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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

2007-2008



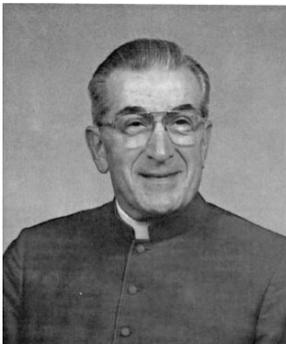
A crisp Living Cross is formed by the new officers during the Ceremony of Installation of Officers held after the 11:30 Mass on July 22, 2007, at Holy Cross Church, Garrett Park.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

REV. MSGR. VINCENT S. GATTO, KHSH

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

ANTONIO M. IBÁÑEZ, GK



Chaplain Gatto

Dear Knights,

With all of the pre-convention posturing that we have been exposed to it might be well for us to consider that in the United States we have a strong tradition of separation of church and state. This tradition means that the government neither can interfere with the free practice of any religion nor support one religion to the exclusion of others.

Many people, however, have taken the idea of separation of church and state to mean the separation of religion and politics. They believe that religion has nothing to do with politics and politics is in no way answerable to religion. Neither of those ideas is implied in the Constitution and neither is consistent with the New Testament. Religious people have both the right and the duty to influence the political order and political leaders have both the right and duty to be responsive to the religious convictions of their constituencies.

The most serious danger in this popular misunderstanding of the separation of church and state is the suggestion that religious

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Brothers,

I have been asked to reprint a portion of my remarks at the recent Installation of Officers for this month's Chatter. In preparing these remarks, I wanted to touch on some of the reasons why I am proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. I also say why I think that we have something to offer every Catholic man in our area. I hope these remarks will help you get motivated to help us in our charitable work, and to share your enthusiasm with your family and friends.



Grand Knight Ibáñez

You know, I think one of the reasons my wife is so patient with the amount of time I dedicate to the Knights of Columbus is that she sees how fired up I am about what we do here. And why shouldn't I be? In this council alone, we raise thousands of dollars each year for charities that benefit our mentally handicapped citizens in the area. This council alone has thousands of dollars of scholarships in force to send deserving children in the community to Catholic high schools. This council alone honors the ef-

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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Tom Schneider, PGK, PFN - District Deputy # 18

Worthy Brothers,

Back in Ohio, we referred to August as the "Dog Days of Summer." You had to fish early in the morning or after sundown to fish for bass since in the middle of the day the bass retreated to the deeper parts of the pond or creek. We are fortunate that, as Knights of Columbus, regardless of the weather and time, there are plenty of opportunities to recruit new members to join our order. Why place an emphasis recruiting? We recruit to strengthen our Councils one Knight at a time. What's the best way to get a recruit? Ask! Many times it is as simple as simply asking a parishioner, friend, or co-worker if they want to join the Knights of Columbus. All Councils are required to have an Admissions Team, Retention Team, and Mentor Program. The Admissions Team takes care of the recruiting end of adding new Knights. They may develop literature to hand out to prospects that focuses on the particular activities of their Council. The Retention

Team makes certain that members behind in their dues are contacted and given assistance to work out how, if they desire, they can regain paid-up status. If someone is way behind in their dues, consider amnesty. We all are guided by the precepts of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and should apply these principles to every retention attempt.

So far, as of the writing of this article, we have completed three of the District's six installations. Some of you may question my arithmetic, because last year the District had five Councils. This year, we welcome a new Council, Saint Rose of Lima 14279, to our District. This splendid start-up Council is based at Saint Rose Church on Clopper Road. We gladly welcome the Council into our District!

Tom Schneider PGK PFN
District Deputy
District 18

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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forts of our local Catholic school teachers year after year. This council alone donates hundreds of hours of volunteer service to support pro-life, family, and youth activities in our community.

Now that's pretty extraordinary! But when you multiply that by hundreds of councils in the state of Maryland, and tens of thousands across the country, you start to see the true power of the Knights of Columbus. Ordinary men coming together in pursuit of common goals produce extraordinary results. Now that's worth getting fired up about!

So, my brothers, that's why I am so honored and excited to be your Grand Knight for this year. I want to be a part of this phenomenon, and I want to help us lead the way forward in service to Church and community.

Look at the things we've already accomplished by working together! Our scholarship programs, our Family Potlucks, our Children's Chess Tournament, and our Teacher's Appreciation Night are the envy of the other councils in the area.

None of it would have been possible without you, so be proud of these accomplishments! And share your pride with other Catholic men that you know. Inspire them by telling them about all the good things we have done, all the people we have helped, and most of all, how much they could contribute by joining us.

Ordinary men coming together in pursuit of common goals produce extraordinary results. That is the dynamic of the Knights of Columbus. We, my brothers, are those ordinary men. Our common goals are the four pillars of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. And you've just heard about the extraordinary results. That spirit, my brothers, has seen our Order grow from a small club in New Haven to an international powerhouse with over one million members. That spirit has guided our Order through 125 years, and it has seen Rock Creek Council through the first 70 years of its life. With your help, my brothers, that spirit will continue on, and Rock Creek Council will still be a powerful force for good 70 years from now. Let's get started!

Vivat Jesus!

Ladies Auxiliary Report

By Jennie P. Morris, President

Once Labor Day rolls around we can expect the "Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer" to be over. I certainly did not enjoy the hazy humid days but know that some days in September can also imitate Summer's heat. However, I did not feel I was lazy. I look forward to the months when organizations shut down their meetings so one can have a break and devote some time to personal projects that have been put off for a long time. While I did not finish several projects that were started, I did make some progress. How about your activities these past several months? Hopefully some time was spent vacationing and you have happy memories, or a feeling of accomplishment if you, too, applied your energies to personal projects.

But now it's time to think ahead to the Fall and Winter seasons and renew our commitment to assist the Knights of Rock Creek Council. We will begin the Auxiliary's meetings on **Tuesday, September 11th at 1:30 PM** at the Council.

It will be good to get together and catch up on each other's activities; also to think about some fresh ideas for our organization. We would like to have more ladies join us; remember, if your husband, father, son or brother is or was a Knight, you are eligible! Please consider joining us. Call me at 301/530-0210 if you have any questions.

Until September 11th, stay well and keep on smiling! God bless!

Jennie

Thank You

After the death of Brother James Daniel Crowley, we received several donations to the Council in his memory. We are most grateful to the following who contributed:

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| James J. Sullivan | Kathy Kruse |
| Denis T. Hannan | Ellen Kollar |
| James, Daniel | Neil Stockmal |
| Mr. & Mrs. James C. Hanson | |

And to Joan Crowley, who suggested donations be made to the council.

Please keep James Crowley, and his widow Joan in your prayers.



PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES REPORT

By Peter and Mary Ann Ferrigno, Pro-Life Chaircouple



Right to Life of Montgomery County Had their booth at the Montgomery County Fair again this year between August 10th-18th. My wife and I were able to donate four hours on the 15th of the month. We were able to get Neil Dorian and Frank and Jean Rossomondo to help out on other days. If you are interested to help out next year, call Tharpa Roberts at (301) 962-5611 and tell

him you are interested. You may also be able to contact him at rtlmc@bigfoot.com.

Some of you may have heard of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the breast cancer awareness organization that has many

CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

By Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

HOLY CROSS

On July 22nd our Council had its Mass and Installation of Officers at Holy Cross Church in Garrett Park, Maryland, at their usually scheduled 11:30 am parish Mass. Parishioners immediately noticed there was something special going on after seeing a number of white dinner jackets, cocktail dresses, corsages and boutonnieres, and the distinct uniforms of the Color Corps, Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly, Fourth Degree, in full regalia. They were our Officers and other members of the Order with their wives and families.



Deacon Hubbard, Msgr. Hill and Msgr. Gatto behind the altar, and serving the Mass: Rocco del Priore and Patrick Berry behind PGK Ibañez, plus Kevin and Dylan Berry

The Mass for the most part had members of our Council, or Knights in general, participate and help. Msgr. R. Cary Hill, pastor of Holy Cross and Msgr. Vincent S. Gatto, Council Chaplain concelebrated Mass. Msgr. Hill is a member of the Order although not a member of our Council.

Our Chaplain Emeritus, Msgr. William O'Donnell, was not able to participate due to illness. At the altar we also had Deacon Robert Hubbard, a member of the Order, and Adult Acolyte PGK E. Roberto Ibañez. Three of the four altar servers were the Berry brothers, who are children and grandchildren of Council members Chuck Berry and Ray Guay respectively. Grand Knight Antonio Ibañez and First Lady Leslie Rizzo Ibañez brought up the gifts escorted by Color Corps Commander George Whorral III, and the four ushers were PGK Neil Dorian, Treasurer Alex Castelli, DGK Albert Kiss and Warden John Vivian, all

members of the Council. Seven members of the Color Corps added to the Mass their usual pageantry. Also attending were authorities of the Knights of Columbus and their wives, including PSD Dick Sherbert representing the Maryland State Council, Steve Randsdell, President of the McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights, FN Celso Barrientos for the 4th Degree Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly, DD Thomas Schneider and DW Daniel Potrepka for the District 18, and GK David Czarnecki from Msgr. Wells Council, GK Richard Earenfight from St. Elizabeth Council, GK William Shaffer from

fund raising activities, one of them being the "Race for the Cure". What you may not know, according to Right to Life of Montgomery County, this organization provides support to abortion providers and endorsement of embryonic stem cell research. "Komen" have donated large sums of money through out the United States, to Planned Parenthood for breast health care. However, since "Komen" cannot control the way Planned Parenthood uses their money, it has been used to support other areas of PP, such as contraception services, immoral sex education and abortion services. "Komen" endorses embryonic stem cell research that requires the destruction of embryonic human life, which in truth is only another form of abortion.

As Catholic brothers of the Knights of Columbus, it is our duty to support such organizations as LTLMC, Birthright, and other pregnancy centers, that are fighting against organizations that promote abortions, at any level of the pre-born. Although you have a number of months before voting, remember to tell your candidates "You can not be pro-life if you vote pro-choice".

God Bless.

Mater Dei Council, and GK Wally Stack from St. Manyanet Council.

All parishioners enjoyed the special High Mass, incense and pageantry, and quite a few stayed afterwards for the Installation Ceremony, which followed 20 minutes after the Mass.

St. JANE F. de CHANTAL

The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Stewardship Council has once again invited our Council to participate in the 2007 Time, Talent and Treasure Fair to be held following each of the Masses (Saturday, 5:00 pm, Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 am, 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm) on September 22nd and 23rd, to be held in the hall beneath the Church.

The reason for this fair is to educate and inform parishioners about the volunteer opportunities available within the parish and to give parishioners the opportunity to participate in any of them.

In the past this has been an opportunity for our Council to stage a mini-membership drive. It also provides exposure of the Knights of Columbus to the parishioners. I brought this up at the Council Meeting, on July 26 for approval, and it was passed and so ordered. Any Council member willing to participate in this event please contact me at 301-469-6099. This is not limited to parishioners of St. Jane de Chantal. We need at least two members to man our table for each Mass.

Thank you and God bless.



NEWS FROM SUPREME

Catholic Information Service Director Appointed



Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson announced July 9 that Father Juan-Diego Brunetta, O.P., has been appointed director of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service. Father Brunetta, 41, was ordained in

2001, and holds a doctorate in canon law from The Catholic University of America. He also holds a bachelor's degree in biology from St. Joseph University in Philadelphia and a master's degree in religious studies from Providence College.

He succeeds Father Gabriel O'Donnell, O.P., who became Vice President and Academic Dean at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. earlier this year. Father O'Donnell will remain the postulator for the cause for sainthood of Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

"I'm very excited about working at CIS," Father Brunetta said. "It's perfectly positioned to respond to the late Holy Father John Paul II's invitation to engage in a new evangelization. It's a special pleasure to build on the work of Father O'Donnell, Father John Farren and the other wonderful priests who have headed this program over the years."

Father Brunetta is a Third Degree Knight, and for the past three years has served as associate state chaplain of the Connecticut State Council. He also served as chaplain to Catholic University of America Council 9542 while he was completing his doctoral studies at CUA. He is the oldest of four brothers, and was born in Vineland, NJ. His father recently retired as chief of police there, after 43 years in law enforcement.

Supreme Knight Anderson said that "the Order is very fortunate indeed to have Father Brunetta join us as head of the Catholic Information Service. He brings a wealth of knowledge, faith and enthusiasm to the program, and I know that Knights and Catholics generally will be much more able to understand and to promote their faith in the years to come because of his efforts."

Maryland State Council

The Maryland State Council offers a series of meetings designed to help Activity Chairmen, Officers and members in general to achieve each Council's goals. State Officers and Chairmen are always available to answer questions and offer their advice. All are encouraged to attend.

Other highlights of their calendar:

- Sep 10-14 — Tour to Niagara Falls and Toronto CA
- Sep 14 — 17th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
- Oct 6 — Columbus Day Ball
- Oct 7 — Columbus Day Parade, in Baltimore

McNamara Chapter Of Grand Knights

The McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights meets every month, with many of the State Chairmen and Chair Officers in attendance to help and advise Grand Knights and Council officers to achieve their individual goals.

The September Chapter meeting will be held at Calvert Council No. 7870 on Wednesday, September 19, at Ewald Parish Center, North Beach, MD 20714. This is their Annual Crab Feast, so come prepared! For more information contact GK Ibáñez or FS Murphy.

Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly FOURTH DEGREE

Cardinal O'Boyle is the Assembly which serves our Council, and which provides us with Honor Guard and Color Corps for our functions and our parishes.

The Assembly meets monthly on the third Thursday 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 be on Thursday the 20th. 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.

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.



Come and join us!

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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people have no civic obligations. Jesus faced this question in terms of whether the religious should pay taxes to a pagan government, Rome. He made it clear that his followers were expected to fulfill their civic obligations, even if they did not agree with everything their political leaders said and did. The need to obey the laws of the land is even greater in a pluralistic society like the United States. We do not share common religious beliefs or moral values. What hold us together as a nation is our commitment to the laws and the courts of the nation. Christians are obliged to respect the authority of our laws even when we are working to change those laws.

Vivat Jesus!

Monsignor Gatto





Saturday, October 20, 2007
8:00 p.m. to midnight

OKTOBERFEST 2007

Enjoy a Catered
German-Style dinner
Beer, wine, sodas, coffee & dessert included

AND
Dance to the music of

THE CONTINENTALS



A Booster Function

Members and Guests are welcome
PAID RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

Deadline for Mailed Reservations: Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Only \$35.00 Per Person!

For details call PGK Vince Bunag (301-949-6693) or PGK Neil Dorian (301-977-3840)

CUT THIS STUB AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR CHECK TO PGK JOSEPH MURPHY, F.S.

Make your check payable to: **Rock Creek Council # 2797**

And mail it to: 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-1517

YES! Reserve space for the **OKTOBERFEST 2007** Party, October 20, 2007

I am reserving At \$35.00 each

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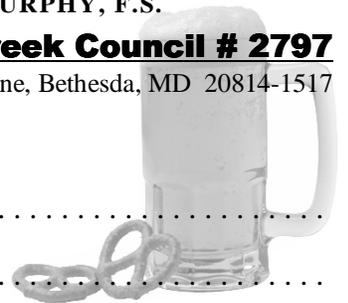
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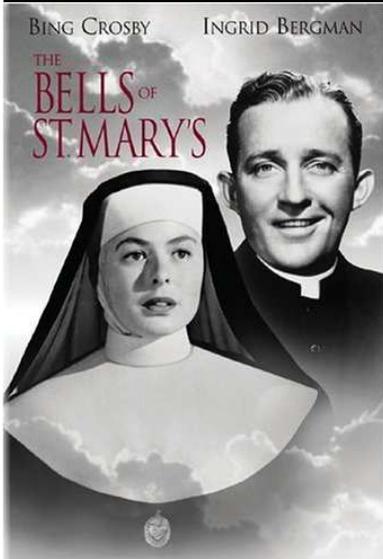
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ROCK CREEK COUNCIL

Family Pot Luck Dinner and Movie

Saturday September 22, 2007

5:30 pm

Come and join us to a family-style Pot Luck dinner.

If your last name starts with the letters:

- A through L, bring an entrée for about 8 to 10 people.
- M through Z, bring a vegetable, salad, side dish or desert

We will provide sodas and the makings for coffee or tea

Beer and wine will be available for a nominal price.

Bring the entire family because after dinner we will show the Classic Movie "THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S" with Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL INCENTIVE CAR RAFFLE DRIVE

By GK Tony Ibáñez

My Brother Knights the time for the **Maryland State Council Incentive Car Raffle Drive** is upon us. This yearly event is a major fundraiser that supports two very worthy causes: the Maryland State Council's scholarship programs, and our own Council.

Here's how it works: The State provides the vehicles being raffled off, promotional posters, and the tickets to sell. We then provide the manpower to sell the tickets. For every dollar that we generate in sales, the State retains \$0.40, and we keep \$0.60. Those monies help the community in very direct ways.

The Maryland State Council operates several scholarship programs which give needed financial assistance to deserving Catholic children attending high school and college. A complete write-up of these programs is available online at <http://www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm>.

As for our own Council, I shouldn't have to remind you, my brothers, of the good works that we do at Rock Creek. For starters, we have scholarship programs of our own, which make a real difference for area children attending Catholic high schools. We also do yeoman's work in supporting charities that benefit the mentally handicapped citizens among us. More generally, our members donate thousands of hours of service to their parishes, and to pro-family and pro-life programs in the area.

So as you can see, the funds that the Car Raffle generates go a long way towards advancing the good works of the Maryland State Council and Rock Creek. Given the importance of the Car Raffle, it's fair to say that how well a council mobilizes to support the Car Raffle is a good indicator of that council's health. Rock Creek has a solid winning tradition with regard to Car Raffle sales; in fact, we have taken the #1 spot in statewide sales multiple times, including last year. It's crucial that we continue to lead the way in this important fundraising drive.

Your Brother Knights will be selling raffle tickets before and after the regular Masses at area parishes on the following dates:

Our Lady of Lourdes	September 1-2
St. Bart's	September 8-9
St. Jane's	September 15-16

By the time you receive this newsletter, Holy Cross and Holy Redeemer events already took place.

If you are a parishioner at any of these parishes, we need your help! Please donate a few hours to help us sell raffle tickets. It will show your fellow parishioners a glimpse of what the Knights of Columbus are all about. Don't wait for us to call you! To volunteer, please call me at 240-432-7838, or the Car Raffle Chairman, PGK Vince Bunag, at 301-949-6693.

Vivat Jesus!

KAY-CEE CLUB NOTICE

Following the Business Meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2007, there will be a special Shareholders Meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing seven directors to serve on the Kay-Cee Club Board.

All Council members are also shareholders of the Kay-Cee Club, and therefore should attend this brief meeting.

Kay-Cee Club Directors serve for a period of three years. The Kay-Cee Club Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

ROCK CREEK LOUNGE

Football Season is upon us.

Come to Rock Creek Council's Lounge on Sundays and root for the Redskins with your fellow Knights.

We will be open for all Redskins' games and for a few other events with special lower bar prices.

If there are any other events you feel the Lounge should be open for, contact Mark Emory, Bar Manager, at 301-493-4336 or memory@gonzaga.org



REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

SPIRITUAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC DECLINE

In spite of this nation's movement toward becoming a secularistic-materialistic culture, the United States appears to be a generation behind Europe in banning God from public life and renouncing the religious principles that form the moral and ethical foundations of the nation. Before further rejection occurs, it is instructive to observe the effects in Europe of denying its Christian roots.

The countries of that continent, including the once fervently Catholic nations of Spain, France, Italy and Ireland, are eschewing the Faith at a rapid pace. Secularism is replacing organized religion, and a creed of personal gratification is overshadowing traditional religious beliefs. The result is a spiritual and moral vacuum. Without a higher, external purpose for life, many Europeans are focusing entirely on themselves and see nothing worth sacrificing for other than one's own well-being.

In Spain, only 14 percent of young people describe themselves as religious, abortion and gay marriage have been legalized, and divorce rates are increasing. To accommodate same-sex marriage, Spain modified its birth certificates, replacing the words father and mother with Progenitor A and Progenitor B. In 2006, arguing that chimpanzees, orangutans, and gorillas have over 96 percent of their genes in common with humans, Spain's ruling Socialist Party proposed that apes be included in "the category of persons, and that they be given the moral and legal protection that currently are only enjoyed by human beings."

In France, once known as the eldest daughter of the Catholic Church, only 12 percent of the people attend Mass on Sunday; 60 percent never or practically never do. While 60 percent of the people identify themselves as Catholic, 44 percent of the people do not believe in God. It is oxymoronic to consider oneself Catholic, or even religious, and not believe in God. In Italy, which has more Catholic churches per capita than any other country and 97 percent of the population considers itself

Catholic, church attendance has fallen to 30 percent nationwide and about half of that rate in some large cities. In Ireland, where 91 percent of the country attended Mass regularly just 30 years ago, now less than half go to Mass even once a month. In Holland and Scandinavia, attendance at weekly church services is down to single digits.

The spiritual death of a society often precedes its demographic demise. Despite its current political and economic power, Europe, as Pope Benedict XVI observed, no longer offers a compelling and optimistic basis for the life of its people. There is a strong reluctance to live for tomorrow. Children, who are the future, are viewed as an obstacle to present gratification and a threat to a self-absorbed existence. They are no longer wanted. It is a demographic truism that for a nation's population to remain stable in number, each woman must bear on average 2.1 children. Ireland

are much younger than the non-Muslims and growing five times faster than the nominal Christian population. For those aged 20 and under, about 30 percent are Muslim, while in major urban areas they constitute about 45 percent. Islam, because of high birth rates and significant immigration, is the fastest growing religion in Europe. As a result, Muslims are exercising a noticeable and increasing effect on the political, social and religious life of Europe.

Population replenishment that is dependent upon immigration by people from other cultures will soon eliminate the collective and accumulated knowledge of a communal past. A nation that cuts itself off from the general ethical and religious forces of its own history commits suicide; it is doomed to disappear. Father Joseph Fessio, who completed his doctorate under then Cardinal Ratzinger, summarized the situation as: "Catholic Europe is dying because it has lost its soul. And it is too lost to even know that St. Benedict gave it a soul and that the new pope, Benedict XVI, is Europe's last, best hope to restore that soul."

The fertility rate in America is at the replacement level of 2.1, with that of Hispanic women at 2.8 and white,



Is this the future of Europe?

has a fertility rate of 1.9, Germany and Austria 1.3, France and Italy 1.2, and Spain 1.1. Spain's replacement fertility rate means that every two adults have on average one child, so that after one generation there will be half as many children as adults; after two generation there will be one-quarter as many children as grandparents. Children at that point will be growing up without sisters or brothers, aunts or uncles.

In contrast, Saudi Arabia has a fertility rate of 6.4, Iraq 6.1, Afghanistan 6.0, Pakistan 4.9, and Iran 4.3. Large numbers of these young people are moving from their homelands into Europe. Islam is now the principal supplier of new Europeans -- and, incidentally, the second largest source of new Canadians. France's population is about 10 percent Muslim, but their ages

non-Hispanic women at only 1.8. America, like Europe is undergoing a demographic change. The difference is that in the United States, the Hispanic population is largely Catholic and could be a reinvigorating force for the Faith. If America is to avoid Europe's fate, it must educate everyone in this nation, the newly arrived as well as the native-born, about the principles of American democracy and revitalize the role of religion both in private life and in the nation's public sphere. The profane elements in American society must be eliminated, or at least countered with a movement to strengthen the shared moral beliefs that form the foundation of our nation. The opportunity to do so exists and the Knights of Columbus, working in collaboration with our bishops and priests, is well-suited to lead such a movement.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - COLUMBIAN YEAR 2007-2008



LEFT:
Dylan Berry carrying the thurible of incense and his brother Kevin carrying the boat head the Procession beginning the Mass of Installation at Holy Cross Church. Behind them, PGK Ibáñez carries the Cross.



RIGHT:
Patrick Berry and Rocco del Priore carrying the candles in front of Color Corps Commander Whorrall leading GK Ibáñez and 1st Lady Leslie who are bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the altar.



After members of the Color Corps presented the Colors, (LEFT) the Officers to be installed proceeded to the altar (RIGHT) where they formed a Living Cross while receiving their Charges from DD Tom Schneider.



After the Ceremony of Installation, everybody proceeded to the Council Home for a reception, dinner, and short program with PGK Joseph Murphy as the MC.

During his remarks Grand Knight Ibáñez described his plans and hopes for the new Columbian Year. His speech was received with a standing ovation from all present.

At the end of the program, Chaplain Rev. Msgr. Vincent Gatto gave his blessing to the new Officers, and prayed for a successful administration.





SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President

We had fifty members and guests attend our annual luncheon at Alfio's Restaurant. Those who didn't make it, missed a great time, and the loaves of bread were as good as ever! We were honored to have Deacon Bob Hubbard from Holy Cross Church and Charlie Cortinovic, a seminarian staying at St. Jane's.



PGK Bob Waters

Many thanks to our V.P. Jim Young for chairing this event and to his number one helper Louise! Also thanks are due to Tom Locraft, Jennie Morris, Lois Gargano, Maggie de Bettencourt, Dottie Durkin and Helen Brennan for their help.

Our next function will be a "September Cocktail Party" and meeting on September 12, 2007. As usual, we will need help for this party/meeting, please contact me to volunteer.

We will also need volunteers to chair our planned events for October and November. Please call me if you can help out by chairing an event. As it happened last year, no-one chaired the Baseball Game event this year. It only involves making phone calls! You certainly could've helped!

Congratulations to Kathleen Dwyer: one year and No Smoking!! We are working on another member!

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, Maureen Collins, Joe Dolan, Dick Fay, Regina England, PGK Joe Falzon, PGK Peter Ferrigno, Ed Flaim, Jane Frank, Marge Gallery, Lois Gargano, Katharine Giodati, Art and Carole Hanley, Stacey Harim, PGK, PSD Gene Hogan, Marie Horan, Fr. Matt Kiemann, 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, John and Estelle Stoltz, Stephanie Suff, Ray Timm, Joselyn Walter Graham and Regina Walter, Barbara Waters, R. Joyce Waters, Miriam Webster, my cousin Bernice Wilt, Karen Zack and Fran & Frank Zello.

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

Also remember John McGee, PGK of Ocean City Council #9053, may his soul rest in Our Lord's peace.

Council Leaders

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September 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Car Raffle O.L.of Lourdes	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 Birth of the Virgin Mary
9 Car Raffle St. Bart's	10	11 Auxiliary 1:30 pm Executive 7:30 pm	12 Seniors 12:30pm K-C Club 7:30 pm	13 Rosary 7:30 Meeting 8:00	14 Exaltation of The Holy Cross	15
16 Car Raffle St. Jane's	17	18	19	20 4th Degree at Rosensteel's	21	22 FAMILY NIGHT
23 Time and Talent Fair at St. Jane's	24	25	26	27 Rosary 7:30 Meeting 8:00 1st DEGREE	28	29

October 2007

30 Tootsie Roll Holy Cross	1	2 Guardian Angels	3	4	5	6 State's Columbus Day Ball
7 Tootsie Roll Holy Redeemer	8	9 Auxiliary 1:30 pm Executive 7:30 pm	10 K-C Club 7:30 pm	11 Rosary 7:30 Meeting 8:00		13

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