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WORKING BEYOND THE COUNCIL



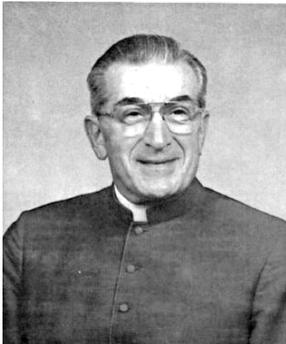
Five members of Rock Creek Council have accepted appointments at the State and District levels. L-to-R are Joe Murphy (Chairman, Parish Roundtable), Larry Grayson (Director, State Communications), Wes Chin (Warden, District #18), Roberto Ibanez (Editor, The Beacon newsletter). Missing is John Eure (Liaison, Maryland Catholic Conference)

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

REV. MSGR. VINCENT S. GATTO, KHSH

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

MICHAEL HORAN



Chaplain Gatto

Dear Knights,

In the spring of the Liturgical Year, we have celebrated many of the greatest feasts of the Church. Now in the summer, we need to see how we can make these feasts a daily reality in how we live our lives.

Did you ever notice how some people do not know how to quit when they are ahead? How they take one too many steps to the

edge of the cliff? That is what happened to the lawyer who asked Jesus the fundamental question: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus allowed the man to answer his own question. The lawyer knew the answer: "You shall love your Lord, your God, with all your heart,, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus did not need to answer the question directly. Instead, he told a story about a man who was mugged and

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Brothers of Rock Creek,

Thank you for the very special honor you have given me. I am proud to be your new Grand Knight. What makes this honor even more special for me is that, 47 years ago my father Maurice "Buddy" Horan became Grand Knight of Rock Creek. My father was a little younger than I am now. He was a father of four young boys and me knocking on Mother Nature's doorstep. He was starting a new electrical contracting business and still made time to head Rock Creek as Grand Knight. There are many similarities in our lives as Grand Knight. I am a father of two young girls. My brother Bill and I are trying to maintain a growing electrical business of ten years with this economically difficult time. It is important to me, as it was to my father, to lead our great council. I have many great memories at Rock Creek as a child. I hope my family and yours will have the same fond memories.



Grand Knight Horan

During this Columbian Year, my goals are simple. Take

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Greetings From the State Deputy

My Brothers and Sisters,

This month kicks off a new cycle in the Maryland jurisdiction – a new team, with new goals and some different ideas.

Certainly at the top of that list is the addition of our new State Warden Dale Trott and his lovely wife Linda to the State Council Family. For those of you who may not know them very well, the Trotts have been a continuous source of support for St. Mary of the Assumption Council and parish in Upper Marlboro as well as the McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights. So when you see Dale or Linda, please join me in extending them a hearty welcome and congratulations on their election to the State Officers Team.

Over my years on the state team, I've gotten to read many a council newsletter. The July issue has always been special. In it, I've seen the optimism that each new administration brings, the reaffirmation that each council brings value to the Church and the community, and the assurance that fresh troops are standing by to keep things going.

This is a good thing and a comfort to anyone who espouses to Christian values. It says that in spite of all the problems in this world, the "good guys" are still out there, doing their

best. My thanks to all of you for the work you do on behalf of our Church and our Order.

On another note please join me in giving a "tip of the hat" to IPSD Dick Siejack and his team. I watched Dick closely through the years and could see that he put his heart and soul into his jobs. I know he's going to be a tough act to follow.

Finally, you will see my theme appear in various venues during the next two years, *Maria fac nos semper scire*. In English, it means "Mary make us always aware". It's drawn from our closing prayer, *Our Lady Queen of the Knights* and in that prayer, is followed by, "that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged and our Order appreciated." We hope it will serve as a reminder to you all, how important your actions are to others in this world and to the Creator of us all.

See you around the neighborhood.

Pete



Peter Davio
State Deputy

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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badly beaten, and left on the side of the road to die. We hear how a priest came along, saw him and continued on. We do not know what went through the priest's mind, maybe he was in a hurry, had an important meeting to go to. Maybe he was concerned that the man was already dead, and if he touched him, according to Jewish law, he would be rendered ritually unclean.

Maybe the priest knew that the Levite would be along in a few minutes, and that a Levite would be able to care for the man much better than he could. And the Levite did come along. He saw the man and passed by without stopping. Again, we do not know what went through his mind. Maybe he had a bad day, did not want to be bothered with one more problem. Maybe he was afraid that it was an ambush, and did not want to take the risk of being beaten up. Maybe he was talking on his cell phone. We do not know.

The last person who was traveling by was a Samaritan. Now Samaritans were despised by the Jews. And this man was in Jewish territory. But this is the guy who stops and was immediately moved to take care of him, not counting the costs of the time or the danger. His concern is for his fellow human being who is in need. He did not question: "Is this my neighbor? Does he live on my block? Does he go to my church?"

Jesus never does say who our neighbor is. But the lawyer got his answer. Being a neighbor is not a matter of geographic proximity; it is not a matter of location. Rather, to love our neighbor means to reach out to those in need, whoever they are, wherever they live. The Good Samaritan gives us an example of what it means to love our neighbor. The command of Jesus is simple: "Go and do the same."

God bless you.

Monsignor Gatto

Remember Our Sick and Deceased

We were asked to remember the following Council members, relatives and friends in our prayers.

Sick and Distressed:

PGK Jack Cunningham, Barbara Waters, Carole Hanley, Charlotte Whitaker (granddaughter of Peter Ferrigno), Mary Phelan (relative of Larry Grayson), Carlene Hubbard (wife of Associate Chaplain Deacon Bob Hubbard) and those on the Seniors' Club sick list (see page 13)



Deceased:

Bassel A. Zelof, William J. Macker, Monica Shewmaker (wife of Deacon John Shewmaker), Bernard Litchfield, Craig Maresch, and Linda Morin (wife of Howard Morin)

Please keep them and all of our past deceased members, family and friends in your prayers.

Membership Corner

There is a 1st degree scheduled for Thursday, July 22, at 8:00 PM. It will be followed by a cookout. Let's get off to a good start. Have your candidates report by 7:30 PM.



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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what we have and make it a littler better. It should be easy, I have a good group to work with. Under the leadership of our two most recent past Grand Knights, Joe Donniger and John Vivian, we saw a surge in new young members which we even received recognition for from the state leaders. I, as well as our past Grand Knights, campaigned and helped bring these new members into our council to increase our membership immensely. New members are great, active members are better. If every member could give 24 hours a year to the council we would have service hours left over. Please become active in your council.

The renovations to the council home over the past year have been dramatic. The building, grounds & patio should make all members proud to be part of Rock Creek.

Along with the new officers & committee chairman, we are putting together a calendar of events for the next two years. We hope to see some old events make a comeback such as: Oktoberfest, council picnics, crab feasts and sports night. I hope to post a full schedule for the upcoming year in the next Chatter.

Last years car raffle chairman, Emory Linder, and tootsie roll chairman, Dave Gentile, have agreed to stay on this year. We hope to start early and hit both activities hard. It is our wish to get Rock Creek back to the top in both areas. I ask that you do your part to help Emory and Dave.

Last but not least, our goal this year as a council will be to create a better and more active relationship with all our parishes. Jamie Caulfield hosted a cookout for priests in June. It was a great event, which will be a permanent one. This event basically introduced Rock Creek to some of the priests that did not know we were here. Now we need to run with it and see what else we can do for our parishes.

In closing I would like to thank all of our new officers and chairmen, especially Deputy Grand Knight Terrance Ryan, Chancelor Jamie Caulfield and Warden Joe Myers. I would also like to thank my wife Rebecca and beautiful daughters K.C. and Emily for their support and my brothers for all of their help.

Mike Horan, GK

Family Potluck Cookout & Movie Night

The family movie night will resume in September. Watch for the announcement. In the meantime enjoy the summer!

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

My Brothers and Ladies,

"Mary, make us always aware."

As Knights we are aware that others see the work we do; we know our faith is judged by our Heavenly Father; and we are confident our Order is appreciated by our community, families, and parishes.

Our State Deputy, Peter Davio, has chosen "Maria, fac nos semper scire," as his motto for the next two years. These words echo the Knight's prayer, "Our Lady Queen of the Knights," as a daily reminder for us to increase our awareness of the duty we pledged when we took our First Degree.

To increase this awareness you will see two new communication tools to support the work you do in your council: *The Beacon* the state newsletter for all Knights in Maryland keeping them informed about activities across the state, and *Leaders in Action*, a bulletin sent to Grand Knights and District Deputies keeping them informed of goals and performance as well as effective leadership practices.

Become aware of what is happening by accessing both the Supreme Website at kofc.org and the Maryland State Council website at kofc-md.org. Both are a rich source of support.

Thanks go to Roberto Ibanez, our former district deputy whose gentle hand, excellent humor, and deep love of our order has provided solid leadership these past two years. He has been both mentor and guide and made certain the transition to our new State Deputy was smooth and efficient. Our district is in good health thanks to his firm shepherd's hand these past two years.

Fraternally,

Richard Earenfight

District Deputy No. 18

"Mary, Make Us Always Aware"

Around the Lounge

Hours: Monday Thru Thursday 4-8
Friday 4-11, Saturday 2-8, Closed Sundays

The Lounge has been busy, with many new members stopping by to relax with friends. If you don't have time to eat before coming, you can find food at the Lounge.

Enjoy the big games on our flat screen TVs with surround sound. While you are enjoying yourself in the Lounge proper, the kids can be having fun in the game room. And don't forget that the patio is always ready for a deck party, or for just relaxing.

All members and guests are always welcome. Watch announcements for future events.

Lounge phone 301-530-1628



PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter and Mary Ann Ferrigno, Pro-Life Chaircouple



Republican leader John Boehner in May received the 2010 Henry J. Hyde Defender of Life Award for standing up against

government funding of abortions in the recent Health Care Program. As one of twelve children, in receiving this award, he stated "I know it wasn't convenient for my mother to have 12 of us, but I'm sure glad they're all here". Arizona and Tennessee has stopped their payments for abortions with their state law (State House 70-23, State Senate 27-3). Mississippi and Florida are moving into this direction.

Some of you may remember when Planned Parenthood began using the abortion drug RU486 or mifepristone. To date, it has caused the death of at least 13 women worldwide and has injured 1,100 in the U.S. alone, according to an FDA report. To compound this, women only get to view a film with no doctor present prior to receiving the "abortion drug". To think, Planned Parenthood criticized Crisis Pregnancy Centers for alternative advice they were giving women who were

thinking about having an abortion. This is why the Abortion-Ultrasound Bill is being looked into, by a number of states asking for pre-abortion ultrasounds. You may be aware that our Supreme Council stated that they would match any funds that individual councils donate to C.P.C. for ultrasound instruments. Our Council has recently included this as one of their pro-life efforts. The State Council in Maryland just donated \$42,513 to CareNet Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland to purchase the first ultrasound machine. A second will be purchased shortly, and the State Council has established this as an on-going program. Congratulations are in order for a job well done.

It seems that the military abortion issue has come to the front again. There is a question whether there should be a ban on whether doctors in military hospitals may perform abortions. In the past, abortions could only be performed "in cases of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in danger". However, Sen. Roland Burris, Illinois Democrat says that our military personal should have the highest quality of professional care, which would include abortion, should a military woman or the wife of a serviceman wish to terminate a

pregnancy. A Congressional committee, on a 15-12 vote last May, passed an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act. Pro-lifer lawmakers said that if this becomes law, abortions would be paid by taxpayer dollars making U.S. military hospitals abortion mills. President Obama, in order to get his health-care passed, stated, "No tax dollars would be used to pay for any abortion" and signed an executive order in March. Privately funded abortions on military bases were banned by the Reagan administration in 1988, overturned by Clinton in 1993, and reinstated by a Republican congress in 1996. The new amendment would allow servicewomen to receive abortions in military hospitals if they pay for the procedure themselves. Knowing how lawmakers have acted in the past, I am sure that more changes will take place.

According to one feminist group, "The objective of every feminist reform, from legal abortion...to childcare programs, is to undermine traditional family values". "Feminism is not just an issue or group of issues; it is the cutting edge of a revolution in cultural and moral values". How true.

God Bless.

Priest Appreciation Cookout

Rock Creek Council welcomed approximately 12 priests and one seminarian on June 8 for our Year of the Priest Appreciation BBQ. The weather was picture perfect and enabled all to sit outside on our patio. The priests enjoyed their time catching up with their brother priests, as well as talking with us, the members of our council. They were most grateful to us for honoring them to conclude the Year of the Priest. Monsignor Filardi, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, a brother Knight, was so impressed with our facility, he has decided to transfer into Rock Creek Council. It was a great afternoon and the decision has already been made to host the priests again next year. Let's make it an annual event. Thanks to all the brothers who supported the get together. with special thanks to Mike and Chris Horan for all their help.



(L to R) Fr. John McKay of St. Jane de Chantal, Msgr. Donald Essex pastor of St. Jane de Chantal, and Fr. Mark Hughes pastor of Holy Redeemer enjoying the relaxation and conversation

Fr. Mark Ivany of Little Flower helping Fr. Marco Schad of Our Lady of Lourdes to another hot dog





CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

Not that it was enough that I turned my back to Georgetown University, because they showed their true colors in honoring President Obama. Now I need to do the same for my high school, Gonzaga College High School. No, our president will not be speaking to the graduating class; instead they selected Sister Carol Keehan. Sister Carol, you ask, who is she? She was selected by *Time* magazine as one of its 100 Most Influential People. Well, that should not be so bad, you might say. But, let me go on. Sister Carol is the president of the Catholic Health Association (CHA), the largest group of not-for-profit health care facilities in the country. You may remember that she was the one that gave the support of her organization to President Obama's health care reform bill. For this, she was one of the twenty-one people to receive a pen in which the President signed the bill.

It has been stated by a number of "pro-life" lawmakers, that with her support, they too felt justified to go along with the President. To these people, it did not make a difference that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said that the bill should not be passed. Although Sister Carol may belong to a religious community, she falls into a group that does not take the vow of poverty. Be sure of this. Her annual salary is just under a million dollars. I am sure that over the years she had done many wonderful acts for those in need of related social works. She and a number of other sisters of the Daughters of Charity seem to support the self-described "progressive" wing of the Catholic Church.

CHA has now demonstrated their political influence, by their movement to support the President. This is wrong because it, in truth, goes against the Church's teaching. It gives question to what then are the Catholic hospitals going to support? Abortion? Birth control pills? Contraception? I sure hope not. Too many Catholics are just looking for a way to justify their own life style. Major Catholic organizations agree with our bishops. The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religions, with

10,000 members, the Catholic Medical Association, the largest association of Catholic physicians in North America, feel that the CHA's action is "imprudent and uncharitable". This has surely delighted Planned Parenthood and NARAL. And why shouldn't it? Even Jesus had his traitor. It has been more than suggested that this movement will in turn mean bigger bucks for CHA. Finally, shame on you, again, Gonzaga for bringing such a person to speak at your 2010 commencement. Such a pity, but this comes as no surprise.

Did you ever think that Bill Donohue of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights and the Rev. Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State would be on the same side? A young 13-year old boy was sent home from Oneida Middle School in Schenectady, N.Y. on May 17 for wearing a rosary. The school said that under its dress code a rosary is beads and beads are "gang-related symbols". Mr. Lynn, of all people, said that the school has "clearly overreacted" and is trampling on the boy's religious freedom. When will this all end? Knowing that the Catholic Church is a prime target, anything that will weaken it in the eyes of any religious thinking person might change their faith somewhat.

Last month, June 6, we had a Corpus Christi Mass and Procession at the request of Msgr. Essex, pastor of St. Jane Frances de Chantal. Members of Rock Creek were invited to attend, as were members of the Color Corps of the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly. Rain was forecast for the day, so no one could say whether the procession was to take place outside, immediately after the noon Mass. Present for the event were about ten young boys and girls who recently made their First Communion, eight to ten members of the Junior Sodality, the Choir in it fullness and about 50 parishioners, including approximately ten members from the Council and five Color Corps members headed by Commander John Fox. Msgr. Essex celebrated the Mass. Everything went off without a snag including no rain until later in the day. God Bless.

Corpus Christi Procession

After the noon Mass on Sunday, June 6, in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi, a solemn outdoor procession took place at St. Jane de Chantal Church. It was led by the Color Corps of the Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle Assembly. Monsignor Essex walked under the canopy, as is tradition, holding the monstrance and flanked by candle bearers, with the recent First Communicants following. A full choir of more than 20 sang hymns as the procession led from the church to an altar set up in the courtyard between the church and school building. Many in the congregation, some 50 people in all, took part in the procession, and then gathered around the outdoor altar. Monsignor Essex blessed the altar with incense, gave a benediction, and after an additional hymn, dismissed the congregation. Some ten members of our Council participated.





Workers' Recognition

On June 13, at a Workers' Recognition Party, Grand Knight John Vivian presented numerous awards and certificates of appreciation to the many folks who work hard and long this past year on council activities.



Chris Horan, always the go-to man behind the scenes was selected as Knight-of-the-Year. Well done, Chris!



Joe Murphy was given the Grand Knight's Award for his many contributions. Emory Linder also received a Grand Knight's Award.



Peter and Mary Ann Ferrigno were chosen as the Family of the Year. They received the award from Grand Knight Vivian and Neil Dorian, chairman of the Council's Family of the Month Program



Bob Waters presented a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Seniors' Club to GK Vivian. The monies are to support two seminarians during the coming year. Thanks, Bob.

State Chaplains in Rome

In June, more than 65 priests and several bishops, who serve as state chaplains for Knights of Columbus jurisdictions worldwide, joined Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori and the Supreme Officers in Rome to celebrate the conclusion of the Year for Priests. In the photo, the state chaplains concelebrated Mass at the altar of the chair in the upper church of St. Peter's Basilica.





REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

The Need for Heroes

America is rapidly moving away from its Judeo-Christian roots and becoming a society hostile to God. There are continual attacks on Christianity under the guise of freedom of expression, artistic license, non-discrimination, and separation of church and state. Nativity scenes are banned from public grounds. Public school children are not permitted to sing traditional Christmas carols or coaches offer a general prayer with their teams. A crucifix placed in a jar of urine is extolled as art. Military chaplains are directed to offer only non-denominational prayers. A war memorial in the form of a cross erected on public desert land is decried. Repeated attempts are made to remove "Under God" from the pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" from the nation's coinage. Catholic social agencies are legally required to provide adoption services to homosexual couples, and college religious clubs are directed to allow students who do not share the same denominational beliefs to serve as officers. And the list goes on and on.

Catholics are too submissive under these attacks. The alluring materialism of the age, coupled with weak formation in the Faith, have made them apathetic toward religion and detached from Christian traditions. Their attitudes, values, tastes, and behaviors are those of the population-at-large. They no longer have the knowledge or conviction to stand up for their professed beliefs and challenge societal trends.

Large numbers of Catholics lead dual lives. They may adhere to Church teachings to fulfill their Sunday obligations, but for the rest of the week they adapt to the irreligious ways of the secular world. They have no desire to defend their Faith, and willingly accept the practices of abortion, divorce, contraception, gay marriage, and co-habitation. Religion is treated as a strictly private matter, and as such God rarely enters their thoughts.

Catholicism, however, is not only a dogma to be believed, but a way of life in which we are called to stand before an unrelenting, religiously-hostile world and bear witness to the truth. We are called to be modern-day evangelists, bringing the teachings of the Gospel into the world through the way we live our lives. We are called to confront the evils of the world, to involve ourselves in the public square, and to bring the tenets of our Faith to bear on issues that impact on marriage, the family, and the dignity of the human person.

Many Catholics may agree that this is the way they should act, but hesitate to do so because they feel alone, without confidence, and have no idea of what they can achieve. In order to change the values and behaviors of the populace-at-large, to alter the culture of the nation, we need leaders, role

models, people of exceptional accomplishment to show the way. We need the example of people who have set themselves apart through selfless action and extraordinary achievement in pursuit of an end that is valued by all. Such individuals stimulate our imaginations and rouse our common, but dormant, convictions. They cause us to examine our values and goals and realize that through service to others, even at a sacrifice to ourselves, we can strive toward a higher purpose in life. In short, we need heroes.

In our contemporary world, materialism focuses our attention on the "me," rather than on the "we." The drive for power, prestige and wealth makes the self more important than the collective. Even when we are concerned about others, secularism in the community limits our freedom to serve. The rejection of God in society creates a conflict between Church teaching and ministrations to others, whether in health care, education, or social services.

A culture that is strong in religious values has less need for heroes than one that is weak. The general ethos of the people, their beliefs and behavior, provides a social framework for others, particularly the young, guiding how they should act, illustrating what is appropriate and what is not acceptable. But in a culture in which God is absent, when morals are relative, when virtually any behavior is tolerated, heroes are needed to serve as role models of what it means to be Catholic in society.



As we search for exemplars of heroism in today's world, who better can we choose than military chaplains? These are men who serve both Caesar and God, who strive in the militaristic world of the here and now to bring salvation to their fellow man. In coming alternative months, we will explore the lives of a number of Catholic chaplains, ordinary men who performed extraordinary deeds, who were cited by the nation for their valor, who lived their faith to the fullest, who risked and often gave their lives for others.

Through the examples of these heroes, we can all be inspired to be heroic at least in small ways. Archbishop Charles Chaput, in an article earlier this year in *First Things*, gives us a prescription for how we can prepare ourselves for this role: "By talking to God, humbly and honestly, in prayer. By getting to know Christ better through reading and praying over the gospels. By opening yourself up to the graces he gives us in the sacraments. It's not about choosing what you want to do with your life. It's about discovering how God wants you to use your life to spread the good news of his love and his kingdom."

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Congratulations

Our congratulations to Rock Creek member, Tom Dwyer, on his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Tom is employed as managing director of property management at The George Washington University. He, his wife Bernadette, and their children are members of Holy Redeemer Parish. Our best wishes and thanks to his family for their support of him in this vocation.

In his honor, Tom's neighbors donated \$165 to Rock Creek Council's program to raise funds to help purchase an ultrasound machine for a crisis pregnancy center.

Treasurer Needed

The Rock Creek Kay-Cee Club has been a big financial success this year. It has doubled its rental income compared to 2009, and we've already gotten off to a good financial start for next year.

But we are lacking one important thing: a treasurer. Jack Cunningham has been a savior to the Club by providing his bookkeeping and accounting expertise over the years. But he's been in poor health recently and cannot continue his duties. If there is a member of the Rock Creek Council who could serve as a treasurer, please call me at (301) 946-3573.

Burt Murray

President, Kay-Cee Club

Around the Kay-Cee Club

The Kay-Cee Club held its annual shareholders meeting on June 23. Seventeen members heard President Burt Murray report that the club is in "very good financial condition." He discussed a list of the improvements made to the Rock Creek Mansion and grounds over the past year, including a new web site, a new children's playroom, a refurbished lounge and upstairs hall, and a new, five-year, parking contract with Suburban Hospital.

Burt then discussed new projects coming up, including widening the driveway and erecting a stone entrance to the Mansion property. He also spoke about the BRAC project at Navy Medical Center, and its impact on the Rock Creek Mansion — we will lose approximately 10 feet from the front of our property. The Kay-Cee Club does expect to get paid for the loss of land.

Shareholders then voted to re-elect Joe Horan, Art Rawson and Burt Murray to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Shareholders also approved Chris Horan, the current Grand Knight, to replace Emory Linder on the board, also for a three-year term.

Jim Tise

Secretary, Kay-Cee Club

Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle Assembly, No. 386

FOURTH DEGREE



Congratulations to Rock Creek Members Neil Dorian and Gregory Curtin on their election to positions in the Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle Assembly.

The Assembly officers 2010-2011 fraternal year are:

- Faithful Navigator — SK Wayne Miller, Msgr Wells Council 13008
- Faithful Captain — SK Niel Dorian, Rock Creek Council 2797
- Faithful Pilot — SK George G. Carter, Fr. Rosensteel Council 2169
- Faithful Admiral — SK Danilo Bengero, PFN, Fr Rosensteel Council 2169
- Faithful Comptroller — SK Ernest Harley, PFN, St John the Baptist Council 11106
- Faithful Purser — SK John Fox, PFN, Fr Rosensteel Council 2169
- Faithful Scribe — SK Tim Sharpe, Fr Rosensteel Council 2169
- Faithful Trustee (3 year) — SK George Whorral III, PFN, Fr Rosensteel Council 2169
- Faithful Trustee (2 year) — SK Celso Barrientos, PFN, St. Michael the Archangel Council 15084
- Faithful Trustee (1 year) — SK Jude Onwumelu, PFN. Fr. Rosensteel Council 2169
- Faithful Inner Sentinel — SK Gregory Curtin, Rock Creek Council 2797
- Faithful Inner Sentinel — SK Michael Huffman, Fr Rosensteel Council 2169
- Faithful Outer Sentinel — SK Prosper Youm, Msgr Wells Council 13008
- Faithful Outer Sentinel — SK Mark Borkoski, Fr Rosensteel Council 2169

The Assembly, which is open to all Fourth Degree Knights, meets on the third Thursday of every month at Fr. Rosensteel Council, Silver Spring. The Rosary is said at 7:30 PM, the meeting follows at 8:00 PM, and a social period immediately following. For further information about the Assembly and its activities, contact either Neil Dorian (301-977-3840) or Gregory Curtin (301-654-5543).



Family of the Month

MAY

Emory Linder and his family have been selected as Family of the Month for the month of May, 2010. Emory is married to Katie, and they have two children, Jack age 11 and daughter Molly age 8. They are members of the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, where they attend weekly Mass as a family.

The family has belonged to St. Jane for seven years. Both children are enrolled in its parochial school, play sports and participate in other activities both at St. Jane's School and in the community. Jack is an altar server, plays an instrument for the band. He also enjoys playing basketball, lacrosse, and football in the Maplewood Community League. Molly is a member of the Brownie Girl Scouts and is a player on the basketball and lacrosse teams.

Kathie is a volunteer at the St. Jane Parish and School. She is in the process of resurrecting the Council's Ladies Auxiliary and assuming the position of President. Emory is chairman of the Council's Car Raffle Program, which benefits the State Council Scholarship program and the Rock Creek Charity funds. He also is Chairman of the Board of the Bethesda YMCA, and serves on the executive committee for the Bobby Mitchell Hall of Fame Golf Tournament. Since its inception, this Tournament has raised over \$700,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Emory and Katie operate a small business, as president and owner of the Sun-Dun Office Refreshment's Service Company.

The Rock Creek Knights applaud you and your family for your contribution to our Council, St. Jane's, and our local community.

JUNE

The selection of family for the month of June is **George**

"Rocky" Ford, his wife Liz, and two daughters. Rocky is a Past Grand Knight of our Council and a member of Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle Fourth Degree, Assembly No. 386.

The Fords are members of Lady of Victory Parish where they attend Mass on a regular basis. Daughter Beth is 27 and is employed by the Department of State. Younger daughter Jennifer, age 23, assists Mom and Dad with chores around home, and when music is in the air she can be seen dancing up a "storm." For the past 20 years, they have gratuitously chaired hosting a Council Hospitality Room at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City during the Maryland State Convention. For those of us who attend the Convention, we eagerly look forward to meeting in the Hospitality Room, following business meetings, to enjoy food prepared and cooked by the Fords, and sharing camaraderie with other Council members and their wives.

For the past 12 years, the Fords have hosted a Pig Roast, usually held in September, at their home. They provide plenty of food and salads, and a dance band churns out good country music to assist in digestion. Rock Creek Council says "Thank you" for all you have done. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming Council and Lounge events.

Neil Dorian, PGK

Rental Corner

Whether "dressed up" or casual, the Rock Creek Mansion is the perfect place to have fun! It is a beautiful spot to have a celebration for family, friends, or business. The upgraded ballroom and new outdoor patio are an ideal place to party with friends, family, work associates. And with spring here, the newly planted bulbs are turning into gorgeous flowers.

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Rental activity is robust and we are already booking into 2011!

For any questions or a tour, contact:

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REFLECTIONS

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We can all be heroes by obeying God in small ways as well as large, keeping his commandments, sacrificing for our families, assuming responsibility for our actions, and making our way through life without complaint. We can be examples of what it means to be Catholic by what we say, what we do, and what we do not do. We can show that God does indeed matter. May we be inspired to stand before our secular world and live our lives by heeding the familiar prayer, "Thy will be done."



Many Fine Companies



A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to Michael Horan our newly elected Grand Knight, as well

as all the other dedicated brother Knights who will serve in either an elected and appointed leadership position in the coming year. I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish during the coming year. You have my assurance

that I'm eager to help.

One of these goals is surely the attainment of the Star Council Award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching

him myself, or by "coaching" you - transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of any council.

Call me - let's talk.

Fraternally,

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Fraternal Benefits Advisor
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New State Newsletter for You!!!

There is a new monthly State newsletter, called The Beacon, which is edited by our own Roberto Ibanez. Designed for all members in the State and their families, it is full of information about what is happening throughout Maryland, contains notes from the diocese we serve, occasional columns from the ladies, has upcoming state events, lots of pictures and a bit of Catholic humor. The first issue was sent electronically to all Grand Knights for distribution to their council members. If you wish to receive it, send your email address to Matt Flynn at mrflynn@gmail.com.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Installation and Mass at
Holy Redeemer Church
9705 Summit Avenue, Kensington, MD
11:30 PM

Reception and Program at
CANTREL BALLROOM
2:00 PM

\$20 per person; Reservations required

For reservations and information, call:
Mike Horan 240-793-1169



SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President

We have good news and bad news about our June meeting. First, our attendance increase 100%. The bad news is that it went from two to four! I drove the 300 plus miles from Ocean City and back, and none of our 150 members drove their short distance.

Our annual July picnic will be held on Wednesday, the 21st. I will chair this function and drive back from Ocean City to run the meeting. It is being held on the third Wednesday, as the second week is the American Legion Convention in Ocean City, and as the Commander of Post 105, I will be at the Convention.

The annual luncheon at Alfio's will be held on Tuesday, August 17. This was done to accommodate Alfio's schedule. No one volunteered to chair this function, so I made the arrangements from Ocean City. There go my cell phone minutes. This is the easiest function to chair.

We are scheduled to have a cocktail party in September, Halloween Party in October, a Country-Western in November, a December Christmas Party, and in January a luncheon and elections. After this it will depend on the elected officers. If you do not receive a flyer for any of these functions, it means no one volunteered to chair the event. This is your seniors' organization! If it is to continue, you must help.



PGK Bob Waters

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR MILITARY!

PRAYER CORNER

In your prayers remember: Eureka & Elizabeth Arcand, Tom Becker, Dom Bellia, William "Will" Bello, Maggie De Bettencourt, Larry Bisnett, Jean Boyland, Jinny Chwirut, Maureen Collins, Joe Crochet,

Jack Cunningham, Barbara Dolan, PGK Joe Falzon, Ed Flaim, Jerry Forlenza, Jane Frank, Marge Gallery, Susan Gordon Garcia, Lois Gargano, Katharine Giodati, Bill Gordon, Art and Carole Hanley, Stacey Harim, Ken Haser, PGK, Frank Hayden, PSD Gene Hogan, Marie Horan, Saunders Jacobsen, PGK Jim Kane, Fr. Matt Kieman, Julia Marcus (Art Hanley's granddaughter), James Marketos, Sally McCarthy, John O'Keefe, Ralph Oviedo, Sr. Maureen Patrice, Anna Pitcher, Fr. David Pollak, George and Joan Reed, Bridget Shanahan, Melvin Simmons, John and Estelle Stoltz, Stephanie Suff, Ray Timm, Joselyn Walter Graham and Regina Walter, Barbara Waters, R. Joyce Waters, my cousin Bernice Wilt, Louise Young, Nick and Karen Zack, and Fran and Frank Zello.

Please pray for the recently deceased: our member Monica Shewmaker (wife of Deacon John Shewmaker), Bernard Anthony Litchfield, Sr., and Charles Andrachio (the father of my daughter-in-law, Charlotte Waters).

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Check Out the New State Website

The state website has been totally redesigned to make it more informative and valuable for you. There are pictures of significant recent events around the State, links to Supreme's resources on improving your Faith, Fathers for Good and Headline Bistro, highlights of upcoming events, information about the State Charity Fund and scholarship opportunities, degree schedules, our outreach to the military, information about Our Blessed Mother under her title of the month, and much, much more. Visit it often, as it is being revised with new information on a regular basis.

Tell your friends and others who might be interested in learning what the Knights of Columbus in Maryland do about the website. You can access it at www.koc-md.org

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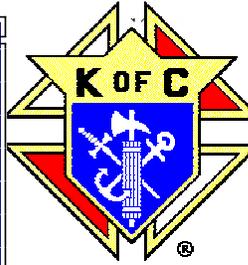
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 July	19	20	21 Seniors Indoor Picnic 12:00 Noon	22 Rosary 7:30 PM Social Mtg 1st Degree 8:00 PM	23 Installation Rehearsal Holy Redeemer Church	24
25 Installation of Officers	26	27	28	29 State Program and Membership Seminar Good Counsel HS	30	31
1 August	2	← Supreme Convention, Washington, DC →			6	7
8	9	10 Executive Committee 7:30 PM	11	12 Rosary 7:30 PM Business Mtg 8:00 PM	13	14
15	16	17 Seniors Luncheon at Alfio's 12:00 Noon	18 K-C Club 7:30 PM	19	20	21
22 29	23 30	24 31	25	26 Rosary 7:30 PM Social Mtg 8:00 PM	27	28