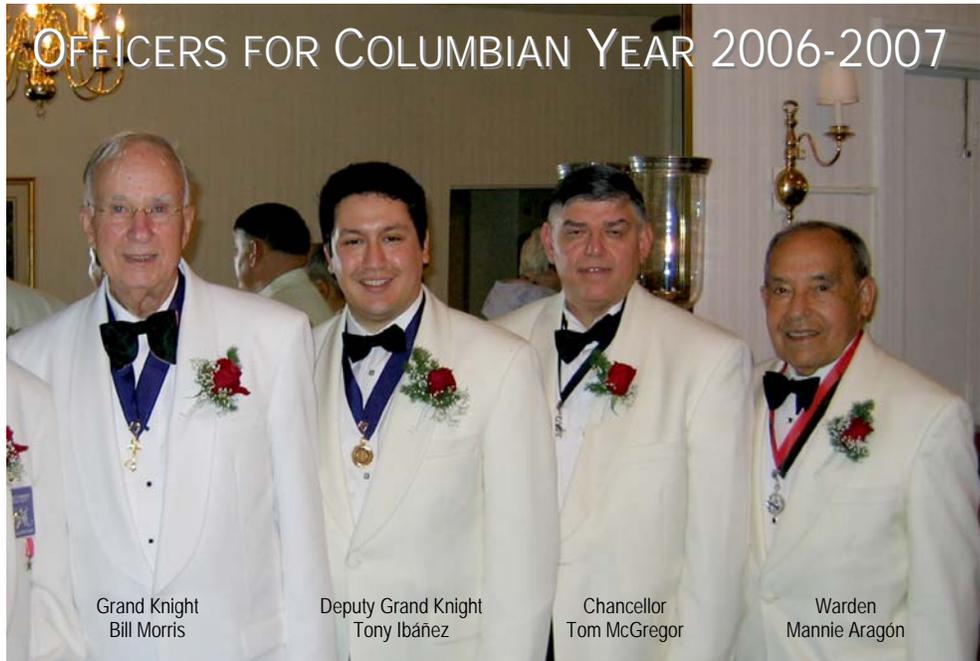


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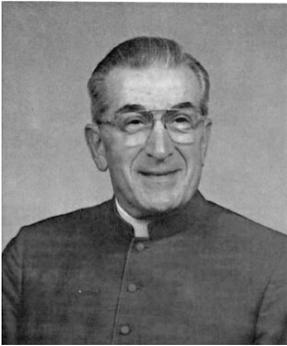
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OFFICERS FOR COLUMBIAN YEAR 2006-2007

On Sunday, July 16, 2006, Rock Creek Council held its Installation of Officers beginning with the noon Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish, Installation by DD Schneider and DW Potrepka, and followed by a Reception, Dinner and Program at Cantrell Hall afterwards. Congratulations to all the new Officers.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE
REV. MSGR. VINCENT S. GATTO



Chaplain Gatto

Dear Knights,
During the month of August we have been reading from the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel which deals with the institution of the Holy Eucharist.

Jesus said: "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you do not have life in you." This is how we live in Christ, nourishing ourselves with the One who came to save us. Not symbolically, but in reality. The command is clear, and

the result of the command is even clearer, "whoever eat this bread will live forever." Christ is made present in the bread and wine through the words of consecration said by the priest. In obedience to Christ's command: "Do this in memory of me," the Church gathers to present again the sacrifice Christ offered for each of us at the Last Supper -----.

Through our regular reception of Holy Communion we will be able to grow in our faith and our relationship with Christ. It is the Eucharistic celebration which sustains us and gives us the strength to endure the crosses that we have been given to carry.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT
WILLIAM J. MORRIS, JR., GK

For those of you who were unable to attend the Council's Installation and Reception, I would like to point out that I was born and raised in Torrington, Connecticut. From there it is but a short ride to Thomaston, the last parish of the founder of our Order, Father Michael J. McGivney, and a somewhat longer ride to Waterbury, his birthplace. He and I share Irish ancestry and he labored in Irish parishes. As a result of my familiarity with these towns and since I also am of Irish descent and a Knight, I especially enjoyed reading his recently published biography, "Parish Priest", and strongly recommend it to you. It clearly distinguishes him as a truly holy man, worthy of consideration for sainthood, which is now underway.



Grand Knight Morris

In this regard I call your attention to a brief news report, sent to me by a Connecticut friend, which I believe should be of special interest and pride to all of us. The article in part reads: "As a sign of respect and honor, the town of Thomaston is putting the Rev. Michael J. McGivney's name on a sign—a street sign. It was announced that the Thomaston Main street connec-

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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Tom Schneider, PGK, PFN - District Deputy # 18

Worthy Brothers,

At Chatter's press time we were notified that our Worthy District Deputy was in the hospital where he had an appendectomy.

It is the duty of all Brother Knights, to pray for the prompt recuperation of all our sick brothers, and more so when the sick individual is our own District Deputy.

Please remember him in your prayers. We will have his personal message on our next issue.

The Editor.

September 11, 2006

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Supreme Anderson has designated September 11 as World Day of Prayer for Peace.

In this regard Rock Creek will be distributing prayer cards specially prepared for this purpose to its member parishes as permitted, as well as to our Ladies Auxiliary and Seniors Club.

Let us together on that day **"implore from God the precious gift of peace"** as Pope Benedict XVI has encouraged all believers to do.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Jennie P. Morris, President

Dear Ladies,

Are you ready for Autumn? After the sweltering days of July and August, it will be nice to take a breath of air and say "ah-h" rather than "phew!" I am sure the cooler air will re-energize us as we start our new Auxiliary Year. My thanks to the membership for voting me their President. I am pleased to be working with my fellow officers: Jean Gordon, Secretary, and Emilia Aragón, Treasurer.

While my hope is for us to continue the charity element of the Auxiliary, I feel we should try to expand the content of our meetings. The Grand Knight has proposed that some of the spiritual and social events that the Council sponsors could include the Ladies Auxiliary and also the Seniors Club. I understand there are several activities already planned which we can learn about and discuss at our first meeting which will be **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, at 1:30 pm, at the Council's home.**

I would also like to invite more ladies to join us. For those who might want to know who is eligible for membership, the requirement is that you be a woman (duh!) and have a close family member—husband, father, son or brother—who is or has been a Knight. We meet at 1:30 pm at the Council Home on the second Tuesday of each month.

I hope this information will appeal to you but if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 301-530-0210, or just show up on our meeting day.

God bless!

Jennie Peternell Morris

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Atlantic City Trip a Success

On Saturday, July 22, 112 Knights, wives, guests, and friends traveled to the Hilton Casino in Atlantic City on two New World buses.

Prior to the 8:15 AM departure from the Rock Creek parking lot, we shared a continental breakfast of sweet rolls, donuts, and coffee. During the bus commute we had a variety of videos and several patriotic classical recordings to entertain us. While we had some rain showers on our way there, the weather in Atlantic City was dry, overcast, windy, with temps in the 80's, but no rain.

Following the 12:15 pm arrival, some enjoyed the optional buffet luncheon at the Hilton Hotel. Then, some tried their luck on the casino machines, while others walked the Boardwalk, purchased souvenirs from vendors, or were entertained by watching a variety of street performers.

The ocean was captivating due to the strong wind gusts making the seas choppy and the thundering waves forming white caps as they rolled up on the beach.

The aggressive seagulls were many, and a few were observed hovering a few feet above a walking lady's head waiting for an opportunity to snatch a bit of her sandwich.

One felt extra safe as there were many police officers on foot or in their cruisers patrolling the area.

At least one in our group strolled the Boardwalk up to the Trump Taj Mahal Casino, opposite the Steel Pier, and tried his luck at the Slots. Car Raffle tickets to benefit the State Scholarship Program and the Council Charities were sold on both buses during the return commute.

We returned to the Council parking lot around 10:15 pm.

Many thanks to PGK Vince Bunag and wife Glenda for making all the travel arrangements, sending out the advertisements, scheduling the entertainment aboard the buses, and buying all the snacks and refreshments that made this trip so very exciting and enjoyable.





CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

By Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

At the Business Meeting of August, I mentioned that once again the Parish Stewardship Council of St. Jane Frances de Chantal will be holding their 2006 **"Time, Talent and Treasure Fair"** following each Mass on September 16th and 17th. The purposes of the Fair are to educate and inform parishioners about the volunteer opportunities available in the parish. This will give us, as members of this Council, an opportunity to introduce ourselves to some parishioners and possibly gain additional members. There is need for at least two members to man a table dedicated specifically for our Council. We will display our banner and have available handouts to give to potentially interested men. I have informed May Mills, one of the Fair Coordinators that we would participate, as agreed upon at the aforementioned meeting. You do not need to be a member of the parish to participate; any member of the Council is invited and welcomed. We have five Masses to cover (Saturday, September 16th at 5:00 pm and Sunday, September 17th at 8:00 and 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 pm). Please contact me prior to September 14th.

I am now writing this to prepare you for a treat. PGK Vince Bunag has prepared a first time **"Day of Recollection and Pilgrimage"** for our Council. This will consist of traveling by bus from our parking lot to the Franciscan Monastery (The Holy Land of America), then to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and finally to the John Paul II Culture Center. While traveling, Father Philip Dabney, Vocation Rector of the Redemptorists, will partake in the Recollection.

As one enters the Main Gate of the Monastery, one immediately becomes aware that this entrance is part of a Portico



PGK Peter Ferrigno

(Rosary) that creates a three-sided perimeter of the grounds of the Main Church. As we enter the Church, we will become aware of the main altar in the center, the four chapels of St. Joseph, St. Anthony of Padua, the Blessed Virgin and St. Francis in the four corners. There is also the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament at the rear of the Church. Most incredible for those who have not been at the Monastery before, is a visit to the Catacombs. From there we will move over to the garden. Near the center of the garden, we will find the Grotto of Lourdes. Here we will partake in a Mass which our Chaplain, Msgr. Gatto will celebrate. If the weather does not permit it, Mass will be celebrated in the Franciscan Church. Following the Mass and a short stay in the gardens, we shall assemble back to the bus and after a short trip we will arrive to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Although some superficial work is going on (laying down mosaics in two of the remaining domes) there is still so much to see, even if you have been at the Shrine before. There are plans to assemble at one of the chapels to say the Rosary.



Some of you may wish to eat in the Shrine's Cafeteria, where you may buy it, or you may decide to bring your own. There is always a chance that some other pilgrimage is taking place at the time we will be there. I do not think that will take anything away from our visit.

Having completed our stay at the Shrine, we will go by bus for another short distance to visit the John Paul

II Culture Center. We will have some time to move about the Center to see as many of the displays as we can. There is an Orientation Theater showing a video to orient visitors as to what is available to view. There we will be given a bar-coded "smart

card" to explore the interactive galleries of the museum. Five Galleries (Faith, Church and Papal History, Wonder, Community and Imagination) make up the core of the Cultural Center's component. Each gallery gives you the opportunity for reflecting upon your faith as well as the means to explore the Catholic Church. I know that this will make an impressive conclusion to our pilgrimage prior to returning back to the Council's parking lot.

The pilgrimage will take place September 30. The price for the adventure will only be \$25 per person. This covers bus transportation, some refreshing water or sodas while on the bus, and all entrance fees and tips. Remember, you are to provide for your lunch, either by bringing it or buying it at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. We will be leaving the Council at 8:30 am and return at 5:00 pm. This will not be a Booster function and is limited to persons 12 years or older. Since there will only be one bus and the deadline for reservations is Saturday, September 23, 2006, do make your reservation early. God Bless.

NOTICE

The K-C Club needs a Building Manager

This is a paid position, 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 Peter Ferrigno, K-C Club President, at 301-469-6099.

Volunteers Needed For Car Raffle Campaign

"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers you do for me"

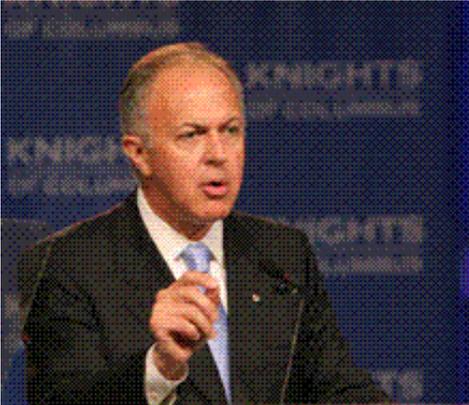
There are 8,760 hours in the year. Won't you give 2 hours to the campaign?

Say YES when called, or volunteer by calling GK Bill Morris at 301-365-0275 or send him a personal message to williammorrisjr@verizon.net



NEWS FROM SUPREME Supreme Convention

Supreme Knight's Report



'We Have Engaged in Acts of Charity on a Scale That is Unprecedented'

In a State of the Order address punctuated by standing ovations and rousing cheers, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson told more than 1,000 Knights that the Order is financially strong and second to none in the charitable outreach it offers to the Church and those in need.

The supreme knight's wide-ranging annual report included highlights from all areas of the Order's operations. Among the accomplishments cited were: Membership at an all-time high of 1,722,126; Life insurance in force of more than \$60 billion; a surplus of \$1.6 billion; nearly 250 new councils and a total of 13,011 councils, including six in Poland since January; more than \$10 million raised and donated for relief from hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and volunteer and charitable efforts in 2005 valued at more than \$1 billion.

The Knights is also engaged in several of the more contentious public-policy issues of the day, including keeping the words "under God" in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, getting constitutional protections for traditional marriage enacted, educating voters on stem-cell research, advocating for a just reform of U.S. immigration laws, and seeking the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*.

Being involved on these issues, Supreme Knight Anderson said, "is the very definition of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus." The "great tasks of the new evangelization and building the Culture of Life" are under way in the Knights, Anderson said. "You can be proud to be members of an organization that takes these tasks so seriously."

McNamara Chapter Of Grand Knights

On September 17, the Chapter will have its Installation of Officers at Mother Seton Church on Father Hurley Blvd., in Germantown. GK and officers are encouraged to attend.

On September 20, it will hold a Crab Feast at Calvert Council #7870 in North Beach, MARYLAND 20714.

For more information and directions, contact GK Morris.

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 September will take place on Thursday the 21st. All 4th Degree members from our Council are encouraged to attend.

For more details contact our Grand Knight, S/K Greg Curtin or FDD, PGK, PFN Larry Grayson.

Maryland State Council News

Our Maryland State Council depends heavily on the revenue it receives from the tours it conducts. As you will see from the flyer on the next page, a trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is planned for late September and early October.

These are well-priced and excellently-conducted tours and if you are in the mood for travel you should call the travel Service 410-527-9700 immediately and make your reservations.

Other activities include:

- Aug 26—Testimonial for IPSD Ron White
- Sep 2—State Picnic at Cabin John Park
- Oct 7—Columbus Day Ball
- Oct 8—Columbus Day Parade, Baltimore
- Oct 9—Columbus Day Celebration, Washington, D.C.

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!



NEW AWARD ANNOUNCED

As an incentive to recruitment and a means for recognizing and rewarding recruitment efforts, our State Deputy has announced the **Silver Knight Award**, available to all Knights.

This award must be earned during the Columbian Year, July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007. To earn it a Knight must recruit 2 new members, participate in 3 programs with his Council, attend 3 business meetings of his Council and be a 3rd Degree member.

This award complements a somewhat similar award offered by Supreme. That award must be earned within the first 12 months of membership. It requires that a Knight recruit 1 new member, meet with his Supreme Benefits Advisor, participate in 3 programs with his Council, attend 3 business meetings of his Council, and receive all 3 degrees within the 12 month period. These awards highlight the importance of recruitment for the life of our Order and we should all pray that they will encourage members' recruitment efforts.



Maryland State Council

Knights of Columbus

Planned Activities

Columbus Day Ball

Saturday, October 7, 2006

7:30 pm to 12:30 am

La Fontaine Bleu

Glen Burnie, Maryland

Tickets are \$37.50 per person

Deluxe Sit Down Dinner

Premium Open Bar

Dancing and Music by

The Monaldi Brothers

Make Reservations early for
only 800 persons can be accommodated.

For information call:

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George Floria
301-627-3923

Baltimore City Annual

Columbus Day Parade

Sunday, October 8, 2006, step Off at 2:00 pm

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Our Lady of Lourdes Council # 4606

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Refreshments before and after the Parade

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Shuttle service begins at 12:30 pm

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For more information, please contact:

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Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

AMERICA'S CREED

Throughout American history, it has been a belief in God and an adherence to the moral and ethical principles derived from that belief that have provided the country's binding force. They have been, and continue to be, central to the concept and practice of American democracy.

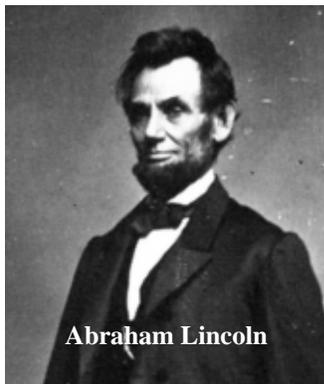
G.K. Chesterton wrote that "America is the only nation in the world that is founded on creed. That creed is set forth with dogmatic and even theological lucidity in the Declaration of Independence." He further suggests that as America is populated by people from diverse cultural and historical backgrounds, fidelity to that dogma defines who Americans are and keeps our nation intact. The old nations of Europe, in contrast, did not need a creed. Their identities were established by national traditions that had evolved over centuries.

Belief in a Divine Being and the exercise of religion underlie our national view of the rights we have, our relationship to the state, our purpose in the world, and how we react to various injustices. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed and justified the end of British rule over America on the basis that "all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." From its very beginning, the nation recognized the existence of a Supreme Being and that every person has innate prerogatives as a result of being created in God's image and likeness.

The Constitution established a government based on those beliefs in order to secure the unalienable rights. The Bill of Rights, that is, the first ten Amendments to the Constitution, specifies the most basic endowments of the American people. The first of the Amendments states that the government shall not interfere with the right of the people to practice religion by either supporting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise

thereof. In this manner, the political and religious spheres are meant to be distinct. The state is not to interfere in the activities of the church, and the church is not to dictate policy to the state. The First Amendment does not mean that any mention of God or the expression of religious beliefs cannot be made in the public sphere, but rather that the state is to remain neutral toward religion, neither promoting a given set of religious beliefs nor interfering in their practice.

Religion has had a role in virtually every social movement in America, and continues to shape public policy. When the Civil War and the issue of slavery confronted the nation in the mid-1800s, Abraham Lincoln declared that "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom," as it is "dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." This was a



Abraham Lincoln

reaffirmation of the God-given dignity of man, a recognition that gave rise to several Constitutional Amendments to delineate the rights of Americans. The strong religious sentiments of the abolitionist movement led to the Thirteenth Amendment, which ended slavery and involuntary servitude. A few years later, the Fifteenth Amendment was passed guaranteeing that the right to vote "shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Religion played a role in women's suffrage activities, which led to the Nineteenth Amendment extending the right to vote to women. It was a prominent factor in labor reform to abolish child labor, regulate the hours of work by mothers, and eliminate the 12-hour day for men, as well as in the social movements of the early 20th century to help the poor and immigrants improve their lives through better housing, education, health care, and the eradication of slums. In the 1960s, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his clerical

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



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To purposely miss Mass, and deliberately miss the opportunity to receive Christ, is to place an obstacle in the path to one's own salvation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice, Christ's life is poured out for us so that our lives can be refreshed by God's grace and united to Christ for eternity.

It is a blessing from God for us all,
Monsignor Gatto

colleagues relied on religious belief and rhetoric to advance the civil rights movement. Currently, religion is very much a part of the societal debates on abortion and the definition of marriage.

Religion and public discussion of major issues have been intertwined throughout American history by religious leaders illuminating the moral implications of social conditions, political decisions and legislative actions. Churches not only have a right, but an obligation to speak out on issues of war, injustice, violence, freedom, the dignity of the individual, the protection of human life, and other social issues, in order to assure that conditions of justice and peace exist in which individuals and communities can flourish.

Today, with changing European demographics and the large influx of guest workers and immigrants possessing very different cultures, ideologies and religions, it can be argued that those traditions are becoming so diluted that they can no longer satisfactorily define a European, or even an Englishman, Frenchman, or German. Can a united Europe, or its individual nations, continue to exist without the binding force of a common creed? Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI have decried this change as the loss of Europe's Christian "soul." If America is not to suffer a similar fate, we must remain "one



MEMBERSHIP

PGK Vince Bunag, Chairman

PGK Vince Bunag has already started coordinating with our various parishes to have a good Membership Drive at each of them. Some Pastors would let us come almost anytime, while others prefer to be notified well in advance, so that our activities will not interfere with their own.

Soon Vince will start preparing his lists of volunteers. You know that regardless of the size of each parish, many times a few extra volunteers from other parishes will be required.

Please consider volunteering before and after your usual Mass. All it takes is an extra 10 minutes before your Mass, and about 15 minutes afterwards. Of course it is doable.

If you really want to surprise your Grand Knight and Vince, call them before they do. You may also contact your Parish Round Table Coordinator.

The dates for the various drives have not been set yet, but we will have a drive sometime in the Fall.

Let's make it to STAR COUNCIL again this year. Yes, we can!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Council Supports Children in the Holy Land

By PGK 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 descendants 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. Rock Creek Council voted to support a child, and Brother Tom Troy and his wife, Elizabeth, have contributed to support a second child in the name of the Council, thus making Rock Creek the only Council in the State supporting two children. Thank you Tom and Elizabeth!

The children being helped by the Council are students at The Latin Patriarchate School in Palestine, Samira Burbar in Bir Zeit and Jovan Musleh in Jifna. Samira, who has two sisters and a brother, is a seven-year-old, first grader. Her father is a stone worker. Jovan, who has one brother, is eight years old and in the second grade. His father is a welder. Both mothers remain home to care for their families.

Grand Knight Bill Morris received formal recognition of the Council's support at the recent Grand Knights Seminar. It is expected that both children will be writing to the Council to express their gratitude and tell us a bit about their lives in the Holy Land.



Samira Burbar



Joval Musleh

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

By Peter and Mary Ann Ferrigno, Pro-Life Chair Couple

As reported in the July-August Chatter, Right to Life, Montgomery County participated in the Montgomery County Fair this past August.

Both Mary Ann and I signed up for a four-hour slot August 18th. A number of brothers from our council had agreed to sign up, at our suggestion if it might not be too late.

As it was also mentioned earlier, our group (RTLMC) encouraged those passing by to examine a set of models that depict the presence of a child-like fetus at very early stages of pregnancy, showing them at the real-size they would have at various stages of gestation.



Pro-Life Chair Couple

Many young children show great interest and their parents take pride in demonstrating how they too looked like and how small they were when they were "in their mother's stomach."

Many Pro-Life printed balloons were distributed and many pamphlets were also handed out. The cause is a worthy one and hopefully more of our council members may become interested in the future to prove in a tangible way that we are a Pro-Life organization.

This month of September, members of our council will be participating in this year's Time, Talent and Treasure Fair at

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish.

This event will take place, following the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday the 16th and following each of the Masses (8:00 and 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 pm) on Sunday, the 17th. We will have a table designated exclusively to the Rock Creek Council of the Knight of Columbus.

At that time there will also be a Right to Life, of Montgomery County table. Last year we were able to help cover this table for the Pro-Life movement. If some of you are able to help out at either table this time, please let us know (301-469-6099) so that we can arrange for a schedule.

We will not be at this event since we will be out of town that weekend. Edward and Lisa Tennant represent the Pro-Life Group at the parish. You may be able to reach them at 301-897-5412.

God Bless



COME JOIN US FOR A PASTA DINNER

Pack the kids in the family gondola and glide in to Rock Creek Mansion

Sunday, October 29, 2006

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm



MENU

- Pasta
- Meatballs
- Sausage
- Bread and Butter
- Salad
- Dessert and coffee
- Free Soft Drinks

Beer and Wine \$1 per glass

Adults, \$6.00 donation per person
 Children 12 - 4 years \$3.00 donation per person
 Children 3 and under, no charge
 Family maximum \$20.00 donation

Reservations must be received by Monday, October 23, 2006 – No exceptions!

Let Dad and Grandpa know you are proud that he is a Knight of Columbus
 Offer to assist in setting up and serving and earn Community Service Hours
 Call Carole Hanley at 301-881-3423 to volunteer.

Proceeds from all Rock Creek Council functions benefit our Charity Fund

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Number under 4 _____ **Total Donation Enclosed: \$**_____

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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tor road will henceforth be known as the Father McGivney Way Memorial Connector." Commenting on this honor, Brother Andrew Walther, our Supreme's Director of Media Relations, went on to say that "For people who are members of the Knights of Columbus there is a certain degree of excitement that our founder is, more and more, getting the recognition that he deserves. And I think it's also helpful for us to understand just how important our mission continues to be."

As we begin our new Columbian year I think we should also take note of our Supreme Treasurer's words that "Since our founding by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, Charity has been central to who we are as Knights of Columbus." Charity, however, as a concept has broadened significantly since Father McGivney's time when it was directed primarily to family

problems resulting from the fact that in that era it was common for men to die young and leave destitute widows and orphans. They had no insurance or pension plans and no money, and that set the stage for our Order's emphasis on member insurance, which we are all well aware continues today.

Father McGivney would certainly be amazed to see how his Knights have grown both in numbers and charitable aid. Thus for the past year Supreme reports that 1.7 million Knights raised and donated to charity more than \$140 million and provided more than 64 million hours of volunteer service. Last year Rock Creek's Charity Fund spending reached \$27,000 and we also provided about 10,000 hours of volunteer service. This indeed is a remarkable example of Christians in action. To continue and even ex-

pand our Council's charitable work and other activities, we must undertake as a priority goal an all out effort to revitalize our recruiting program. At the same time we must also develop and implement a plan that will energize our Brother Knights to attend meetings and become better informed on Council affairs. This hopefully will generate an expanded membership willing to participate in our various chari-

table endeavors, especially our major fund raising appeals, the Car Raffle and Tootsie Roll campaign.

At the Reception I announced several additional agenda items, some of which are already underway. First of all, as many of you have experienced, we offer marvelous bus trips to Atlantic City. I proposed that as a Catholic organization it is not unreasonable for us to require that for every secular trip we sponsor, there should follow in due time a visit to a near or far Catholic place of worship. PGK Vince Bunag is already moving ahead with that proposal and is offering an end September bus trip to Washington's Franciscan Monastery, The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The John Paul II Cultural Center. I further believe that we must develop a closer relationship with the Council's Ladies Auxiliary and the Council sponsored Seniors Club that would provide an opportunity for us to share spiritual and social events with those groups.

Inspired by my recent reading of Father McGivney's life and because of the wonderful association I have had with so many Knights and their work, I ask that for the coming year our Council's members adopt the theme, "I am Proud to be a Knight of Columbus". In addition I have initiated my earlier proposal that our Council support Father McGivney's ongoing canonization process by dedicating our pre meeting rosaries for that intention.

In closing I ask that you all will bear with me and with each other this coming year. I most certainly look forward to an enjoyable, profitable working relationship with our Council's officers and members, and our District Deputy Tom Schneider and District Warden Dan Potrepka. I pledge that I will work hard to ensure that we will, to keep in the good graces of all of our State Officers.

Join Us

FAMILY ACTIVITIES REPORT - Family of the Month

By PGK Neil Dorian, Chairman

The Family of PGK Jack Cunningham

The Family of the Month selection for July, 2006 is the Cunningham family. Immediate Past Grand Knight Jack Cunningham and late wife Maureen have two children, namely Edward and Mary Ann. Both children attended CCD classes during their public school years. Jack has been a member of St. Bernadette Parish for the past 38 years. Maureen taught CCD classes, and Jack assisted his wife plus ushered at masses for a number of years. Jack, an active member of the Rock Creek Council for the past five years, has faithfully volunteered at the Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit the mentally handicapped citizens and at the Maryland State Council Car Raffle drive to benefit the State Scholarship Program. Jack is a member of the Seniors Club and is Treasurer of the Council property

Home Corporation. He is a skilled dancer and attends each Council dinner-dance.

Rock Creek Brother Knights appreciate all you have accomplished during your tenure as our Council Grand Knight. Your guidance and leadership provided cooperative spirit among our members throughout the Columbian year. Thanks, Jack, for showing us the best way to move forward and overcome any obstacles in our path.



Then GK Cunningham (r) joins the Morris's at midnight last New Year's Eve Party to help bring a cascade of colorful balloons over the joyful attendance.

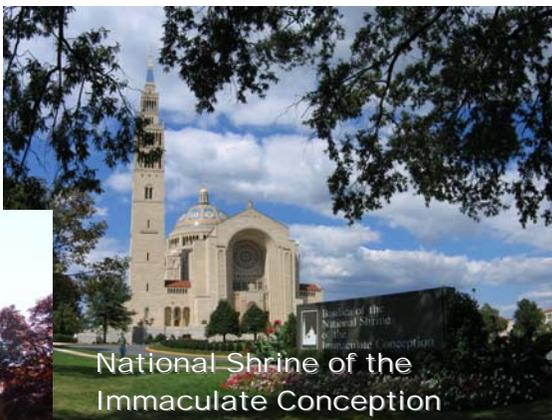


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The all-day pilgrimage will start from Rock Creek Parking lot across NIH at 8:30 am, to return at 5:00 pm

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SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President

Your Seniors' Club has been very busy this summer with our July Indoor Picnic and our Luncheon/Meeting at Alfio's. We had over 80 members and guests at our Picnic, although we did have 15 who called after the deadline; that required one extra trip to Giant. Many thanks to Darlene Coleman for her help there. I am



PGK Bob Waters

lost since they closed the Safeway. We were honored to have Msgr. Donald Essex, Pastor of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, and Fr. Mark Hughes, Pastor of Holy Redeemer. Keep inviting your priests! Many thanks to Sally McCarthy and Helen Fincutter for working the door, to Charlie and Marge Swanke for their table decorations, and to Bill Kiley and John Heneghan for tending bar. We have three Yeoman Awards for this function: Tom Locraft for the flyer and the listing, Louis "The Sergeant" Gargano for the kitchen, and

our VP Jim Young for cooking. I thought I had this problem solved, but one cook had to leave early and the other did not show up. Well done, Jim! Also, many thanks to Tim Melo, all who helped clean up and to all the Ladies who brought the great deserts!

Our luncheon/meeting at Alfio's was chaired by our V.P. Jim Young, and we had over 50 mem-

bers and guests attending. This time we had as our guests Fr. Mark Smith, Associate Pastor at Holy Redeemer, and Kevin Regan, a student Seminarian stationed at Holy Redeemer. Many thanks to Jim, his wife Marie, and Helen Fincutter for working this function.

We are working on a function for October and another for November in conjunction with the Council. We will try and do the trip to David Taylor Model Base this fall. The baseball bus trip was cancelled as we had no-one to volunteer to chair the function.

Congratulations to PGK Joe Murphy and his wife Anne, who are celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary. Also, a welcome aboard to our newest members Larry and Pilar Stark!

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: Mannie Aragón, Eureka & Elizabeth Arcand, Bill Bartels, William "Will" Bello, Larry and Eileen Bisnett, Darnelle Bush, PGK Larry Cain, Dr. Lou Chacos, Jinny Chwirut, Joe Dolan, Kathleen Dwyer, Dick Fay, Ed Flaim, Marge Gallery, Katharine Giodati, Jean Guay, Carole Hanley, Stacey Harim, Marie Horan, Fr. Matt Kiemann, Gertrude King, Julia Marcus (Art Hanley's granddaughter), James Marketos, Tony Mastro, Leona Newton, Ralph Oviedo, Sr. Maureen Patrice, Anna Pitcher, Fr. David Pollak, George and Joan Reed, Estelle Stoltz, Stephanie Suff, Mildred Swank, Ray Timm, Joselyn Walter Graham and Regina Walter, Barbara Waters, Charlotte Waters, R. Joyce Waters, Miriam Webster, my cousin Bernice Wilt, Karen Zack and Fran & Frank Zello.

Pray also for the repose of Lee Ann Smith, Clara Best (mother of Jean Gordon) and Elizabeth (Betty) Cain, wife of PGK Larry Cain. Our sincere condolences to Jean and her family, and to Larry, Larry Jr., Joe & John, all members of the K of C.

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ROCK CREEK COUNCIL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September — 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Car Raffle Holy Redeemer	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Car Raffle Lady of Lourdes	11 K of C World Peace Day	12 AUXILIARY 1:30 pm EXECUTIVE 7:30 pm	13 SENIORS 12:30 pm K-C Club 7:30 p.m	14 Holy Cross Rosary 7:30 MEETING 8:00 Guido Hall	15 CHATTER DEADLINE	16
17 Car Raffle St. Bart's	18	19	20	21 4th Degree At Rosensteel's	22	23
24 Car Raffle St. Jane's	25	26	27	28 Rosary 7:30 MEETING 8:00 Guido Hall	29	30 Day of Recollection And Pilgrimage

October — 2006

1 Respect Life Sunday	2 Guardian Angels	3	4	5	6	7 (State) Columbus Day Ball
8 Columbus Day Parade in Baltimore	9 Columbus Day Celebration in WASHINGTON, DC	10 AUXILIARY 1:30 pm EXECUTIVE 7:30 pm	11 SENIORS 12:30 pm K-C Club 7:30 p.m	12 Columbus Day Rosary 7:30 Meeting 8:00 FIRST DEGREE	13	14
15	16	15	16	17 4th Degree At Rosensteel's	18	19

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