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Grand Knight Report—Mike LaMartina

Brothers,

I just want to say how pleased I am with how our Council has managed to come to the aid of others in need. The initiative shown to enhance the quality of life for those around us emphasizes our values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, by demonstrating our commitment to serving our Lord and one another. Times are tough, but it is encouraging to know that as Brother Knights, we can count on each other. As

we look at the world around us, it is easy for people to lose hope and to give up on things and each other. However, it is encouraging to know that organizations such as the KofC are able to band together to make our world a better place by consistently living through our values. A job well done to all of our Brothers!

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 - January 25, 2011

On January 25, 2011, Our Lady appeared to the visionary Marija and gave the following beautiful message:

"Dear children! Also today I am with you and I am looking at you and blessing you, and I am not losing hope that this world will change for the good and that peace will reign in the hearts of men. Joy will begin to reign in the world because you have opened yourselves to my call and to God's love. The Holy Spirit is changing a multitude of those who have said 'yes'. Therefore I desire to say to you: thank

you for having responded to my call."

Message to Mirjana - February 2, 2011

Our Lady appeared to Mirjana Soldo February 2nd, 2011, and gave the following message:

"Dear children; You are gathering around me, you are seeking your way, you are seeking, you are seeking the truth but are forgetting what is the most important, you are forgetting to pray properly. Your lips pronounce countless words, but your spirit does not feel anything. Wandering in darkness,

you even imagine God Himself according to yourselves, and not such as He really is in His love. Dear children, proper prayer comes from the depth of your heart, from your suffering, from your joy, from your seeking the forgiveness of sins. This is the way to come to know the right God and by that also yourselves, because you are created according to Him. Prayer will bring you to the fulfillment of my desire, of my mission here with you, to the unity in God's family. Thank you."

Ash Wednesday

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.





SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, MARCH
8, 2011

4:30pm — 7:30pm.

The menu

Pancakes, Potato
Pancakes, Country
Sausage, fruit top-
pings, whipped
cream & maple syr-
up. Coffee, tea,
juice & soft drinks
will be available.

Additionally, a
cash bar will be
available to begin
your own Mardi
Gras celebration.

The cost is \$4.00
per person. Par-
ents with minor
children will be
charged a maxi-
mum of \$15.00.

For reservations
and additional in-
formation, please
call 410-744-8754.

WAR DECLARED by Tim McCarthy, co-editor

A declaration of SPIRITUAL war has been made by 40 DAYS FOR LIFE against the Hillcrest abortion mill on route 40. No physical weapons of any kind are involved. The principle-and only weapon - is prayer.

Throughout Lent (March 9-April 17) prayer warriors will kneel, stand, and sit on public property from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. before the abortion mill. The hours when children are killed are from 8-12 on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

What are you doing on Thursday from 8 to 12? Can you give God one hour a week to save lives? The Knights of St. Alphonsis Liguori have already agreed to cover an entire afternoon once a week. Will Patapsco Council match them?

On April 3 the Knights are invited to take part in a Eucharistic Procession from St. Agnes Parish to the abortion mill. Last fall 300 people took part .

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Committee endorses this program that begins and

ends with prayer.

Baltimore will join 243 cities and eight foreign nations . In past campaigns nine abortion facilities shut down completely.

Sign up at <http://www.40daysforlife.com>. What are you doing for Lent?



Beaumont News

Beaumont Holding Company, Inc.

The Beaumont Director election was held to replace the unexpired term of Brother Nick Hasser, who resigned

due to moving out of the area. The winner of this election was Brother Ron Price.



Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

The March meeting will be Thursday March 10, 2011 and be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #2452 . This is the Honored Guest night so we expect to see a number of Grand Knights with their Honored Guest as well as others from their council. Why not give a broader recognition to the man you selected as your honored guest for this fraternal year? If you have not given the name of your honored guest to Gary Gray or Jason McGinley by the time you read this, you are behind the "proverbial " eight ball. However, we want to recognize as many Knights as possible so get your guest's name in ASAP so we can generate a certificate to present to him.

Gary can be reached at gag5040@aol.com and Jason can be reached at jason.mcginley08@comcast.net.

The Chapter is also gearing up for our annual Children's Picnic at Villa Maria/St. Vincent and Gallagher Centers to be held June 4, 2011. We plan to expand and provide the children a happy experience. If you think you would like to help run a game, do some cooking, and generally help organize and extend a great time to these special children, please see me or email me at sorlando6@comcast.net. Ladies are always welcome.

Our semi-annual lottery tickets (for the month of May) were available at the last meeting. The proceeds allow us to do the administra-

tive day-to-day running of the Chapter. If you need a ticket or need more tickets, see Gary Gray. There is no limit to the number of times you can win.

Our nominations for officers of the Baltimore Chapter will be during our meeting in May with elections in June. Please remember in order to vote, your council has to have its per capita paid to date.

I wish to thank you for the increased participation at our meetings and ask that you bring a fellow Knight to our next meeting so we can continue that trend.

May God Bless you.
Sam Orlando
Chapter President



Travel Club News

Our Atlantic City bus trip on February 16 and 17 was a great time. The weather warmed up for us. We started off going to the Hilton Casino and Hotel where we spent the day and stayed overnight. In the morning we departed for the Resorts Casino for the afternoon before departing for home. I am not sure who won, but the bus driver told me he had to add extra air in his tires to accommodate all the extra weight from the

the winning at the casino. This summer, we plan on going to Suicide Bridge again. This is a very popular trip and the bus fills up quickly. As soon as arrangements are made this trip and all our future trips, they will be advertised in the PATAPSCO KNIGHT.

Tom Slifker, 410-465-3485.



Have you recruited a new Council member this year?

It is not to late, ask a friend to join today!



IRISH NIGHT

featuring

"RIGADOO"

Friday, March 11, 2011

Dinner from

6:00pm—8:00pm,

light fare until

9:00pm.

"RIGADOO" will play from 8:00pm

until Midnight.

The cost is \$6.00 per person, at the door.

Reservations are recommended.

Please call the Council home at 410-744-8754, or Mike Karpers @ 410-744-1472.

Shredding Day — April 16, 2011

Patapsco Council #1960, Knights of Columbus will hold its next Document Destruction Day on Saturday, April 16, 2011 between the hours of noon & 2:00pm. This event will be held on the Council's parking lot located at 1010 Frederick Road in Catonsville, MD. Bring your old sensitive documents, including canceled checks, medical records, financial records and any other type of paperwork that you don't want to place in your recycle

bin. At our last Shredding day, local folks brought in enough paper (over 4,000 pounds) to save 110 trees. There is no charge for this service, but any donation will be greatly appreciated. For additional information, please call 410-744-8754



Annual Men's Retreat

On the last weekend in February, 15 Brother Knights and friends enjoyed a weekend away at the Loyola Retreat House for our men's annual retreat. Loyola is on a 220 acre wooded property, and the Retreat House overlooks the Port of Tobacco waterway. It is simply a beautiful, quiet setting to get away from the world and think of our relationship with our God. I

have been going on retreats for 52 years now, and I always look forward to next year's retreat. Brothers, think about joining us next year on February 25 to 27, 2012. You won't regret it.

PGK Tom Slifker 410-465-3485

In the State Free Throw Competition, Patapsco Council had a winner.

Sharon Hull is the new state champion for the 13 year old girls group. She made 19 of 25 free throws at Archbishop Spalding this past Saturday. She is in eighth grade at Trinity School.



Insurance News

A tenth consecutive year of growth is a terrific topic for a column. 2010 was such a year for the Knights of Columbus Insurance program, which grew in every category. This is a pretty remarkable feat, especially considering the economic conditions of this past decade. Let me share a few of the Order's accomplishments with you.

- During 2010, the Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history: \$7.77 billion.

Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$78.9 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 2000, we stood at \$40.4 billion.

- Our field force continues to

grow, and we finished the year with a net gain of new agents. We are continually looking for new agent candidates to serve our growing membership in the U.S. and Canada. The ultimate goal is to have all of our members served by a dedicated, full-time agent.

- In July, we held our second Field Agent Sales Conference in Dallas, TX, an event that gathered a record number of field agents under one roof to learn from the best agents in the Order how to better serve their brother Knights and their families.

- During 2010, we celebrated an extraordinary seven months that were in the "best ever" category. Records were set in January, February, March,

April, May, September and November.

- Our AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from Standard and Poor's was reaffirmed for the 18th consecutive year and our A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed for the 35th consecutive year.

So please contact your Council Insurance Agent to see what products you may wish to have to protect your future and that of our love ones.

Patapsco Council and St. Joseph Monastery Parish



Chicken Dinner

Sunday

April 10th



Menu

*Three piece Fried Chicken dinner with a choice of two sides and a flaky biscuit
Coffee, tea or soda*

\$7 per person

Family discounts available

Contact

PGK Mike Doetzer

Patapsco Knight Deadline

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL EDITION OF THE PATAPSCO KNIGHT IS MARCH 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 PatapscoKCI960@mail.com

Maryland State Council High School Scholarship Programs

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Below is the complete information on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. Awards may be

applied to tuition payments only.

Application period is from November 1, 2010 to March 1, 2011. All applications must be received in their entirety by the Scholarship Committee no later than March 1, 2011. Scholarship information and application information is in-

cluded below (preferred) or write to:

Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus
10815 Stang Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117



Council Programs — PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director

Brothers and Patapsco Council family: Good Friday, Easter, the May State Convention, the end of the Columbian year, Council Elections—they are all just around the corner. I have received no Resolutions to bring before the Council as a whole, so I must assume that you all have nothing that you want changed, nor any positive input. Next month we submit the final Surge for Service Program Reports and begin to receive Council and Beaumont leadership nominations. I look forward to receiving the texts of all reports, photos, etc. from Directors and/or event chairmen NLT March 19th. For my most serious concern and rant this month: We need more participation from more brothers. This Council is in danger of acute atrophy. There are a few shining examples of enthusiasm, but generally it is the same small group that steps forward in each crisis to save the day. Council events require planning, behind the scenes efforts, competent, reliable and determined leadership. Events and activities do not happen in a vacuum. If you want to continue to enjoy the Council and its programs, it means more than just attending—it means YOU have to get involved and help. Otherwise, we have only a building which sustains itself by rentals but not a Council. As of this writing, I have not gotten any unsolicited direct input from any Program Director for this column. My understanding is that the PK Editor has input from three people—Thanks guys. That will not sustain this newsletter which costs several hundred dollars a month to issue. In the long run, it will also not sustain this Council. Patapsco Council—are you heading towards the

obit column? Accept responsibilities and diligently perform your duties if you committed to an office. If you want a vibrant Council, step forward. Folks, it does NOT happen unless YOU do it. We have six Surge programs—PICK ONE and support it with your time, talent and enthusiasm. Many of us have tried, but we are tired of battling nearly alone. It is your Council. There were 410 on the roster at the years' start, admittedly 75 are "inactives". But how many of you come to meetings? We see about 35 different folks at one time or another (understandably few can make everything), so that leaves about 300 MIA. That is scary. News from each activity area is listed below; also see other articles and the Calendar:

PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director

Church Activities – Ernie Schaefer

No Director Report. Hopefully, next 5th Sunday Communion Breakfast in May. We assume there were no lighting strikes at the Council Retreat held Feb. 25-27 . . . GK Tom Slifker can report on it next month.

Community Activities – Mike Blair

See Mike's reports and Blood Drive results in special articles. Kudos to Mike for giving input.

Council Activities – (Open - Mike Blair Pinch Hitting)

Shrove Tuesday Dinner March 8th from 4:30 to 7:30. 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 David Slade and his wife Susan, and their boys William and Austin. 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

Congratulations to the District 17 winners at the State Basketball Free Throw Finals. Good show.

Right to Life Activities – (Open-Tim McCarthy Pinch hitting)

Please keep praying for an end to abortion and to heal those impacted. We are working on a project to help the Pregnancy Center West after their recent flooding catastrophe. More details coming.

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 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



Please remember the following people in your prayers.

PGK Bob Carhart
Frank Viscardi
Wayne McCullough



Council Easter Egg Hunt
April 23rd
Beginning at Noon with Lunch to follow.

May your troubles be less
And your blessings be more
And nothing but happiness
Come through your door.


State Council News

The State Council will take part in the 32nd Annual March for Life in Annapolis on March 14th. The

Founder's Day Mass and Reception will be held on March 20th. The Spring Meeting will be on March 26.



March 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Beaumont Meeting	4	5
6	7	8 Pancake Dinner	9 Council Meeting	10	11 Rigadoo Irish Night	12
13	14	15	16	17 	18	19 Reports to Program Director
20 Deadline for PK	21	22	23 Lecturer Night	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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