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## Grand Knight Report—Mike LaMartina

Brothers,

I want to thank everyone for their repeated support and guidance they showed me during my first few months as Grand Knight. As we start the second half of the year, there are so many events and ideas to look forward to in the spring and summer. I'm looking forward to working with everyone to continue serving our Lord and our Community in the various ways that Patapsco has consistently excelled in. I want to thank everyone for their dedication

and hard work. Please remember that my door is always open to anyone for concerns, suggestions, etc. Thank you everyone for all of the dedication and hard work that make our Council what it is.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike LaMartina

## MEETING CHANGES

Officer's and Lecturer's Meetings for May have been moved to May 11th and the Business Meeting will be moved to May 25th. This is because the Council Elections for the Columbian Year 2011/12, held at the Business Meeting, must be after the State Convention (May 13-15, 2011).

## Prayerful Thoughts

Message to Mirjana - December 25, 2010

On Christmas day, December 25, 2010, Our Lady appeared to the visionary Marija and delivered this message to the world: "Dear children! Today, I and my Son desire to give you an abundance of joy and peace so that each of you may be a joyful carrier and witness of peace and joy in the places where you live. Little children, be a blessing and be peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Message to Mirjana - January 2, 2011

Today, Our Lady appeared to the visionary Mirjana in Medjugorje. The following is the message that was given by Our Lady: "Dear children! Today I call you to unity (communion) in Jesus, my Son. My motherly heart prays that you may comprehend that you are God's family. Through the spiritual freedom of will, which the Heavenly Father has given you, you are called to become cognizant of the truth, the good or the evil. May prayer and fasting open your hearts and help you to discover the Heavenly Father through my Son. In discovering the Father, your life will

be directed to carrying out of God's will and the realization of God's family, in the way that my Son desires. I will not leave you alone on this path. Thank you."

## Second Degree

Patapsco Council will host a Second Degree on Wednesday, February 23. Candidates must arrive by 7:30 PM and the Degree begins at 8:00 PM.

## Pictures of Damage to the Pregnancy Center



Water floods rooms ruining carpet and furniture.



Much of the furnishings in the building were a total loss.

Please see the appeals of Tim McCarthy.

## PRO-LIFE WARS by Tim McCarthy, co-editor

With so many lives at stake should we be surprised when casualties mount? The child-killing services in Severna Park and Elkton, Md. have recently closed.

Former Planned Parenthood Director Abby Johnson resigned from her job to join the pro-life community. Her new book UNPLANNED explains her change of heart and the essential center of Planned Parenthood-abortion. They want all offices to include abortion because it makes them more money than anything else.

Locally there is disaster at the Pregnancy Center at 6400B Frederick Road. The county pipes outside the building burst-spewing water and human waste throughout the building. All furniture and carpeting needs to be replaced. The maternity clothes and diapers were destroyed.

Fortunately the baby clothes were stored in Tupperware bins and should be okay. Also the Catonsville Medical Clinic on the upper level-is lending us space to do sonograms in January. Many clients already

booked for January sonograms are contemplating abortion.

Grand Knight Mike LaMartina has commissioned Tim McCarthy, who volunteers at the clinic, to get a specific list of items needed. The Grand Knight has asked us to help as quickly and specifically as we can.



## Beaumont News

Beaumont Holding Company, Inc.

### **SPECIAL ELECTION**

Due to the departure of Brother Nick Hasser the Beaumont Holding Co. Board of Directors has an opening for a term ending June, 2012. The election will take place at the February Council Business

Meeting, to be held on February 9, 2011.

**LADIES:** See the newly renovated Ladies' rest room! Gentlemen's inspections and tours will be held ONLY by special requests and must be chaperoned.



## Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

On Thursday March 10, 2011 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #2452 we will be honoring your council's honored guest. In order to do that, we need your submission of the name of this year's honored guest to Chapter Secretary Gary Gray (gag5040@aol.com). The Chapter will provide a certificate to each honored guest in attendance to commemorate your council's honoree.

Upcoming events include the Past Chapter Presidents' honor night, nomination for officers in May and voting in June. Your council's

per capita invoices have been sent out, please pay as soon as possible. Remember, in order to vote in the election in June, you will have to be a "council in good standing".

Our annual picnic for the children at St. Vincent/Villa Maria and Gallagher centers will occur on June 4th. If you wish to be part of the committee that actually runs the festivities, please send me an email indicating you wish to volunteer. It promises to be a great time and memorable one for these kids and hopefully something you will feel good about participating in.

If anyone has a program they would like to see the Chapter present at one of our upcoming meeting, please let me know.

Sam Orlando  
Chapter President  
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## Travel Club News

Our next trip is an overnigher to Atlantic City February 16 and 17. Why don't you considering going on this trip. We would love to have you with us. For reservations, call Tom Slifker, 410-465-3485. Our trip to the Chipparelli's restaurant and the Holiday Spectacular at the Meyerhoff on Wednesday, December 15 was great. It really put us in the Christmas spirit. The Charleston, SC, trip December 29 gave us 4 days of a beautiful city, weather in the 70's & blue skies. We all enjoyed "Clint Eastwood", the talking mule, as he pulled us around the historic part of Charleston. We also enjoyed a nice New Year's Eve social at the Motel to celebrate the new year.

## Annual Men's Retreat

Patapsco's Men's Retreat is February 25-27, 2011. For our Brothers who normally go to our retreat, mark your calendars now. For Brothers who would like to experience a retreat, but don't know what to do, call me. The men's weekend retreat is conducted in silence and includes generous periods of time for prayer, personal reflection and cultivation of a deep relationship with God. It also provides for daily Eucharist and the possibility of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. PGK Tom Slifker 410-465-3485

To Rent the Council Home for your next event, please contact the House Manager Debbie Sylvestri at 410-744-8754.

## John Faggio Food For The Needy Program

Brothers and friends of Patapsco, we distributed food on December 9 to feed an estimated 200 families with two bags of groceries each. This is only possible with your generous donations. We've done

this for 27 years and each year it feels good as a Christian and a Knight of Columbus to know that we are helping the poor in our community. Many Brothers and friends turn out to help us package

and distribute this food. I thank each and every one of them. I also thank each of you who donated to this worthwhile cause. PGK Tom Slifker

## Council Youth Free Throw Contest



On a chilly Saturday in January, the Council hosted the Youth Free Throw Contest at Trinity School. Under the leadership of Youth Director David Slade about 20 young people came out to shoot hoops. Many Council members and their families came out to help with this event. The District competition was held on January 29th at St. Agnes School. Participants compet-

ed in eight out of ten age categories. Patapsco Council split evenly with St. Agnes Council, so each will take four spots in the State Council competition to be held on February 19th. David said "We had two boys who were on fire!"

The winners who competed for Patapsco Council all attend Trinity School. Participants shoot 25 times at the District and State level, with the one making the most baskets winning. All the members enjoyed the afternoon they spent at Trinity School and even some of the Past Grand Knights got into the action! Five Grand Knights tried their skills and showing their camaraderie only made three baskets each, what a feat. Actually, a stand-in (Wayne

Slifker) shooting for PGK Ken Horvitz made four baskets to win the contest.



Past Grand Knights shooting basketball.

### Council Winners

**Girls: Alison Strofregen, Kira Zarzuela, Sharon Hull**

**Boys: Alex Hedge, Jack Blum, Ian McCann, CJ Bradford, Jordan Diggins**

### District Winners

**Girls: Alison Strofregen, Sharon Hull**

**Boys: Ian McCann, CJ Bradford**

## Travel News

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Why don't you  
consider going to  
Atlantic City

### Overnight Bus Trip

Wednesday,  
16 February 2011  
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bonuses, hotel &  
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## Council Programs — PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director

Program Report — PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director

Brothers and Patapsco Council family: How much more "Global Warming" can we take? We haven't had too much snow, but boy has it been cold! Use common sense in this weather and stay safe. We have to look seriously to resolve next year's leadership and Director positions and we are about at last call for Convention Resolutions. Please contact me or the GK with any input. Brothers, another major "DON'T FORGET" —Valentine's Day is the 14th—remember your ladies. News from each activity area Director is listed below, but also see other articles and the Calendar:

PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director

Church Activities — Ernie Schaefer

Brothers, Patapsco friends: Hopefully thanks to all helpers at the 5th Sunday Communion Breakfast on January 30th. February is the month of the Council retreat 25-27th—see details in this PK. Reminder: if any Brother needs a new bi-fold Knights of Columbus Prayer card see Ernie.

Community Activities — Mike Blair

Blood Drive coming, what else is happening Mike? Yes, Tax season is coming.

Council Activities — Open (We STILL need a volunteer!)

Chicken Dinner coming . . . See information announcements/calendar. Thanks to PGK Tom Slifker and Bro. Tom O'Brien for keeping us traveling.

Family Activities — Scott Luco

Congratulations to our Family of the Month, new Brother Bernie Wrisk, his wife Vickie, son Brenden and daughters Madilyn and Sophia. Please welcome Bernie to our Council!

Spend time together as a family! A family meal is a great time to share experiences, dreams, and prayer. It has been shown that families who eat meals together regularly are more likely to raise healthier, more successful children. Smoking, drug use, depression, and eating disorders are all reduced in families who eat together regularly. The joy of a Christian home is like no other, and family mealtime is a great way to share it!

Please contact Scott Luco (410-744-1559) if you know of a family deserving of our Family of the Month honors.

Youth Activities — Dave Slade

Thanks for the helpers at the Basketball Free Throw held January

22nd and congratulations to all the winners. Next stop later this month—the State Finals. Go Bro David!

Right to Life Activities — Open (We STILL need an official volunteer!)

Please keep praying for an end to abortion and to heal those impacted. We saw the news coverage of the very cold January 24th Annual DC March for Life. Also polling indicates a reversal in the past few years, 40% to 50% now pro-life, 50% to now 42% Pro-Choice. Prayer and actions - we are making a difference. The Pregnancy Center recently had a flooding catastrophe so please support the Council's efforts as the emphasis and plan to help takes shape.

See the Patapsco Knight Calendar and Events page for more details on these and all Council activities.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS:

Monthly Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday. See their website [www.mdkofc.org/baltimore](http://www.mdkofc.org/baltimore) for locations and programs.

FOURTH DEGREE: Reminder Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly No. 1620 meets each 4th Thursday. See the Maryland State KofC website for details - [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)



**Please remember  
the following  
people in your  
prayers.**

**Frank Viscardi  
Wayne  
McCullough**

## State Council News

The State Council will be taking a Valentine Day Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean from February 7 thru the 19th, see the State Council website for details.

On February 19th the State Council Free Throw will be held at Spauld-

ing High School.

The Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night in Annapolis will be held on February 21st.

## Patapsco Knight

The deadline for the March edition of the Patapsco Knight is **February 20, 2011**. Please consider providing an article about an event you hosted during the month and letting our Brothers know what is going on around the Council. Pictures are certainly welcomed. Send material to [PatapscoKC1960@mail.com](mailto:PatapscoKC1960@mail.com)

# February 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 	3 Beaumont Meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9 Council Meeting	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17 Council Atlantic	18 City Trip	19
20 Deadline for PK	21 	22	23 Second Degree	24	25 Council Retreat	26
27	28	<p>Consider going Green and get your Patapsco Knight online!</p> <p>Contact Brother Mike Blair via email <a href="mailto:kc1529@verizon.net">kc1529@verizon.net</a></p> <p>to be added to the list.</p>				

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