



# Patapsco Knight

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## 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).

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## Grand Knight Report—Mike LaMartina

Brothers,

As we enter the final quarter of the Columbian year, I want to acknowledge how much we have accomplished this year. To name every new idea, new event or to thank everyone many times over for their kindness, generosity and commitment to our Lord, our Council, our Community and our Order, would take more time and space both possible and allowed in the pages of this Newsletter. In short, thank you to everyone for ALL you have done to make our Council what it is. We have managed to stay strong and committed to our Order's principles, despite the ever changing events in our world that often lead people to

ask "where is God", or where was God when...."? We have consistently looked beyond those doubts by continuing to live as Knights, and we have consistently answered those doubts with our continuity of actions pertaining to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. For that perseverance, we should be proud.

Regarding the recent crises in Libya, Japan and in other international and political hot spots, I would like to mention some POSITIVE news. My wife Heather and I are expecting our first baby. The expected arrival date is early October. This is important to mention because children are some of Gods mira-

cles that continue to convey the message that God loves us and that there is still hope and promise for our future, despite what else may be going on around us. That being said, I want to ask each of you to do something for me. I want you to tell your wives, children, parents, siblings, etc...how much you love and appreciate them. Don't ask for anything in return, other than that they relay the same message to others. I believe that if the members of our society showed greater love and concern for one another, the crises would start to work themselves out. Thanks for everything! I love you guys! Vivat Jesus!

Mike LaMartina

## Prayerful Thoughts

Medjugorje Message - February 25, 2011

"Dear children! Nature is awakening and on the trees the first buds are seen which will bring most beautiful flowers and fruit. I desire that you also, little children, work on your conversion and that you be those who witness with their life, so that your example may be a sign and an incentive for conversion to others. I am with you and before my Son Jesus I intercede for your conversion. Thank you for having

responded to my call."

Medjugorje Message – March 2, 2011

"Dear children; My motherly heart suffers tremendously as I look at my children who persistently put what is human before what is of God; at my children who, despite everything that surrounds them and despite all the signs that are sent to them, think that they can walk without my Son. They cannot! They are walking to eternal perdition.

That is why I am gathering you, who are ready to open your heart to me, you who are ready to be apostles of my love, to help me; so that by living God's love you may be an example to those who do not know it. May fasting and prayer give you strength in that and I bless you with motherly blessing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Thank you."

## Council Family Trip to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.



**Sunday  
May 22nd**  
Meet at the Council at 11:00 to  
depart to  
Greenbelt Metro  
Station.  
**Contact  
Scott Luco**  
at  
**410-744-1559**  
For further  
details

## Eucharistic Procession -April 3 Co-editor Tim McCarthy

Forty Days for Life has started in 247 cities, and 9 countries in 32 international locations. This is a program that starts and ends with God. On Sunday, April 3 at 1:30 P.M. there will be another Eucharistic Procession from St. Agnes Parish on Route 40 to the abortion mill at the Suburbia Building -300 yards west of the Church. County police will help us cross Route 40. YOU are invited.

Locally, we are praying on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and

Saturday for the close of the Hillcrest abortion mill. (Those are the days when the killings take place). The most significant part of the prayer for many of us is just saying the rosary. We don't carry signs with grotesque-if accurate-pictures. We don't try to block anyone from entering the mill. We don't shout prayers or warnings to people as they pass. We just pray.

As I passed the Johnnycake Road entrance to the mill on March 15 I counted 9 people

joined in prayer. I come for an hour on Thursday mornings at 11 A.M. Many Council members are working then. But if you're free please join me. Last Thursday I prayed alone.



## Beaumont News

**Beaumont Holding Company Board of Director's Election:** Along with the Council, the Beaumont Holding Company will be holding elections for its Board of Directors at the Council business meeting on May 25th. There will be four

slots available for the term July, 2011 until June, 2014. Anyone interested in running for position on Beaumont's Board of Directors, please contact President Pat Young or VP Mike Blair.



## Council Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, January 30 was Family Breakfast Day at Patapsco Council 1960 in Catonsville, Maryland. To celebrate the fifth Sunday of the month, Our Council hosted a breakfast for families from 9:00 until noon Sunday morning. Past Grand Knights Mike Doetzer, and Ken Horvitz, along with brothers Gary Warren, Warren Norris, Wayne Slifker, and Al McGill served up a delicious buffet of pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and fruit. Over 60

guests enjoyed the meal, which gave families a chance to relax with each other, enjoy conversation, and even meet up with some old friends they hadn't seen in a while! The event also served as a recruitment tool for a few brothers whose

guests are potential candidates.

Why was an event like this important for families? Simply put, families need to 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!



## Travel Club News

The travel committee is planning the following trips for this year. Mark your calendar for June 29 for Suicide Bridge; September 11-15 for Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; October 19 for our second Suicide Bridge, and December 9-11 for New York City. . Final arrangements are in process. We will send a notice out soon.

Tom Slifker, 410-465-3485.

Pregnancy Center West needs a suite with 1000 square feet to open up a new center. Anyone with suggestions should call Tim McCarthy at 443-610-7584.

### 10 Week Scholarship Raffle Winners

**March 9**

**\$50—Thomas  
Blickenstaff**

**\$30—Stephen  
Gianatis**

**\$20—Daniel  
Christopher**



**Council  
Easter Egg  
April 23rd  
Lunch will  
be served  
at noon  
with the  
Egg Hunt  
to follow.**

**Prizes will  
be  
awarded.**

**David  
Slade**

## 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



## Council Handicap Equipment Program

Handicap Equipment - As discussed at the March Business Meeting, Brother Ron Price will be supervising the handicapped equipment stored at the Council home. His first assignment is to locate the current equipment which has been lent out. Brother Ron is attempting to replace the current wheelchairs with 3 or 4 fairly new ones, along with metal crutches and walkers,

but an account of what we have and where it currently is needs to be addressed first. Therefore, anyone knowing the whereabouts of any handicap equipment borrowed from the Council, or of anyone wishing to donate such equipment, contact Ron Price @ 410-747-4643. Once said equipment has been replenished, a sign-out ledger will be maintained by Brother Ron.



**Patapsco Council  
and St. Joseph  
Monastery Parish**

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Chicken**

**Dinner**

**Sunday**

**April 10th**

**3:00 to 7:00**

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**Menu**

*Three piece Fried  
Chicken dinner*

*with a choice of two  
sides*

*and a flaky  
biscuit*

*Coffee, tea or soda*

*Bar open with  
popular prices*

**\$7 per person**

**Family discounts  
available**

**Reservations a  
must**

**PGK Mike Doetzer**

**410-242-6130**

## Letter from Transfiguration Catholic Community

February 24, 2011  
Dear Warren,  
Please extend our sincere gratitude to the members of the Patapsco Knights of Columbus for their generous support of Transfiguration Catholic Community Church's Christmas Basket Project. With your support we were able to help 200 families with food and gifts. Your dedi-

cation year after year to this project is remarkable especially during these difficult economic times. Words can not adequately express our gratitude. In the spring, we will be inviting you and other members of the Knights of Columbus family to join us in a Mass of Thanksgiving for our many benefactors. Transfiguration Catholic Community will keep

your organization in our thoughts and in our prayers. May God continue to bless each and every one of you. Sincerely, Jane Buccheri, Coordinator, Christmas Basket Project.

## Patapsco Knight Deadline

**THE DEADLINE  
FOR THE MAY  
EDITION OF  
THE PATAPSCO  
KNIGHT IS  
APRIL 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](mailto:PatapscoKCI960@mail.com)

## IS IT TIME FOR A CHANGE?—Tim McCarthy Co-Editor

Join the members of Patapsco Council and our neighbors for an ECONOMIC REALITY CHECK on April 27 at 7:30. Our skyrocketing national debt, problems with Medicare and Social Security and changing demographics place all of us at risk. How can we shift from the government to personal responsibility in these matters?

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality. At the Knights of Columbus we know

this business model is incorrect.

As a Catholic organization we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. In fact much of our strength can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards

The Knights exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching. This means careful planning when it comes time to invest. There are many companies that would provide us with excellent returns. We will not work with

them because they engage in research and development that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life.

In this era of collapsing financial values let us take a fresh look at investments that respect the sanctity of human life -for ourselves and for generations yet unborn.

We are across from the Catonsville Library. Light refreshments will follow our presentation.



# Council Programs — PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director

Brothers and Patapsco council family:

First let me wish you all a Blessed Easter this month. As a time of rebirth in our Faith as well as in nature, Spring is upon us, let us hope we also see a renewal in the Council. The Surge Reports for the final quarter will have been submitted, No, I am not happy with the overall quality, but I guess that was the best we could do. Overall, Youth seems to be one of our strongest areas — thanks to Youth Director David Slade. We'll see how we stack up against other Maryland Councils at next month's Maryland State Convention in Ocean City.

## Church Activities — Ernie Schaefer

No Director Report. Planned 5th Sunday Communion Breakfast in May.

## Community Activities — Mike Blair

April 16th — Shredding Day on the parking lot from Noon until 2 p.m. Free will offerings accepted.

## Council Activities — (Open)

Thanks for those who helped with the Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday. Next event: Fried Chicken Dinner 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 10th—see details in this PK.

## Family Activities — Scott Luco

Our next family event will be a trip to the National Zoo in Washington on May 22 for a Sunday afternoon in the Park. The plan is to meet at 11:00 AM, then caravan to the Greenbelt Metro Station and take the Metro to the National Zoo. Cost will be minimal, as the zoo is free and Metro fare will run between 5 and 6 dollars per person round trip. Some kids say the train ride is the best part of the trip! Contact Scott Luco at 410-744-1559 for more information.

Please contact Scott Luco if you know of a family deserving of our Family of the Month honors.

## Youth Activities — Dave Slade

Children's Easter Egg Hunt, is Saturday, April 23rd beginning with

lunch at noon followed by the Easter Egg Hunt. Prizes will be awarded.

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

Please keep praying for an end to abortion and healing those impacted.

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)

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Rosary List PGK Ken Horvitz — 410-218-8537

John O'Dower — 410-788-5467

Sick/Deceased Ernie Schaefer — 410-747-0520

# Degree Team News

The First and Second Degree Teams have currently completed the both State Competitions for the current year. Both of the degrees went really well especially the 2nd degree in February. We are hoping to come home from the State Convention with many award plaques!

The teams will finish up the Fraternal year with the three degrees, there will be a First Degree on April 20th, a Second Degree on May 18th and a Third Degree, put on by the State Team on June 10th!

As you can see a candidate could complete all the degrees in just a

few short weeks!

Of course it would be great if we could fill the hall with Patapsco members, if you haven't seen a degree in some time, this new team will show you just how fine they are! Many thanks —

Tony Viscard,  
Degree Team Captain



*Please remember  
the following  
people in your  
prayers.*

**PGK Bob Carhart**

**Frank Viscardi**

**Wayne**

**McCullough**

**Bud Gaegler**

**Anne Luco, wife**

**of Brother Scott**

**Luco**

*Please remember  
the followed  
deceased in your  
prayers also.*

**Michael Gauger**

**March 1st**

**Richard Slifker,**



**brother to**

**Tom Slifker**

**March 2nd**



# April 2011

Sun		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Beaumont Meeting	8	9
10 Chicken Dinner 3:00	11	12	13 Business Meeting	14	15	16
17 	18	19	20 First Degree	21	22 Good Friday	23 Easter Egg Hunt - Noon
24 	25	26	27 Lecturer Meeting	28	29	30

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