has asked the Knights to assist the Christian residents of the Holy Land (many of whom can trace their Christian ancestry back to the early centuries of the Church) and to help preserve the land of our Mother Church. At the recent meeting of Grand Knights in District 18, we said we would do what we can to help. One way is to support the education of a child. It only costs \$300 to provide a year's education in a Catholic school in the Holy Land. I encourage each Council in our District to support one child. This will not only help a child learn his or her Faith, but will allow

the Council to better understand the Holy Land. Brother Knight Rabie has stated that his Foundation will arrange for that child to correspond with the supporting Council. Here is a small, but excellent way for us to help other Christians in serious need, and to learn more about our Christian heritage.

Thank you all for your efforts in the Car Raffle last fall. Although there was no accounting by District, it was announced that of the 138 Councils in the State, Rock Creek sold the third largest number of tickets (5,375 – the winner sold 5,798), and Mater Dei sold the sixth largest number with 4,277. Add the results of our other three Councils, and it is evident that District 18 did very well.

Further, the Councils in Montgomery County collected over \$61,000 through the Tootsie Roll drive. The Grand Knights have met, reviewed proposals from organizations that serve the mentally handicapped, and made grants to 22 organizations. Congratulations to the many Knights who participated in collecting and awarding these funds.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Lawrence P. Grayson  
District Deputy #18

**NOTICE**

**Rock Creek Council's Bar Manager Vacancy**

Rock Creek Council is seeking a member in good standing to serve as Bar Manager

For an interview and information concerning duties, salary and other details, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Bill Morris by phone at 301-365-0275 or thru e-mail at

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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

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We must pray and uphold the sanctity of all human life.

And while the Knights of Columbus as a Catholic organization works hard to promote the sanctity of life, how does the individual Knight measure up? How do each of us measure up to the directive and teachings of Holy Mother Church and of our Order? We all must lock arms with each other, and then march together to achieve that conversion into a new culture striving for life!

God bless you all.

Rev. Msgr. Vincent S. Gatto

**LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS**

By Betsy McIntyre, President

*The Ladies Auxiliary first meeting of 2006 took place at Normandy Farms Restaurant. It was well attended and I believe everyone enjoyed the luncheon. The food was good, the weather was spring-like and I wish we could do it more often. I thank all the ladies who came and we missed those who could not be there.*

*After lunch, Jennie Peternell and I delivered the "shoeboxes" and checks that were donated to 'Bethesda Cares' in Bethesda. The woman who accepted them was very appreciative of our support.*

*Our next affair will be the Annual Card Party on March 25 at the Council. We will make plans for that at our meet-*

*ing in February. Mark your calendars for that event. We will need your help and of course you will be called for desserts. The card party has been successful in the past and it is our only fund raiser during the year. A large portion of the proceeds is donated to charity.*

*I'm looking forward to seeing you in February and we are still looking for new members. There are a few months left until June and we have a lot to do. We will welcome any wives and/or daughters of Council members. We would like to meet you. Please come and bring your new ideas.*

*Betsy*

**NOTICE**

Rock Creek Council's K-C Club needs a member in good standing to serve as **Building Manager**. This paid position is important for the conduct of the Council and its future.

The Manager handles rentals of the hall and assures that the property is well maintained. The duties can be split between two members.

If interested, please contact the K-C Club President, Peter Ferrigno, at 301-469-6099.

**Rock Creek's Kay-Cee Club is in need of a  
HANDYMAN**

There are dozens of small items in need of repair in and around our Council Home. If you have some electrical, plumbing, painting and/or carpentry skills, and would like to volunteer a couple of hours of your time to better our physical plant, please contact Peter Ferrigno, Kay-Cee Club President, at 301-469-6099.

**CHURCH and PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES REPORT**

By Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

We had a very active previous month, starting with the March for Life Kickoff Rally, on January 8, at Father Rosensteel Council. This was their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual rally, in preparation to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. The featured keynote speaker was Wanda Franz, Ph.D., National Right to Life Committee President. Also



**PGK Peter Ferrigno**

speaking was the Most Rev. Leonard J. Olivier, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, retired. Also, in attendance, were State Deputy Ronald B. White, State Pro-Life Chairman, Charles X. Suraci, Fr. Rosensteel's Grand Knight Patrick Bowles and a number of Color Corps members.

The Vigil Mass to the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual March at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> was

celebrated by William Cardinal Keeler of Baltimore, and the morning Mass there was celebrated by Archbishop Michael Saltarelli of Wilmington, Delaware.

Immediately preceding the Rally at the Mall there was a massive Youth Rally beginning at 8:45 am followed by a Mass at 10:00 am on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the MCI Center in downtown DC. Dozens of bishops, monsignori and priests headed by Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, celebrated the joyful celebration of Life!

Again Rock Creek Council was happy to accommodate sleeping facilities at our Council Home for a number of pilgrims from out of state who came to be part of the annual March for Life, while some took time to do some visiting to Catholic

and touristy attractions in the Nation's Capital. Look for some photos in the March Chatter.

This month we are proud to announce that once again we are assisting Jack Ames, Director of "Defend Life," by providing a meeting place for a Pro-Life Speaker. This time we are pleased to announce that we have scheduled Mary Ann Kuharski, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, to speak at our Council on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. Mrs. Kuharski is an author, full-time homemaker and mother of 13 children ranging from 16 to 35 years in age. Six of her children are adopted, of mixed races and with special needs. She is also the author of four books: RAISING CHILDREN CATHOLIC, PARENTING WITH PRAYER, BUILDING A LEGACY OF LOVE and her most recent one, OUTNUMBERED: RAISING 13 KIDS WITH HUMOR AND PRAYER.

There will be light refreshments following the talk. Please make an effort to join us. God bless.



## NEWS FROM SUPREME

A Biography of Fr. Michael J. McGivney  
**Parish Priest**

With the official publication on Jan. 10 of **Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism** (William Morrow, a division of HarperCollins, \$24.95), authors Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster began their six-stop book tour with a reception and book signing at the Knights of Columbus Museum.

According to Publishers Weekly, the new biography of the Servant of God Fr. Michael J. McGivney is "an incredible work of research" about a man who "left a legacy of hope still celebrated around the world." Authors Brinkley and Fenster "recreate the life of Father McGivney, a fiercely dynamic, yet tenderhearted man." "Though he was only 38 when he died, Father McGivney has never been forgotten," continues the reviewer. "He remains a true 'people's priest,' a genuinely holy man — and perhaps the most beloved parish priest in U.S. history."

Dominican Father Gabriel O'Donnell, director of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild and postulator of the cause for sainthood of Father McGivney, said biographers Brinkley and Fenster "have done a marvelous job of bringing the world of Father McGivney to light and thereby bringing him to life." Especially noteworthy, Father O'Donnell said, is Brinkley and Fenster's "focus on Father McGivney's priestly identity, his priestly heart and his manner of acting toward others. This really jumps out at the reader."

Fenster thinks Father McGivney "had a brilliant understanding of the family, and each person within it. That was at the core of many of the things he did. As he designed it, the Knights of Columbus gave men the tools, both financial and spiritual, to make something better of their lives, especially as leaders in their families."

Father McGivney had "an unusual ability to touch the hearts of many of those around him," said Father O'Donnell.

"Father McGivney lived for others," said Fenster. "That is his story."



## McNamara Chapter

Of Grand Knights

Its regular monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 15 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #12127, in Gaithersburg, Maryland

Chapter meetings are designed to bring aid and support to all Council officers and Directors of Activities, who are encouraged to attend and present their questions directly to the State officers and State Activities Directors who normally are in attendance. For more information, contact GK Cunningham.

## Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly FOURTH DEGREE

Meets monthly at Fr. Rosensteel Council, #2169 at 8:00 pm, with Rosary beginning at 7:30 pm.

The regularly scheduled meeting for the month of January will take place on Thursday the 19th. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Remember that the next 4th Degree Exemplification will take place on February 26, 2006.** 3rd Degree Brothers should act quickly to join the Assembly. The deadline for presenting your information and submitting your fees is February 4. If you do it NOW, you still can take this Degree!

For more details contact our Grand Knight or PGK Peter Ferrigno, who is one of the Assembly's Trustees.

## Maryland State Council News

Highlights of the Maryland State Council Calendar include:

- Feb 26 - 4th Degree Exemplification at Md. University, College Park
- Mar 12 - Founder's Day Mass
- Spring Meeting, Chester, MD

All Maryland State Council activities are open to members of the Knights of Columbus, their families, and friends. For more information about any of these activities, tours and events, contact our Grand Knight.

## ROSARY AT 7:30 P.M.

We pray the Rosary of Our Lady at 7:30 p.m.

before our regularly scheduled meetings.

The one-hour meeting begins, as scheduled, at 8:00 p.m.

Won't you join us? We look forward to seeing you!



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

By Thomas Stallone, Chairman

Plans continue to take form for the 6<sup>th</sup> **Annual Charity Chess Tournament**, to take place at our Council on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2006.

The tournament is open for children in Chess Clubs from our area schools: Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Cross, St. Jane de Chantal, St. Mary's, Our Lady of Mercy, Holy Redeemer, St. Bart's, Little Flower, Woods Academy, Stone Ridge, and others.

**Individual children from other schools who want to participate are always welcome.**

This is an Open Tournament format (non-rated play). There will be three Sections: Grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Children play with opponents within their own Section. Individual and Team trophies will be awarded in each section.

If you need more information, contact me at 703-898-2133 or through e-mail at [tastallone1@comcast.net](mailto:tastallone1@comcast.net)



## Testimonial for Msgr. William O'Donnell



Mark your calendars now! Rock Creek Council will hold a testimonial to honor Msgr. O'Donnell on the afternoon of Sunday, March 12, 2006.

Monsignor has served the Council for well over 40 years as Chaplain or Associate Chaplain, and now as Chaplain Emeritus.

We have sent invitations to members of the hierarchy both of the Archdiocese of Washington and of the Knights of Columbus. We have not heard from Cardinal McCarrick or the Supreme Director yet, but State Deputy Ron White sent his regrets, since that day is the State's Founder's Day celebration.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES REPORT - Family of the Month

By PGK Neil Dorian, Chairman

### The Family of Vince and Glenda Bunag

The Family of the Month selection for December, 2005 is the Bunag family.

Past Grand Knight Vince Bunag is happily married to Glenda, and they have four grown children, as follows: Marissa, Joe Anthony, Angela Carmella, and Michelle. All the children attended and graduated from Catholic Schools in the Rockville, Maryland area. Vince and Glenda are active members of St. Jude Parish in Rockville. They schedule our Tootsie Roll and Md. State Car Raffle drives year after year. They plan and set up three of our Dinner-dance activities each year.

Vince belongs to the Fourth Degree, Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly and is an active member of the Color Corps. He ushers at the Shrine of the Immaculate

## Rock Creek Family Knight returned with a traditional Christmas Party

On Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> our council welcomed back the Family Knight with a traditional Christmas Party. About 70 current and potential Knights and their families brought in their favorite family Christmas dishes to a Pot Luck dinner, and quite lucky it was, for there was plenty of tasty cuisine available for all ages 1 to 91. We sang Christmas carols and even had a visit from Jolly St. Nick before his big Christmas sleigh ride! We are considering a family night for March so watch your calendars!

## FEBRUARY 23RD LECTURE

Social Meeting on Olympic theme

At our regular social meeting on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8 pm, Brother Knight Joe Aukward along with Steve Nearman, a guide runner, will talk about the joys, trials and tribulations of training for international competitions such as the Olympics, the Pan-Am Games and the World Games.

Joe is a blind 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Rock Creek Knight, who gradually lost his sight from a degenerative eye condition called Retinitis Pigmentosa.

We hope to see you all then!

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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ceremonies since taking my degrees in 2002.

The next day, I attended the Mid-term meeting of officers at Cardinal Gibbons council in Baltimore, along with PGK Larry Grayson and DGK Bill Morris. The meeting began at 8:45, and lasted all day. There were a number of presentations and handouts.

One of the handouts was a registration form for the Maryland State Convention in Ocean City in May. If you plan to attend the convention, this form must be filled out. I'll have copies available for anyone needing them.

At the Third Degree ceremony, I talked with our State Treasurer, Richard Siejack. He had read my Grand Knight reports and remembered all the details of my accident and confinement. I was very impressed.

In the next week or so, as I write this report, a number of pro-life pilgrims will be staying overnight at our council as they come to participate in the March for Life. They will arrive January 20 and depart on Tuesday, January 24.

I attended a meeting of the grand knights of Montgomery County to discuss the distribution of funds raised during the Tootsie Roll Campaign. The meeting was held here at Rock Creek council. We allocated the funds raised among 22 worthy organizations who had submitted requests. Rock Creek only raised \$4,248 this year, as opposed to around \$6,100 we raised last year; there were a number of reasons for this, which we will try to overcome next year. There will be an Awards Dinner on February 11 in the Trumpet Room at St. Raphael's Church.

It was a nice feeling being back in my own home. I attended mass at St. Bernadette's on January 1 after an absence of several months. Cardinal McCarrick celebrated the mass. A few days later, Ronald White, our state deputy, called me at home. He expressed his regrets that he could not attend Msgr. O'Donnell's reception on March 12- it conflicted with the Founder's Day mass. He reminded me that I should check the state calendar before scheduling council events.

I have since been keeping my pocket calendar handy. I checked it for October 21, the date of my accident. The State Fall Meeting was scheduled that day- I don't



# THE VALUE OF ASSOCIATIONS IN A DEMOCRACY

By Lawrence P. Grayson, PGK, PFN, District Deputy

When Alexis de Tocqueville visited the United States in the 1831, he was highly impressed with the number of associations that he found and which he believed were essential to America's ability to make democracy work. In his seminal work, *Democracy in America*, he stated:

"Americans of all ages, all conditions, and all dispositions, constantly form associations. They have not only commercial and manufacturing companies, in which all take part, but associations of a thousand other kinds --religious, moral, serious, futile, general or restricted, enormous or diminutive. The Americans make associations to give entertainment, to found seminaries, to build inns, to construct churches, to diffuse books, to send missionaries to the antipodes; they found in this manner hospitals, prisons, and schools... Nothing, in my opinion, is more deserving of our attention than the intellectual and moral associations of America."



Alexis de Tocqueville

His observation was a reflection both of the civic life that existed and of the way that individual Americans assured themselves of a voice in the political and social concerns of the day. In autocracies, oligarchies, and theocracies, one person or a small group of individuals hold enormous power and can determine how a nation will operate – what the laws will be, how they will be enforced, how the economic system will operate, what opportunities will exist for the population, etc. In a democracy, in contrast, individuals have a good deal of independence to do as they wish, but alone have very little power to control events. They can exercise their influence best by joining like-minded persons, and through their association have greater effect in pursuing common objectives.

In America, people are not members of a single organization, but of many different groups depending upon their interests and desires. They may belong to a church, labor union, neighborhood association, political party, professional society, social club, mothers' group, sports

team, literary guild, nature organization, and so forth. Involvement in these groups fosters social interaction, creates networks, builds trust in others, connects people with the life of their community, and develops norms for social engagement that allow people to collaborate and cooperate for their mutual benefit.

Associations have had a powerful and beneficial influence on American society for over 200 years. But beginning in the 1960s, and continuing ever since, most major civic organizations have experienced a steady and substantial decline in membership. Fraternal organizations, veterans groups, youth associations, service groups, and others which are organized on a chapter, lodge, or other local unit model and require the involvement of individuals for their vitality are struggling for want of active members. Even though national in scope, these types of associations operate at the local level and connect people to one another in joint activities.

In contrast, organizations that are flourishing are those national groups, such as the American Association of Retired Persons, National Rifle Association, Sierra Club, and National Organization for Women, which do not require a personal commitment. People are associated by common ideals or causes or characteristics, and linked through mailing lists, newsletters and magazines, but not personal contact. Although these organizations have strong lobbying influence, they do not establish the social interaction, personal trust, or connection of the individual to the local community that de Tocqueville found essential to democracy.

While the decline may be detrimental to specific organizations and their ability to carry out their purposes, its implications are much greater. Without engagement in associations, the commitment and involvement of the populace in community life erodes. People are less likely to be actively concerned about politics and government – less likely to assist a political party, attend a political rally or speech, or even cast their ballot. It is a sad and dan-

gerous fact that more Americans voted in Fox TV's recent competition on *American Idol* than in the last presidential election.

People also are likely to have no more than a cursory knowledge of the issues before their community, and are less likely to have trust in government and its elected leaders. Without trust, without knowledge, without participation, how can America have a government *of* and *by* the people? How can the nation's democracy survive?

While membership in fraternal organizations, such as the Shriners, Elks, Jaycees, Lions, and Masons, has been declining over the last quarter century, the Knights of Columbus is an exception. Its membership has been increasing. In 1980, there were about 1.3 million Knights; today, there are almost 1.7 million. It will be a hollow "success," however, if men join, but do not attend meetings or become active in their local Councils. If the Knights of Columbus is to fulfill its potential, not only in wielding national influence through the dint of numbers, but in serving our parishes and communities, then we must not only enlist new members in our Order, but must engage them in the affairs of the Council. Every Knight should be an involved knight.

## WINTER CANCELLATIONS



During these months of winter, whenever Montgomery County Public Schools cancels its evening activities, Rock Creek Council will also cancel its own.

There's no need to risk an accident or an injury. Listen to the radio, and if Montgomery County Schools evening activities are closed or cancelled, take a good book and enjoy the family instead!



# SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President, with the aid of DGK Bill Morris

This report is being written prior to our Luncheon Meeting and elections at Sapphire's Restaurant, details of which will be reported in the March Chatter by your next President.

Our Christmas party/meeting was a huge success! We were honored to have with us three priests from St.

Jane de Chantal parish: Msgr. Donald Essex, Fr. Michael Schneider and Fr. Kyle Ingels. Many thanks to all who helped, especially to our Treasurer Tom Locraft for his work with the flyers and reservations, to our VP Marge



PGK Bob Waters

Sheehan-Swanke, to our mailing ladies: Darlene Coleman, Ann Doby and Jean Gordon, our bartenders, and all who helped with the cleanup. The party was catered by Chesapeake Bagel, and it included the entertainment provided by Mrs. Dorothy Bush and her electronic keyboards. Check your mailbox for the flyers with information for our Valentine's and St. Patrick's party/meetings. The tentative dates are marked in the calendar on the last page of this Chatter, but your next elected officers may change them.

The "Seniors Match Makers Club" has struck again with the engagement of our Deputy Grand Knight Bill Morris and Jeannie Peternell. Congratulations!

A big **Welcome Home** to Master Sgt. Jeff Lepak on his return from Iraq. Jeff is the son of Joe Lepak and our late member Gloria Lepak.

Please remember to support our Council functions and to invite your clergy to our functions.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA, AND OUR MILITARY!**

### PRAYER CORNER

In your prayers, remember our sick: Mannie Aragón, Eureka & Elizabeth Arcand, Bill Bartels, William "Will" Bello, Larry and Eileen Bisnett, PGK Larry and Betty Cain, Dr. Lou Chacos, Jinny Chwirut, Robert Corrigan, GK Jack Cunningham, Tom Dill, Joe Dolan, Kathleen Dwyer, Oscar Fasce, Sylvia Fasce, Dick Fay, Ed Flaim, Marge Gallery, Katharine Giodati, Carole Hanley, Stacey Harim, Marie Horan, Fr. Matt Kieman, Dottie Kiley, Gertrude King, Bets McIntyre, Julia Marcus (Art Hanley's granddaughter), James Marketos, Tony Mastro, Harry McNerney, Leona Newton, Ralph Oviedo, Anna Pitcher, Fr. David Pollak, George and Joan Reed, PGK John Siemien, Joyce Smith, Stephanie Suff, Mildred Swank, Ray Timm, Joselyn Walter Graham and Regina Walter, Barbara Waters, R. Joyce Waters, my cousin Bernice Wilt, and Fran & Frank Zello.

Please call me (301-493-8883) for additions or deletions to this list.

Please also pray for the repose of PSD Francis G. "Bud" McFarland, Mary Bartels' Stepmother Meta Fielder, Life Member Bill Roche, Tom Locraft's father-in-law Tom Ruffley, and for PGK Mike Burke (73-74).

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**February — 2006**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <b>EXECUTIVE</b> 7:30 pm Guido Hall	8 K-C Club Mtg. 7:30 p.m	9 Rosary 7:30 <b>MEETING 8:00</b> Guido Hall	10	11
12	13	14 Ladies <b>AUXILIARY</b>	15 <b>SENIORS</b> 1st DEGREE Exemplification	16	17	18
19	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY	21	22	23 Rosary 7:30 <b>MEETING 8:00</b> Guido Hall	24	25

**March — 2006**

26 4th Degree Exemplification	27	28	1  ASH WEDNESDAY	2	3 	4
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& Birthday  
Receptions,  
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Meetings**

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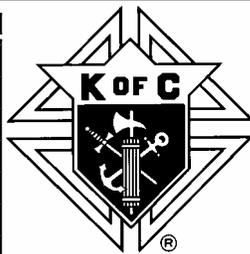


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