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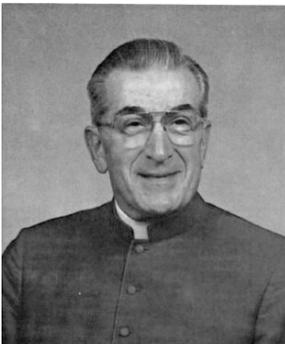
DKG GETS MARRIED... WHO'S NEXT?



In a ceremony preceding a Tridentine Latin Rite Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond Virginia, our Deputy Grand Knight Antonio Ibáñez married Leslie Ann Rizzo. Mr. & Mrs. Ibáñez honeymooned on a cruise in the Mediterranean. Congratulations to the newlyweds, and may God bless them richly!

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

REV. MSGR. VINCENT S. GATTO, KSHH



Chaplain Gatto

Dear Knights,

November is the month of All Souls when we acknowledge the realism of death, we can live with hope because of what Jesus assures us by saying "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me. . . this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should lose nothing of what he gave me."

Jesus tells his listeners that 'everyone who believes' in him 'shall have eternal life and will be raised up

on the last day.'

We can aspire to hope because nothing in life can exclude us from our destiny with God.

If we act in terribly wrong ways, still, we live with hope, for we can be forgiven. Because we love God and are loved by God, we remain part of 'that which Jesus cannot lose.'

If we tire of the hurt and injustice heaped on us by the world, still, we live with hope. We keep seeking God's kingdom of fairness, respect, and empowerment for all, and we are confident that our efforts cannot be lost.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

WILLIAM J. MORRIS, JR., GK



Grand Knight Morris

When we finish our Tootsie Roll Campaign in November I will be clearly seeing the light at the end of the tunnel! As you may recall at Supreme's request we distributed Prayer Cards, nearly 4000, to our parish churches and schools for use on September 11, the KOC World Day of Prayer for Peace. On September 30 and October 1, at State Deputy Hayne's request we conducted Voter Registration Programs at our parish churches. These successes would not

have been possible without the dedicated work of John Bruce, John Cunningham, Arthur Hanley and Norbert Wittrock and so we owe special thanks to these Brothers for tasks well done.

Meanwhile, although lagging early on, our Car Raffle ticket sales soared after our follow up reminder letter and the personal sales campaign initiated by Brother Peter England. As a result I believe that we will be among the top Councils when sales results are announced at The Grand Knight Mid-Term Meeting in January. I thank Peter and all who purchased tickets for your support as the Raffle is an important source of income for our

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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Tom Schneider, PGK, PFN - District Deputy # 18

November is a month of sadness and of joy. November 2 is All Soul's Day, when we pray for the faithful departed, and November 11, Veteran's Day, is a day to remember those who died in the service of our country and thank those who served in the Armed Forces. But this month also brings us the opportunity to thank God for the blessings we have received in our lives. The Entrance Antiphon for Thanksgiving Day sets the tone for our religious observance, "Sing and play music in your hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 5:19-20). Let's try to celebrate Thanksgiving by sharing what we have with the less fortunate. Also, please remember St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr and his martyred companions whose feast day is November 24. St. Andrew was one of 117 people who were martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Another example of those who came before us and shed their blood to spread the word of God.

To my fellow veterans and those who supported us, I express my thanks.

Mary Queen of the Knights pray for us.

God bless America.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES REPORT - Family of the Month

By PGK Neil Dorian, Chairman

The Family of PGK Peter Ferrigno

The Family of the Month selection for September is the Ferrigno family.

Peter is Past Grand Knight of Rock Creek Council serving 2001-02. His wife is Mary Ann, and they are the proud parents of four children, Rosemary, Yvonne, Jeanette, and Peter. All their children were provided Catholic school education and are now married with families. Peter and Mary Ann are parishioners of St. Jane Frances de Chantal where they have volunteered on the offertory money counting team and Peter has served as an usher.

Peter has been a trustee of the Fourth Degree Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle No. 0386 Assembly, he is the Council's Church Activities Chairman and is the Membership Round Table Chairman and the coordinator for St. Jane's. Peter and Mary Ann are the Council's Pro-Life Chair-Couple. Each November, they plan, schedule and set up the Memorial Mass, rosary, and breakfast reception held at the Council Hall. For many years Peter has volunteered

much time soliciting contributions to the Tootsie Roll Campaign and to the State Council Car Raffle Scholarship Program. Each January, he assists with purchasing and setting up the continental breakfast for the Pro-Life Youth Pilgrims who sleep over at our Hall for four nights. He has served as past K-C Club president, and is the current Rentals Manager and Building Manager. He and Mary Ann coordinate and participate in the three dinner dances held each year.

Peter also serves as an usher at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

When any emergency crisis arises, such as the flooding of our Council Hall basement storage room this past July,

Peter spends countless hours resolving the situation and scheduling a permanent fix.

Thanks Peter and Mary Ann for the guidance, leadership, and work that you have provided our Council and its members.



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Jennie P. Morris, President

Dear Ladies,

We opened our meeting on the 10th with the recitation of a decade of the Rosary for the intention of world peace, which we will continue to do at the beginning of each meeting.

We were very pleased to welcome a new member – Lee Vargas. We hope more ladies will decide to join us.

The Auxiliary will be supporting the Knights' Pasta Dinner on October 29th. It is a real bargain, especially for families! Carole Hanley and her daughter are doing the cooking but I'd like to have some ladies come about 1:30 PM to help set up and serve the dinner. If you can offer your assistance, please give me or Carole a call. Many thanks.

Since some ladies were disappointed when the Council had to cancel their bus trip to the Shrine, Franciscan Monastery and Pope John Paul Cultural Center, scheduled for September, the ladies decided they would like to schedule a trip for the Auxiliary. We're planning to go on Saturday, November 18th, so that working members can participate. Spouses of members are very welcome, too, as well as any Knights or ladies who would care to join us. If interested, please give me a call at 301/530-0210.

In the meantime, see you at the Pasta Dinner!

Bon appetit!

Jeannie





CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

By Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

My thanks go out to Wes Chin and Grand Knight Bill Morris for covering for me, in my absence for the Time, Talent and Treasure Fair held at St. Jane Frances de Chantal on September 16 and 17. As I mentioned in the October Chatter, it was very eventful. My thanks are also extended to those members who covered the table for the Knights of Columbus, since I have not yet had the opportunity to do so. My only regret is that we were not able to take the number of pictures, we would have liked.

On Saturday, November 11, the Council will once again hold the Veterans Day Memorial Mass for our Departed Brother Knights at 10:00 am in Cantrel Hall. Msgr. William O'Donnell, Chaplain Emeritus and Msgr. Vincent Gatto, Chaplain will concelebrate, assisted by Deacon John Shewmaker, our Associate Chaplain.

Invitations were sent to the above and also to ninety-some widows living in our area.

Weather permitting, at 9:15 am, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of Our Blessed Mother will be prayed at our Memorial to the Unborn, in front of the council.

Please place a circle around the 11th of November to remind yourself. Wives, guests and friends are also invited.

It is our tradition to offer Special recognition to those Brother Knights who have died in the past two years and again to those Knights

who died in New York and Virginia on September 11, 2001.

Hopefully we will have George and Rebecca Cruz to provide us with their beautiful voices during the Mass.

Some light refreshments will be provided following the Mass. Mary Ann and will be looking forward in seeing you.

God Bless.



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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charity spending. As always, a very special thanks go to Vince Bunag, our Car Raffle Chairman who spend hours and hours administering the program.

The Raffle car or truck prize was won by Ann Pierce of Columbia, MD who bought her ticket at the Howard County Fair. We don't know who sold the ticket. Kim Gueterman of Laytonsville won the TV. St. Paul Council #11105 sold the ticket after Mass at St. Paul's in Damascus.

I would now like to bring you up to date on the status of our building program. As you may know a year ago, the K-C Club under the leadership of PGK Peter Ferrigno obtained Montgomery County Planning Board approval of a major renovation program of the Council building. That program involved the building of a store room, moving the kitchen to the South West corner of the building thereby

providing space for an expansion of the bathrooms, building a patio deck and moving the West wall out and including a large picture window in that wall. Under the terms of the approval the K-C Club has two years from last October to begin work.

The approval process has cost the K-C Club approximately \$100,000 of which some \$20,000 has been borrowed from the O'Hara Scholarship Fund. One onerous condition of the approval was the need to terminate a monthly rental of about \$5,000 per calendar year. The K-C Club is also limited to 32 public rentals a year.

The K-C Club has received a preliminary estimate of \$310,000 to build the storeroom. This is much higher figure than anticipated and as a result the K-C Club is now in the process of obtaining other estimates and is reviewing its financial status to determine its ability to finance such a project at this time. In this regard it is somewhat unsettling to learn that our parking rental agreement with Suburban Hospital has a thirty-day termination provision.

Staffing has become a problem, the Presidency of the K-C Club is still vacant and there are no candidates in view. Also public rentals require the presence of K-C Club members on the premises and getting so-called "baby sitters" is becoming troublesome.

Of overall concern is the Council's need to protect its fiduciary role as administrator of the O'Hara Scholarship Fund. At the same time, the Council is both borrowing money from the Fund and lending it to the K-C Club. Especially relevant and sobering in this regard are Shakespeare's words, "Neither a borrower nor lender be."

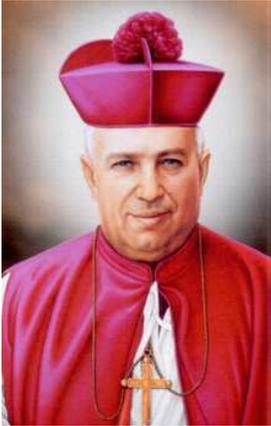
In view of the various uncertainties involved, it is not unreasonable to ask whether or not the K-C Club should sell the property. The Council would hold all of the proceeds of any such sale net of taxes. Of the five Councils in our District we are the only property owners.

If you have any thoughts in these regards, I would like to hear from you at williammorris@verizon.net



NEWS FROM SUPREME BISHOP RAFAEL GUIZAR VALENCIA CANONIZED

Bishop Rafael Guizar Valencia (1878–1938) was canonized in Rome on Oct. 15 by Pope Benedict XVI. **He becomes the seventh Knight of Columbus and the first bishop/ Knight to be declared a saint.**



Six other Knights, all of whom were martyred in Mexico during the persecutions of the 1920s and 1930s, were declared saints of the Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

“We welcome the canonization of our brother Knight, Bishop Guizar Valencia, and know that his life of courage and legacy of evangelization will be an inspiration to each of our 1.7 million members around the world,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who attended the canonization in Rome.

Rafael Guizar Valencia was born in Cotija de la Paz, Michoacan, Mexico, on April 16, 1878. He was ordained a priest in 1901. With the start of the Mexican revolution in 1910, persecution of the Catholic Church became severe, and Guizar became a special target because of his outspoken defense of the Church. In 1915, when the Mexican government ordered that he be shot on sight, he escaped to the United States, and then went on to serve the Church in Guatemala and Cuba. While in Cuba, he was consecrated as bishop of Veracruz, Mexico. The end of the revolution enabled him to return to Mexico in January 1920, and he joined Knights of Columbus Council 2311 in Jalapa, Veracruz, on August 16, 1923.

Bishop Guizar was forced to flee Mexico again in 1927. He returned in 1929, when the Church reached an accord with the Mexican government, in part because of successful lobbying by the Knights of Columbus to get the U.S. government to take an active role in solving the crisis. After his return to Mexico, Bishop Guizar continued his ministry, and became known as “the bishop of the poor.” He died of natural causes on June 6, 1938, and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on Jan. 29, 1995.

McNamara Chapter Of Grand Knights

The November 15 Chapter meeting will be held at Mother Seton Council #5381. This is the Chapter’s annual Memorial Mass. Mass will start at 7:30 pm in St Mathias Church in Lanham and will be followed by a Chapter meeting and a silent auction. Ladies are invited. There will be a ladies activity during the short Chapter meeting.

Please submit your necrology to DD Tom Schneider at (301-279-0291) or tomandjulie@fastmail.fm by November 12.

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 November will be on Thursday the 16th. All 4th Degree members from our Council are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Maryland State Council News

The Maryland State Council prepares a series of activities to enhance and help the success of every Council in the State; thus, a series of meetings are held statewide geared to Officers, to Activities Directors and chairmen, and to Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights.

Other activities include:

- Nov. 26—State Memorial Mass & Reception at Rosensteel Council.
- Dec 9—State Christmas Party at Cardinal Gibbons Council # 2521
- Jan. 6—State Mid-Term meeting

Ask details from our Grand Knight. The DGK should attend the State Mid-Term meeting.

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!



COUNCIL

ACTIVITIES REPORT

SECOND ANNUAL BROOKSIDE GARDENS WALK

By PGK Jack Cunningham

On Thursday, October 19, thirteen members of the Rock Creek Seniors and Post Cana -some members belong to both groups- walked again at Brookside Gardens, a year after our first excursion there.

While the weather was overcast, dispositions were sunny. The fall foliage was nearing its peak, and the weather maybe even helped out the walk, which can be tiresome when it’s too hot or humid.

One of the members of Post Cana was a former docent at Brookside Gardens and could identify many of the plants we were passing by.

After a visit to the conservatory, many of the group had lunch at Super Buffet in a nearby shopping center.

We look forward to doing it again next year. Perhaps you could join us then?



Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

The Origins of American Democracy

Part 1: Greek and Roman Contributions

Some 2,500 years of history and experience have informed America's fundamental concepts about rights, liberty and governance. The roots extend from the philosophical underpinnings of ancient Athens' great democratic experiment; extend through the political and legal developments of the Roman Empire; incorporate Christianity's theological beliefs, and were shaped by the Enlightenment's emphasis on rationalism. The Founding Fathers' genius was in merging ideals from disparate epochs to form a nation dedicated to the worth, dignity and freedom of the individual.

Democracy in the ancient world developed in Athens about 500 B.C. All male citizens over the age of 18 were eligible to vote and expected to partake in the governance of that city-state. Such governance was accomplished through the Assembly, a sovereign body in which every citizen was eligible to participate, offer proposals, present amendments, debate issues, and vote on any matter that required a governmental decision. The Assembly, exercising final and absolute authority, reached decisions via vote of a majority of those present.

Most of the Assembly's preparatory work was accomplished by a Council of 500, whose citizen members were selected by lot to serve one-year terms. Persons, regardless of station, who committed offenses against the state were tried by jury-courts whose members were chosen randomly from a panel of 6,000 citizens who volunteered for this service. Although Athens had a direct rather than representational democracy, which lasted some two hundred years, the principles it developed were basic to the formation of this nation's democratic republican form of government.

In early societies, law was often arbitrary, interpreted and administered according to the memories and prejudices of rulers or their appointed ministers. When

Rome was formed as a republic, with citizens participating in government, it was necessary to have a set of laws accessible to all. By 450 B.C., the existing laws were codified, written on twelve tablets and posted in the public Forum. This was the beginning of Rome's legal system, its most significant contribution to Western Civilization. As the city grew into an empire and encompassed ever-increasing persons and territories, its sphere of influence expanded significantly. Additional laws, and new interpretations of existing rules, were created to regulate a society that was growing larger and more complex. The laws spread through the empire, so that even with the fall of Rome they remained

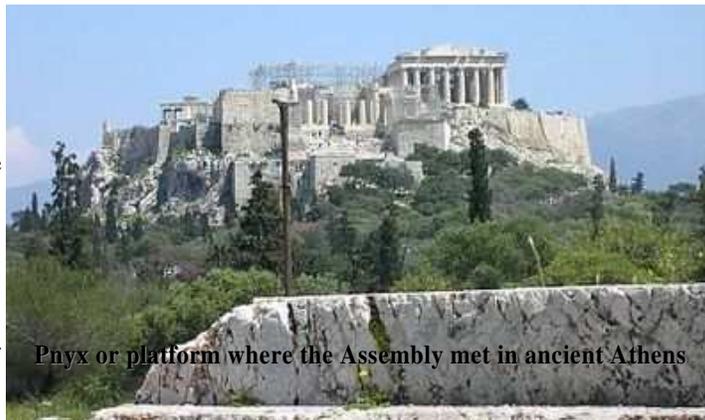
and the civil, imposing sanctions for moral or religious transgressions, as well as social and secular matters. This comprehensive approach was true of ancient Hebraic law, Medieval Christianity, and Chinese Confucianism. It also existed in ancient Rome which, while generally tolerant of various religious practices, required adherence to a state religion to maintain political and social order. (Islam in the Middle East currently does not distinguish between the spiritual and the secular, the church and the state. Most Islamic nations are governed by the law of Shariah, which addresses not only the conduct of the individual but also the running of the state. It specifies sanctions for religious as well as civil abuses,

with human law subordinate to divine law as interpreted by the religious leaders.)

Roman law was based on the concepts of equal justice and the rights of the individual. It contained principles -- such as the presumption of innocence; the ability to think whatever one wishes free from censure; and the right to face one's accuser -- that have been passed on to the present. The Roman concepts and procedural approach to law have proved to be lasting and highly

adaptable. They were developed in a pagan society, evolved to fit a Christian world in the Middle Ages, found useful in the industrial and capitalistic periods after the 17th century, and still serve us today.

The basic principles of American democracy and governance are indeed rooted in concepts that began to emerge half a millennium before our Lord's birth, but which were modified to incorporate Judeo-Christian values at the outset of our relatively fledging nation. When forming our government, it can be said that the Founding Fathers raised their eyes to the heavens, but never blinked when contemplating man's fundamentally brittle nature. After all, they were, among all other encomiums, astute historians.



Pnyx or platform where the Assembly met in ancient Athens

and continued to evolve in lands not under the sway of barbarians.

In 529 A.D., the Byzantine emperor Justinian collected, edited and issued all of the laws and imperial edicts as a unified and comprehensive body of civil law (Corpus Juris Civilis). This became the basis for civil law throughout Western Civilization during the Middle Ages. It also influenced the development of Canon Law, and was central to the reforms instituted by Pope Gregory VII in the 11th century.

In America, which prohibits the state from establishing or interfering with religious practice, spiritual and temporal codes are maintained separately. This is a relatively modern development, as the major legal codes of history included the sacred



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN

By PGK Vince Bunag, Chairman

The telephone is most frequently used in promoting selling products and is also the cheapest way of advertisement. The telephone is the fastest way of communication and to spread news. Calling people can produce a tremendous increase in sales and can also increase profits for a company. Likewise, the telephone can be the fastest way of recruiting new and potential members for our Council and is the best tool and fastest way to convince inactive or suspended members to come back and pay their membership dues.

For unknown reasons, some members lost interest in serving our Council and have become inactive for many years. It might be due to lack of motivation or lack of proper communication. My own case is a good example: I joined the Council in November 1984. From 1985 to 1989 I was one of the most active members of Rock Creek Council. I was involved in almost all activities and was given the "Knight of the Month Award" and "Knight of the Year Award." However, in August of 1989, I lost interest and suddenly decided to resign as Secretary and Treasurer of the Kay-Cee Club. I stopped attending meetings and no longer paid membership dues. Later on I realized that it was wrong. Membership in the Knights of Columbus

should be a lifetime commitment. We should not look at faults of, or dislike a fellow Knight because we cannot relate well with him or we do not agree with the way he works at the Council. We need each other's help and work together as a team to accomplish our goal.

The telephone is the best tool in bringing back a Brother Knight. The single person who convinced me to come back was PGK Joe Fincutter. As I look back, I am grateful to Joe for that important call. The tool he used was the telephone.

This was what he said: "*Vince, we have not seen you at our Council in a long time. Our Brother Knights miss you and have been asking about you. Our Financial Secretary informed me that you have not paid your membership dues from 1989 to 1991. We need you, please come back.*"

That is a good example of a timely and effective call. I decided to come back, became an active member again and was elected Grand Knight in 1996-97. A good telephone call can bring back our defaulted brothers, by convincing them to pay their membership dues, attend meetings and be active again. All you need to do is to ask. Here are my suggestions on how your telephone call can help:

- Find out why a Brother Knight is an inactive member and a defaulted member to come back.
- Establish a definite date when he can pay his membership dues.
- Find out why payment cannot be made on time and ask when he can pay.
- Suggest that our Council can defer payment and suspension, and tell the Brother Knight that even an inactive member will still receive a copy of the Knight Chatter every month, and he is welcome to attend Council meetings and social functions. He can also come and join other Brother Knights at the lounge and socialize.
- Provide guidance and help with suggestions about paying the membership dues through an installment payment plan.
- Monitor closely after one month and see to it that promises to pay are kept.

As Membership Chairman, I am asking the help and cooperation of all Brother Knights to keep our Council alive by increasing our membership and by bringing back delinquent members. This is one way of increasing our revenues to fund our charity programs. God bless and reward you for your time and untiring efforts in helping our Council achieve its goals. You are building up your treasurers in heaven.

Thank you.

Rock Creek Council Activities

**Start your Christmas Season in a Fraternal way!
Come and join your Brother Knights at the Annual**

THANKSGIVING

PARTY/MEETING

Tuesday, November 21, 2006 - 7 to 10 pm

Cantrel Hall

An ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-AND DRINK Thanksgiving feast!
DOOR PRIZES!

MEMBERS ONLY - FREE OF CHARGE

Remember that our main principle is CHARITY

CAN FOOD DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT BOTH OUR MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER
Christ-centered Christmas cards will be available for sale



Community Activities

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS Washington, DC and Northern Virginia

What is the Ignatian Volunteer Corps? The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) provides men and women, age 50 and over, the opportunity to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is a national Catholic service organization under the auspices of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in which members work two days a week for organizations that serve the materially poor. Members also commit to strengthening their faith through participation in monthly gatherings, individual spiritual reflection, and a series of annual retreats.

Who are the Members? The members are men and women who have retired from their primary careers in various fields including business, education, law, building maintenance and repair, social service, health care, and homemaking. They are eager to use their wisdom and experience in service to others.

What type of service do Members provide an organization? Members are matched on an individual basis according to skills and interests of a volunteer member and the needs of partnered service organizations. All of the agencies that receive IVC volunteers serve the materially poor in a variety of capacities.

Where is the Ignatian Volunteer Corps located? The IVC's Washington-Northern Virginia office is located in Falls Church, VA. Other IVC regions include Baltimore; Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey; Metropolitan and Upstate New York; Cleveland; Detroit; Chicago; Minneapolis & St. Paul; San Diego; and Los Angeles. Approximately three hundred retired men and women serve the poor in these urban regions.

How is the Ignatian Volunteer Corps financed? The IVC is financed in part through those organizations where members serve. Contributions are also received from individual donors, Jesuit provinces and communities, charitable foundations, and other organizations.

Where can I get more information about IVC? Contact:

James Kelley, Regional Director
502 W. Broad Street #318
Falls Church, VA 22046

Tel: 703- 533-1897
E-mail: Wash-Nova@ilvc.org
Website: www.ilvc.org

Or contact our national office at 888-831-4686

Community Activities Tootsie Roll Campaign

Once again our Brother Knights came through, and helped our collection for the Tootsie Roll Campaign to help the mentally handicapped in our county. Hundreds of brother knights, many times accompanied by their wives and children, don the now famous yellow aprons, and solicit donations at church doors, grocery stores, and shopping centers.

It is interesting to see how, even though some may pretend they don't see you and so not give you a donation, there are others, many more actually, who will purposefully stop, and look into their pockets or purses, and even a checkbook or two, just to be able to donate for such a worthy cause.

You can always count with this one passer-by who will tell you a story of how the Knights and the Tootsie Roll campaign helped a friend or a relative, and will end the story with a donation.

Dollar by dollar, donations come in, and at the end of the drive, several weeks later, all the proceeds here in Montgomery County are pooled and distributed to institutions, schools and organizations who help, teach, treat and support "God's special people" among us. The simple dinner finishes with a short program where you see where your dollars will go, and who are going to be helped.

The Tootsie Roll Campaign: one or many activities your Council participates and where **you** can make a big difference just by donating some of your time.

When our Grand Knight or the Council's Campaign chairman calls you asking for your help, make sure you are among those who wholeheartedly responds, "Yes, I will!"

Building Manager

Our good friend and Brother Knight Art Hanley has applied for the position of Building Manager/Rentals Chairman, which has been advertised recently in the Knight Chatter.

PGK Peter Ferrigno, who held the position for some time now, indicated for the past several months that he wished to resign from this position so that he may pursue other interests.

Monday evening, October 16, I returned Art's phone voice-mail message in which he informed me of his immediate interest

in this position. I discussed Art's request with GK Morris and he was in total agreement to award this position to him.

Brother Ferrigno has been notified and will vacate his position on October 31, 2006. Art will assume his position on November 1, 2006.

Thanks, Art, for accepting this important position. Let us know if we can assist you in any way.

PGK Neil Dorian, K-C Club Vice-President



Knights of Columbus
Rock Creek Council, No. 2797



Cantrel Hall

5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Saturday, November 11, 2006

(VETERAN'S DAY)

Memorial Mass

CELEBRANTS

Rev. Msgr. William O'Donnell, Chaplain Emeritus
Rev Msgr. Vincent S. Gatto, Chaplain
Deacon John Shewmaker, Associate Chaplain

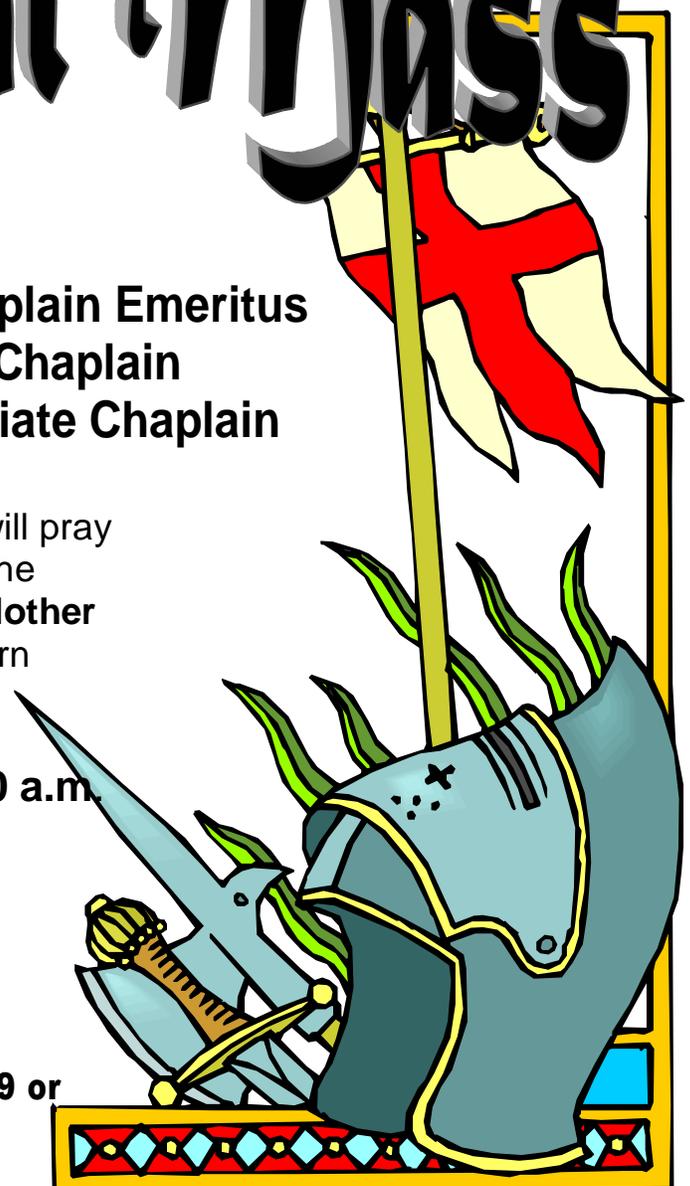
At 9:15, weather permitting, we will pray
The Sorrowful Mysteries of the
Holy Rosary of Our Blessed Mother
at our Memorial to the Unborn

The **Mass** will begin at **10:00 a.m.**

Afterwards we will serve
a Continental Breakfast.

For more information, please call:

**PGK Peter Ferrigno, Chairman, 301-469-6099 or
PGK E. Roberto Ibáñez, 301-445-3238**





MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

PGK Vince Bunag, Chairman



PGK Vince Bunag, freshly from successful bouts with the Car Raffle and the Tootsie Roll Drive has already started coordinating with our various parishes to have a good Membership Drive at each of them.

Vince has started preparing his lists of volunteers, but you know that regardless of the size of each parish, many times a few extra volunteers from other parishes are required. Please consider volunteering before and after your usual Mass, and perhaps at a church not your own, if at all possible. All it takes is an extra 10 minutes before the Mass, and about 15 minutes afterwards. Of course you can do it.

The presence of your wife and/or children enhance our possibilities to attract new members, so please bring them along! See you there!

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

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

This month is "voting month". One should give serious reflection as to those you may select.

As a Knight, you should give thought as to whether the individual you are voting for is Pro or Against Life.

You should not say "but that is only a single issue". It may be the only moral issue of which you may be voting for.

Here are some recent facts that have been released about Planned Parenthood:

For the 2004-2005 fiscal year, Planned Parenthood had a record income of \$882 million and a profit of \$63 million. They have made a total profit of \$649.6 million since 1987. They have received \$45 billion in taxpayer money since that same year.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Support to Boy Scouts

Brother and S/K Frank Rossomondo, Archdiocesan Scouting Coordinator, has just sent Rock Creek a package of material describing the new KC National Council's commitment to support Scouting in the Catholic Church.

Right now most support from the Knights of Columbus for Catholic Scouting in the Archdiocese comes from eleven Fourth Degree Assemblies.

Under this new commitment, the Knights of Columbus' goal is to be broadened to include Third Degree Councils. As a result Rock Creek is presently reviewing this material to determine what if any help we may give to our local scouting groups in both the short and long term.



If you are working with a Boy Scout troop hosted by one of our parishes, you may want to contact our Grand Knight to help us in this worthwhile endeavor.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

(Continued from page 1)

Indeed, there is a day when the body dies, but 'who we really are' cannot die.

Live each day with hope, no matter what occurs. Remember what all those who have gone before us in death know so well. We are chosen! We are joined to God in Jesus. We have been shown the way to eternal life!

God Bless you,
Monsignor Gatto

The Knights of Columbus at Work:

"Don't Allow Marriage to be Discarded on the Junk Heap of History"

The Knights of Columbus has asked the Maryland Court of Special Appeals to overturn a decision by Baltimore Circuit Court Judge M. Brooke Murdock, which held that a law defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman is irrational and thus a violation of the Maryland Constitution.

The decision, issued on Jan. 20, declared that "This court is unable to find that preventing same-sex marriage rationally relates to Maryland's interest in promoting the best interests of children."

The *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief filed by the Knights of Columbus was prepared by a team of attorneys led by Robert Destro and Lincoln Oliphant. Destro is a law professor at The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law and principal investigator for the Marriage Law Project there. Oliphant drafted the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

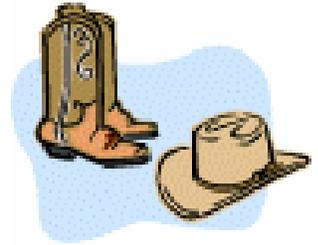
Three of the attorneys on the team are Knights. The brief was submitted to the court by Supreme Advocate Devin.

In 1973, the Maryland legislature adopted the Marriage Act, which reads, "Only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid in this state."

"The institution of marriage has been ratified by thousands of generations in every corner of the globe," the Knights brief concludes. "It ought not to be discarded on the junk heap of history because a handful of plaintiffs have a new theory of family life and human sexuality."



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SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President (with nobody's help!)

We had 80 members and guests at our October Cocktail Party/Meeting. We were honored to have with us Fr. Kyle Ingels and our Grand Knight and First Lady (both members). I received many compliments about the party, and our membership continues to grow.

Many thanks to our treasurer Tom Locraft for the flyer and financial report; Tom is the backbone of our organization! Also thanks go to Lois Gargano and Jennie P. Morris for taking reservations and their help; Darlene Coleman for helping me with ordering the



PGK Bob Waters

food and setting up the tables; Marge and Charlie Swanke for the table decorations, Bill Kiley for the bar, Lois Gargano, Jennie and Helen Fincutter for the front door, our Secretary Helen Brennan for keeping records, Ann Doby and Hilda Stofko for running the 50/50, our VP Jim Young who was running around and helping in several areas, and all who helped in the kitchen and with the clean-

ing-up.

The ladies who brought the desserts did a great job! HOW ABOUT ALL THAT FOOD!

On Sunday, November 12, 2006, the Seniors Club will sponsor a Country-Western Nite. All profits will go to the Council Charity Fund. This will be a sell-out, so make your reservations early! This will be a fun function. In December we will hold our annual Christmas Party, which will be a catered function, and in January 2007, our Elections Meeting.

Remember to support our Council functions and to invite your clergy to ours.

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, John Bruce, Darnelle Bush, PGK Larry Cain, Ray Celada, Dr. Lou Chacos, Jinny Chwirut, Joe Dolan, Kathleen Dwyer, Dick Fay, Ed Flaim, Marge Gallery, Katharine Giodati, Carole Hanley, Stacey Harim, John Heneghan, Marie Horan, Fr. Matt Kieman, 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, Helen Rogers (sister of Hilda Stofko), 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, Morgan Wooten, Karen Zack and Fran & Frank Zello.

Call me for any additions or deletions from this list.

Pray also for the repose of Dick Kelley, our condolences to Doris and the family

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FRATERNAL BENEFITS

Believe it or not, the holiday season is upon us. A popular movie, shown often this time of year, is "It's a Wonderful Life." In it the lead character, in a moment of desperation, proclaims that "it would have been better if I had never been born." His "guardian angel" then gives him the opportunity to see how much different the lives of his friends and family would have been had he, in fact, never been born.

None of us will have that opportunity. But, like George Bailey, we do have a positive impact on the lives of our friends, our families, and those in our communities. We do this through our membership in the Knights of Columbus, by volunteering in our Churches and communities and, not insignificantly, by making sure we have enough life insurance.

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ROCK CREEK COUNCIL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

November — 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Tootsie Roll Campaign Lourdes	30	31	1 ALL SAINTS Day of Obligation	2 All Souls	3	4
5	6	7 AUXILIARY 1:30 pm EXECUTIVE 7:30 pm	8 SENIORS 12:30 pm K-C Club 7:30 p.m	9 Rosary 7:30 Meeting 8:00	10	11 Memorial MASS
12 Country-Western NITE	13	14	15	16 4th Degree At Rosensteel's	17	18
19	20	21 Thanksgiving MEETING 8:00 Guido Hall	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

December — 2006

3 1st Sunday of ADVENT	4	5	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception Day of Obligation	9
10 2nd Sunday of ADVENT	11	12 AUXILIARY 1:30 pm EXECUTIVE 7:30 pm	13 SENIORS 12:30 pm K-C Club 7:30 p.m	14 Rosary 7:30 Meeting 8:00	15	16

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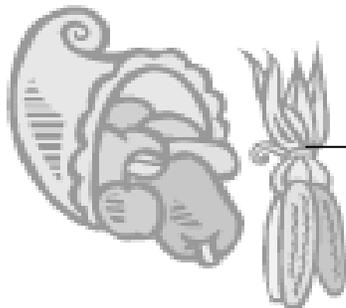
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