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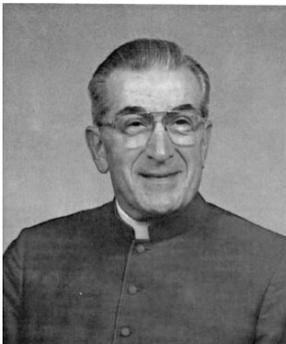
LADIES AUXILIARY SPRING CARD PARTY



On Saturday, April 14, Rock Creek Council Ladies Auxiliary successfully held their Annual Spring Card Party. Auxiliary President Jennie P. Morris (standing, above) mingled with a full Cantrel Hall and an also traditional well-supplied dessert table.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

REV. MSGR. VINCENT S. GATTO, KSHH



Chaplain Gatto

The first words the disciples heard from the Risen Lord were "Peace be with you."

His gift to them was to breathe the Holy Spirit upon them giving them new spiritual life. Commissioned by Jesus, they were sent into the world to tell others about His saving power, to baptize, and to heal others by forgiving their sins.

Through their encounter with the Risen Lord the disciples no longer doubted, but came to believe and live the mission of Christ on earth.

We know that our faults and weaknesses are not unlike those of the disciples. This is cause for great hope. The disciples came to believe, were given the Holy Spirit, and were sent out to spread the Good News because they had met the Risen Christ.

Now, we have heard the Good News, we have come to believe in the Risen Lord, we have received the Holy Spirit,
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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

WILLIAM J. MORRIS, JR., GK



Grand Knight Morris

Now that the March winds and wintry mixes, April showers and remnants of a Noreaster have, hopefully, passed it is time for Maryland's Brother Knights to focus on Ocean City, Maryland, not for swimming but for our States Annual Convention May 18, 19 and 20. It is always a weekend of serious business plus fun not only for Brother Knights but also for youths and Ladies for whom there are special programs. I always look forward to the march, the Knights in their tuxedos led by a host of Color Corps members, from the Princess Royale Hotel to St. Luke's Church several blocks away. It is a marvelous sight but creates quite a traffic jam. As usual, thanks to the planning and work of the Brother George Ford family, Rock Creek Council will be anchored in an most hospitable Hospitality Room at the Princess Royale. If any one needs a registration form please give me a call at 301- 365-0275.

Speaking of State things, I would like to remind our Chatter readers that as I have said before the State Council runs great trips. On the docket are: A five day bus trip to Niagara
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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Tom Schneider, PGK, PFN - District Deputy # 18

SPRING WILL COME AGAIN

I realize that some have doubted if they ever will see an end to this strange April weather, but I am confident that the sun will soon begin to show itself more and more.

That is an explanation that follows the same trail as our expectation that soon we will participate in the birthday of the Church, Pentecost. Do not forget that we all can spread the word of Christ, not only by espousing the Word but also by example.

Is Council business almost over for the year? Yes and No. Just a few more reports and the State convention remain on the schedule for the rest of the Columbian Year. It is time to continue recruiting and working with your insurance agent to add more members and strengthen your Council. This year, all of our Councils are in position to earn a Star Council Award. Work and recruit hard for the remainder of the year and good things will happen!

My Jesuit Martyr of the month is Fr Abraham de Georgiis, the first of the eight Jesuit martyrs of Ethiopia to die for Christ. Born in Aleppo, Syria he became a priest in 1591. He returned to Ethiopia and served the Portuguese settlements in that country even though the Ethiopian ruler forbade the work of Christianity. He was arrested and sentenced to death. The Muslim governor gave him a choice of becoming a Muslim or death. Father de Georgiis chose death and stated that he would never become a Muslim. After two attempts at beheading resulted in broken swords, he was beheaded on the third effort. He joined seven other martyred Jesuit priests killed in Ethiopia.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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Falls/Canada-September 10-14, 2007, \$817 per person; an 11 night Caribbean Cruise-January 7-14,2008, \$1690-2340 double occupancy; and a four night St. Patrick's Day Bus trip to Savannah, GA, price not available at this time. They seem a long way off but remember tempus fugits. Don't be left behind!

Also as a reminder I would like to bring to your attention the Church's position on membership in Masonic associations which Msgr. Kenny, our State Chaplain, believed it necessary to expound earlier this Columbian year.

The bottom line is that according to the "Declaration on Masonic Associations", issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, a Catholic is forbidden to become a member of the Masons. This is true even though in North America, Masons are involved in many works of charity and social assistance. Msgr. Kenny points out that faithful who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion. Conversely Masons may not

join our Order, for to do so one must be a practicing Catholic.

On the home front we have had to postpone, but hopefully not cancel, our annual Chess Tournament because, as I understand it, we have been advised by our Parish Schools' Chess Master that our rules of play do not meet official standards. Our position, as well defined by Brother Larry Grayson, is that we are not attempting to run an official tourney. Rather we wish to offer grammar school children who play some chess an opportunity to participate in a fun contest in which everyone walks away with some sort of medal or ribbon. We'll keep you posted on developments. Also postponed was the lecture by State Senator B. Frosh and Attorney R. McCarthy on Juvenile Justice because of a conflict in meeting dates.

Planning has begun for elections, installation activities, our annual Workers Party and an end of the Columbian year pot luck party. Meanwhile much time and effort is underway to bring our corporate structure (Rock Creek Council No.2797 of the Knights of Columbus, Kay Cee Club Inc., Rock Creek Council No. 2797 Chari-

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Jennie P. Morris, President

Our Card Party was a big success!! We did not experience any adverse weather, we had a very good attendance, and everyone seemed to have an afternoon of fun, especially those who went home with one of our 27 door prizes!

All of this would not have been possible without the hard work of our Auxiliary members who baked, provided card tables, set up and took down the tables and did other cleanup chores, donated door prize items, and contributed a wine/hors

d'oeuvres item for our Wine Basket Raffle. Chris Fincutter did a great job in assembling the basket, then selling chances for the raffle, which netted a goodly sum. Thank you, Chris!

A special compliment and many thanks to Jean Gordon (who we call our "computer guru") for the lovely tallies she created

on the computer, and especially for her solicitation of many of the door prizes. Terrific job, Jean!

Some friends who are not members also donated door prizes, so we thank them for helping us out.

Also many thanks to Anne Murphy for handling the call-ins for reservations and keeping all the information organized so check-in was easy for everyone.

A special thank you to all the attendees! We couldn't have done it without your participation. We look forward to seeing you next year.

But the Auxiliary's work for this year is not done – yet. On Friday, May 4th the Knights of Rock Creek Council will conduct their annual Teachers Appreciation Night and the Auxiliary works with them on this project by providing a buffet table of food. It is a very enjoyable evening as each school in our district honors one of their own, and the Knights choose one from all of the teachers nominated by their school to be the Teacher of the Year. This is a special event and the Auxiliary is pleased to do our part in honoring our dedicated teachers.

Jennie

VOCATIONS
Are EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS
Pray for them
Talk about them
DO SOMETHING!
Our children and grandchildren
Depend on them!



Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

THE CONTINUING EBB OF CHRISTIANITY

(Third of a series of four articles)

Ever since the social forces unleashed in the 1960s overran the Christian mores of the country, America has continued to move toward becoming a more irreligious nation. In the last 40 years, there has been a progressive assault on the public display and acknowledgement of religion, accompanied by life style practices and social abuses which are antithetical to Christian beliefs. Marriage, the family, and even life itself have been degraded. Today, a great deal of social practice and political action in the nation is incompatible with Christian principles.

In 1970, California passed a law that legalized no-fault divorce. By 1985, every state allowed it. A rationale for this change was that when there were irreconcilable differences, the partners would not have to lie about the other's infidelity to develop grounds for divorce. The result, however, transformed the marriage bond from a life-long covenant into a cancelable contract.



Movement now is to remove the procreative rationale for marriage and make it a contract for material security. With this reasoning, marriage can be viewed as a civil agreement between any two people, regardless of gender. In 2004, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts declared that limiting marriage to a man and a woman was discriminatory against same-sex couples, and legalized homosexual marriages in that State. Although other States have not followed their exact lead, Hawaii, California, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia allow civil unions, an arrangement which confers a status equivalent to marriage.

With the emphasis in marriage on individual satisfaction, there was no reason why pregnancy should hinder personal desires. In 1973, the Supreme Court ruled

in *Roe v. Wade* that women had a constitutional right to privacy under the 14th Amendment, and based on that they could choose to abort any child they were carrying. The period of legality for abortion has been extended from conception to the partial birth of a full-term child. Since the ruling, some 1.3 million babies, which is the equivalent of the population of New Hampshire, have been aborted annually.

These changes have occurred with minimal resistance from the Christian community, even though Christians form the majority of the United States population. Too many Christians, including Catholics, have accepted the notion that religion is a matter that should be restricted to one's private life. They limit religious expression to a Sunday worship service, and pursue their material ends the rest of the week. Their religious beliefs are carefully compartmentalized and therefore do not impinge on their behavior in the secular world. Increasingly, religious beliefs are becoming diluted and the nation is becoming de-Christianized as people accommodate themselves to a society which is militantly secular and highly materialistic. Media which glorify sex, easy access to pornography, rap music that extols killing, the acceptance of all life styles as valid in the name of tolerance, schools that teach children about sexuality and provide them the means to practice it, and a myriad of similar influences which operate steadily, but silently, undermine traditional family values and mitigate against the transmission of Christian beliefs and traditions from generation to generation.

Pope John Paul II drew a distinction between secularity and secularism. The former is advantageous in a pluralistic society as it separates the political realm from the religious. Secularity implies that the state is non-clerical and is concerned

solely with the temporal concerns of its people, leaving the religious sphere to operate as it sees fit. A state founded on secularity ensures the free exercise of worship and of the spiritual, cultural and charitable activities of the communities of believers.

Secularism, in contrast, is an ideology that promotes indifference to religion and disallows any public expression of faith or religious considerations. It relegates faith to the private sphere and leads, over time, to restrictions on religious liberty, promoting contempt or ignorance of religion. A government based on secularism is intolerant of religion and attempts to impose its own values on the consciences of the people and exerts pressures to have religiously-based organizations operate according to totally secular norms, even when those norms violate the tenets of the religion.

Today, America is moving from the principles of secularity, upon which it was founded, to those of secularism. It is not a frontal assault on all religious expression, but is occurring on a consistent basis in innumerable ways. It is seen in the rejection of a display of the Ten Commandments in courthouses, in forbidding the saying of non-sectarian prayers in public schools, in forcing pharmacists to dispense birth control and abortifacient medications even if it goes against their consciences, in attempting to require Catholic hospitals to perform abortions, in trying to force the Boy Scouts to allow homosexual men to serve as scout leaders, in repeated actions to take the words "under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance, in trying to mandate that Catholic social service agencies allow same-sex couples to adopt children, and the list goes on.

The movement toward secularism must be reversed or America as we know it will cease to exist. As then-Cardinal Ratzinger stated: "A culture and a nation that cuts itself off from the great ethical and religious forces of its own history commits suicide."



NEWS FROM SUPREME

Attacks on Religious Conscience are 'Serious Threat,' Supreme Knight Anderson Says



"Attacks on the right of religious conscience are the most serious threat to religious freedom in America in 2007," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told an audience of some 4,000 men in his keynote address to the annual Boston Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 17.

Anderson said that those most under pressure today are in the health care field, where there is an "assault on rights of conscience of doctors, nurses and pharmacists." And he added that the battles are being waged in many states around the country, as well as internationally.

He pointed to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1947, and hailed by Pope John Paul II in a speech at the UN in 1995 as "one of the highest expressions of the human conscience of our time." Article 18 of the Declaration states, "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion."

Anderson said that the Knights of Columbus favors a proposed Health Care Rights of Conscience Act developed by Americans United for Life. "Current legal protection for rights of conscience is inadequate," he said. "There is a real need for a universal legal right of conscience."

He noted that "it has never been an easy thing to live one's life as a faithful Catholic," and quoted Pope Benedict XVI, who issued a clear call to every Catholic in *Sacramentum Caritatis*: "Worship pleasing to God can never be a purely private matter, without consequences for others: it demands a public witness to our faith."

McNamara Chapter

Of Grand Knights

The April Chapter meeting will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Council No. 9302 on Wednesday, May 23, at the St. Mary's hall, 14908 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. The elections of officers for the next Columbian Year will take place at this meeting.

State Officers will be present and willing to discuss and explain a variety of activities of our Order.

For further details, please contact Grand Knight 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 May will be on Thursday the 17th. 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, Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights.

Other activities include:

- May 18-20—109th State Convention at Ocean City
- June 30—Installation of State Officers and District Deputies

All Knights from Rock Creek Council are encouraged to attend the State Convention this month. There will be planned activities for wives and for children. Bring the entire family and let's have a great time!

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!



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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ties Inc., and Rock Creek Council Charitable Holding Corporation) into line with I.R.S. requirements. The Kay Cee Club is seeking additional estimates for the building of a badly needed storeroom. Estimates are also being obtained for high priority outside and inside maintenance work.

Last March 29th marked the beginning of our Order's 125th Anniversary year. Supreme is stressing "once again how vitally important it is that we all make membership recruitment a top priority." In this regard I think we are doing reasonably well under the leadership of our Membership Chair, Brother Vince Bunag. Rock Creek, however, does have a membership problem that we must concentrate on solving--we are not incorporating new members into our ongoing activities. This will be my top priority for the remaining months of my reign. Stay tuned in for results.

Look forward to seeing you at Rock Creek's Convention Hospitality Room.



PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES REPORT

By Peter and Mary Ann Ferrigno, Pro-Life Chaircouple



Pro-Lifers are fighting Planned Parenthood throughout our nation.

With just cause, for this organization is responsible for the abortion of over 240,000 babies on the womb, every year. Some of the pregnant mothers are as young as 13 years old.

According to the American Life League, ALL, March 2007, most states view pregnancy in minor girls as sufficient cause to presume that a criminal act of statutory rape has been committed. However, these are not being reported to the proper authorities.

That should be reason enough to stop Planned Parenthood

CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

By Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

This past Holy Week, the Council's various Parish Round Tables were in busy operation.

At St. Jane de Chantal, members of our Council attended and participated in the liturgies of the commemoration of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. This year, the Worship and Spiritual Growth Committee decided to ask the Knights of Columbus, St. Jane de Chantal Round Table, if they would provide six persons to have their feet washed on this special night. Six members of the parish Sodality Unit who serve the needs of the sick and suffering in our community were also asked to make up the twelve. The six Council members for the washing of the feet were Domenic Cappabianco, Robert Flynn, Noel Howard, Art Rawson, Alexander Vincent and yours truly. Each of us commented how honored we felt to take part in this service.

At Holy Cross, members of that parish Round Table were

from receiving over \$272 million of our tax dollars. But our politicians think differently and prefer to defend this institution than hundreds of young girls.

The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 is a monstrous piece of legislation. It is another form of destroying pre-born babies through an immoral act. This form of Stem Cell Research is not the only means for this particular study. Stem cells may be obtained from amniotic fluid, umbilical cord blood and adult tissues. Not only are these methods morally acceptable, they have shown great promise and results.

Bishop Michael Sheridan of Colorado Springs noted in a 2004 pastoral letter: "any Catholic politician who advocates for abortion, for illicit stem cell research or for any form of euthanasia, ipso facto, places oneself outside full communion with the Church and so jeopardize their salvation."

How can we, as members of the Knights of Columbus, demonstrate that we support Bishop Sheridan? God Bless.

more active than usual throughout Holy Week. Both the Pastor and Associate, are members of our Order, as are their Adult Acolytes and Deacon, as well as the Lectors Coordinator and Altar Servers Instructor. The ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday, required their traditional full attention and dedication.

Coordinators of the other parishes, please submit your Round Table Activities, so they may be included in the Chatter Church Report.

This year, the Knights of Columbus celebrates the 125th anniversary of its founding. One way we can show our solidarity to the Church is to promote and support vocations to the priesthood, as well as to religious life. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, asks us "to look within our own family, our sons, daughters, nephews or nieces for possible priestly or religious vocations."

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - LECTURER'S SERIES

PRISON AS A RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

By William J. Morris, Jr. GK

Brother Knights and guests listened intently during the Council's March social meeting to Brother Larry Stark as he gave an enthralling report of his capture and five-year imprisonment by the North Vietnamese during the Vietnam War.

Perhaps the main point of Larry's talk was his comment that for him his prison ordeal was in fact a religious experience leading him closer to God. He had a rosary made out of scraps of cloth tied together.

He concluded by presenting a most interesting review of his more recent work visiting Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam in search of living prisoners of war (POWs).

This was a lecture that everyone should hear, especially young boys and men.

Kenya Talk

By William J. Morris, Jr. GK

Following Rock Creek's April business meeting, Marjorie Ackerman, who recently traveled to Kenya as Chaplain to a medical team that visited that country, spoke to assembled Brothers of the dire straits of the people being served by the medical team. She also described the efforts of Christian missionaries to alleviate their suffering and highlighted the needs of those missionaries.

Marjorie's objective now is to develop a source of ongoing funding supporting this missionary work. Brothers' interest was obvious from the questions they raised at the meeting. As a result, at the meeting's close Grand Knight Morris expressed the Council's willingness to meet with her to determine what, if anything, the Council might do to help her fund those Catholic missionary's activities.



MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

By PGK Neil Dorian

ROCK CREEK COUNCIL HOLDS A THIRD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The traditional annual 3rd Degree Exemplification at Rock Creek Council was held in Cantrel Hall on Friday, March 23, 2007 by one of Maryland State Council 3rd Degree Teams. The Class consisted of 27 members, four of whom belong to our Council. They are: **William Howland** from St. Jane de Chantal Parish; **Joseph Horan**, from St. Raphael's; **Robert Vince**, from Little Flower; and **John Vivian**, from St. Bartholomew's Parish.

We congratulate the new Third Degree Brothers on their advancement to full knighthood, and encourage them to attend our Council meetings held the second and fourth Thursdays of every month, and become active in one of our many activities.

Vivat Jesus!



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Columbian Year 2007-2008

As of the Chatter deadline on April 14, 2007, the Nominations Committee had the following members listed as candidates for the various positions to lead Rock Creek Council during the 2007-2008 Columbian Year.

Anybody with a Third Degree can run for any of these positions. More than one candidate per position is not only possible, but encouraged. Any Rock Creek member in good standing can nominate another member for a position, PROVIDED said member is a Third-Degree member and agrees to hold the position, if elected.

The final slate will be read during the first May meeting, and elections will take place on the second meeting of the month. At that time, the Chairman of the Committee will entertain motions for further nominations from the floor.

Grand Knight	Antonio M. Ibáñez
Deputy Grand Knight	Not yet verified
Chancellor	Manuel Aragón
Warden	OPEN
Recorder	OPEN
Treasurer	Alex Castelli
Advocate	PGK Kevin Kittka
Outside Guard	Gregory Curtin
Inside Guard	OPEN
3-Year Trustee	William J. Morris, Jr.
1 st Delegate to the Convention	Antonio M. Ibáñez
2 nd Delegate to the Convention	William J. Morris, Jr.
1 st Alternate to the Convention	Not yet verified
2 nd Alternate to the Convention	Manuel Aragón

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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and we are part of the mission of the Church. This is the new life that is God's gift of redemption promised to those who believe.

We say to all who still doubt: come to the table of the Lord, see for yourself, do not persist in your unbelief, but believe. Jesus Christ has risen!

Alleluia!

God Bless you,
Msgr. Gatto

Community Activities LOBBY NIGHT AT ANNAPOLIS

By William J. Morris, Jr., GK

Three Rock Creek Knights, among many others, spoke on February 19 at the Maryland Catholic Conference's Annual Lobby Night at Annapolis. They met with District 16 legislators and discussed three specific topics.

Dr. William Morris, our Grand Knight, explained the merits of a proposal that the State provide a 75% tax credit rather than a charitable deduction for donations of funds for scholarships for non-public school K-12 children and teachers. It also would apply to grants for innovative educational programs for public schools and scholarships for public school teachers. John Bruce, Rock Creek's Community Activities Chairman, spoke on a variety of other education proposals. And Brother James Young, Coordinator at St. Jane de Chantal Parish of the Diocesan Legislative Network and the Justice and Advocacy Council for Montgomery County, explained the Catholic position on human cloning.

Several Knights from other Maryland Councils were present as was our State Deputy Edgar D. Haynes who recently was appointed to the Maryland Catholic Conference's Administrative Board by Cardinal William H. Keeler, Baltimore's Archbishop.

As always budget concerns create problems for new money proposals and this year was no exception. The public school education budget appears to be extremely tight and is overriding all other spending.



SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President

Our April meeting was held on April 11, as shown on the Chatter Calendar. This meeting was to schedule our Spring and Summer meetings. I made the 300-plus mile trip from Ocean City. Our Grand Knight and Bill Kiley were the only ones to show up! This was very discouraging and a major drain on my time and expense!



PGK Bob Waters

In my March report I asked if anyone would like to chair a function for May as I would not have time to organize one. We have 150 members and no-one volunteered. At this writing we only have a few reservations for our Country-Western Party.

Last-minute reservations make it very difficult when we have to order food, set-up the hall, etc.

Our normal schedule of functions for this time of the year includes a June Summer Splash Party, a July Indoor Picnic (requires the most work), an August visit to Alfio's, and a September Cocktail Party. If anyone would like to chair any of these events, please give contact me.

Many thanks to Jean Gordon for making the Country-Western flyer, and to our Editor Roberto Ibañez for including it in the Chatter.

Last call for the 2007 Dues. It is only \$12.00 per member. Don't be dropped from our mailing list.

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, Tom Becker, William "Will" Bello, Larry Bisnett, John Bruce, PGK Larry Cain, Ray Celada, Dr. Lou Chacos, Jinny Chwirut, Dick Fay, PGK Peter Ferrigno, Ed Flaim, Marge Gallery, Katharine Giodati, FS Art and Carole Hanley, Stacey Harim, Marie Horan, Fr. Matt Kieman, Gertrude King, Julia Marcus (Art Hanley's granddaughter), James Marketos, Tony Mastro, Leona Newton, our Chaplain Emeritus Msgr. William O'Donnell, Ralph Oviedo, Sr. Maureen Patrice, Anna Pitcher, Fr. David Pollak, George and Joan Reed, Helen Rogers (sister of Hilda Stofko), Pat Siemien, Gloria Skapik Estelle Stoltz, Stephanie Suff, Mildred Swank, Ray Timm, Joselyn Walter Graham and Regina Walter, Barbara Waters, R. Joyce Waters, Miriam Webster, my cousin Bernice Wilt, our Recorder Emeritus Norb Wittrock, Karen Zack and Fran & Frank Zello.

For additions, deletions or changes to this list, please call me at 301-493-8883

Pray for the souls of our faithful departed: Ernestine Law, mother-in-law of Chancellor Tom McGregor, and Eileen Bisnett, wife of our member Larry Bisnett. Eileen was WW-II veteran.

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FRATERNAL BENEFITS

The Knights of Columbus policy on replacing existing life insurance is as follows: *"The Order does not condone the practice of soliciting replacement insurance or using cash values or dividends of existing policies to finance new business. In most cases, replacement is not to the policyholder's advantage."*

The reasons for this are many. First, premiums usually increase on a new policy because it is issued at an older age. The older you are, the more expensive life insurance is.

Many times, options available under the older policy are lost and sometimes not offered under the new policy. In addition, a new "incontestability" period begins with the new contract. The Order, for example, maintains the right to contest a claim up to two years from the issue date of the policy. A new policy brings with it a new issue date, and a new "incontestability" period.

You purchased the life insurance you have for a reason - probably a very good reason. It is a good idea to hold onto that coverage. That doesn't mean you have all the coverage you need or will ever need.

I'll be happy to meet with you at your convenience and perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis for you and your family. My job is to determine any gaps in your existing coverage, and to help you to fill those gaps. It's not to replace your existing coverage.

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ROCK CREEK COUNCIL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS						
MAY — 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4 TEACHERS APPRECIATION AND AWARDS	5
6	7	8 EXECUTIVE 7:30 pm AUXILIARY 1:30 pm	9 SENIORS 12:30 pm K-C Club 7:30 p.m	10 Rosary 7:30 Meeting 8:00	11	12
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14	15	16	17 The Ascension Of the Lord	18	19
20	21	22	23 Chapter Meeting	24 Rosary 7:30 Meeting 8:00	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 The Visitation	1	2
JUNE — 2007						
3 Most Holy TRINITY	4	5	6	7	8	9

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