



# Patapsco Knight

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## December

## Calendar

Dec 1—Beaumont Meeting

Dec 7 —Heart of Maryland chorus

Dec 21 — Lecturer Night

## Grand Knight Report—Mike LaMartina

Brothers,

Please have a safe, happy and healthy Holiday season. Always remember to keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas.

Vivat Jesus!  
Mike LaMartina



## Prayerful Thoughts

Medjugorje Message –November 2, 2011, Our Lady appeared to the visionary Mirjana and delivered the following message: "Dear children, the Father has not left you to yourselves. Immeasurable is His love, the love that is bringing me to you, to help you to come to know Him, so that, through my Son, all of you can call Him 'Father' with the fullness of heart; that you can be one people in God's family. However, my children, do not forget that you are not in this world only for yourselves, and that I am not calling you here

only for your sake. Those who follow my Son think of the brother in Christ as of their very selves and they do not know selfishness. That is why I desire that you be the light of my Son, that to all those who have not come to know the Father - to all those who wander in the darkness of sin, despair, pain and loneliness - you may illuminate the way and that, with your life, you may show them the love of God. I am with you. If you open your hearts, I will lead you. Again I am calling you: pray for your shepherds. Thank you."

## Degree Team News

Brothers,

Just a reminder that the next two degrees at our Council will be judged by the State !

On January 18th we have a First Degree at 8:00 pm and the following month, February 15th a 2nd degree at 8:00 pm.

We will need every available man to be there, so please make every possible effort for these two nights !

Many Thanks,  
Tony Viscardi, Degree Team Captain  
410-719-0999





**Patapsco Council  
Annual  
Christmas  
Celebration  
With  
Heart of  
Maryland  
Chorus  
December 7  
Music Begins  
at  
8:00 PM**

## Changing America co-editor Tim McCarthy

Since 1973 America has suffered an explosion in natural disasters-unlike anything in its history. Just this year sections of America had floods while forest fires and draught ravaged other states.

Economically, as recently as 1979, gasoline was 80 cents a gallon. Today, we'd call it a bargain to pay four times that price. Such leaps in basic commodities damage everyone. We had a balanced budget in 2000 but 12 years later we owe 15 trillion dollars.

Few dispute America's moral decline over the same period. A homosexual man who was also the mayor complained to his bishop when a priest explained the standard Catholic view on homosexual acts. The bishop responded by suspending the priest! The year concluding is the first that more children were born outside marriage than to married moms and dads. This figure does not count one million children killed by abortion.

It seems that our current fiscal and moral behaviors under-

mine the very institutions that made our past success possible.

Yet God watches all from an eternal perspective. If increased wealth has not brought increased virtue perhaps a humbler economy is best. The goal for all of us is to become members of his Eternal Home.



## Beaumont News

The Christmas holidays will be soon upon us, consider the Beaumont Hall for you party needs.



## WHY CHOOSE KC INSURANCE

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the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$154 million to Catholic and other charitable causes. In these uncertain times, find comfort in an organization that leads the way in doing good for others while doing good for our own.

We are secure  
Since 1882, we have been committed to protecting the financial futures of our Knights and their families. We do this by paying claims and dividends to our insured members. In 2010, we paid well over \$442 million in death claims and other benefits, and more than \$322 million in

dividends to our policyholders. Even more impressive is the fact that in the past decade, the Knights of Columbus paid more than \$3.2 billion in dividends to insured members.

We are stable  
Prudent leadership and management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing an adequate foundation for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured and their beneficiaries. Also, because we are a fraternal benefit society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members and we return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.





# Council Programs — PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director



Program Report – PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director

Brothers and Patapsco Council family: I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving as we now prepare for Christmas, a new liturgy begins with Advent and it looks like we will have an eventful New Year. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the Heart of Maryland performance to start off the holiday season. It is going to be a busy month around the Council as well as in most folks' homes, decorations to put out, cards to send, gifts to be buy and wrap, traditional meals to be prepared, relatives and friends to see, etc. In all the rush, try to take just a little quiet time one night, a silent night, and think about the true impact of Christmas in your life. Reflect on the past year and, as we go into 2012, think about what you can do to live a more fulfilling life.

Meanwhile, housekeeping. Directors and Event Chairmen: Second Quarter Surge Reports are due! Send e-mail drafts when you have them, pre-Dec 31 if possible; we'll

meet to get pictures. I'd like to have everything in my hands not later than Friday, Jan 6th so I can get signatures and do turn-in at the Council Meeting on the 11th. Upcoming events are found elsewhere in the PK and the Calendar. Karen and I hope that you all have a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Let us hope that we and our nation successfully meet the challenges of 2012 and are blessed with a Healthy, Happy and a lot more prosperous New Year. Share well the Season and its meaning.

### Children's Christmas Party.

It will be held on December 18th from 12-2 PM. It will feature magician Dave Thomen of D's Magic. He will perform a Magical Christmas Show. Lunch will be served starting @ noon. The show starts approximately at 12:45. Kids of all ages will really marvel at this show. You can visit Dave's website [www.d-smagic.com](http://www.d-smagic.com)

Free Throw Championship will be held Saturday January 21 from 12

noon until 3:00 pm. This program is for boys and girls ages 10—14 and is to be held at Trinity School, 4985 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City. Contact David Slade for details at 410-744-2517 or [davidslade@verizon.net](mailto:davidslade@verizon.net)

PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director

### REMINDER OF UPCOMING STATE COUNCIL PROGRAMS:

See the State website: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)

### BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS:

Monthly Meetings are at 8 p.m. on 2nd Thursdays See the Chapter's website for other locations and programs.

*Please remember the following people in your prayers.*

**PGK Bob Carhardt**

**PGK Reggie DiSante**

**Wayne McCullough**

**Rita Eberling**

## Travel News

December 9-11, 2011 –New York City Christmas – Everything is ready for our New York City Christmas Trip. Have a great time and enjoy the “Big Apple. Merry Christmas from the Patapsco Travel Club.

### 2012 Bus Trips –

March 14, 2012 - Sights & Sounds Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see the show Jonah. Following the show we will travel to East Earl, PA to have a buffet dinner at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord. The cost for this trip will be \$110 for

adults, \$95 for teens (13-18), and \$80 for a child (3-12). A \$50 deposit is due by 12/15/2011 & final payment is due by 01/31/2012. We only have 55 tickets. Get your tickets now before we sell out. Call Tom Slifker @ 410-465-3485.

May 20 to May 27, 2012 - Branson, MO for an 8 day/7 night trip. The cost for this trip will be \$815 per person double occupancy. A single supplement room will cost an additional \$255.

September 17 to September 21, 2012 – Niagara Falls, Canada for a

5day/4night trip. The cost for this trip will be \$630 per person double occupancy. A single supplement room will cost an additional \$170.

Harrington Casino & Suicide Bridge for a crab feast on June 27, 2012 and October 17, 2012. Mark your calendars. We are taking a names for the Suicide Bridge trips.

If you would like to get on the list for any of these trips, call Tom Slifker @ 410-465-3485 or any committee member.

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**Food For the Needy Program**

John Faggio Food For The Needy Program – The council bought the food for the Christmas baskets. Assembly & distribution of the food will take place on Thursday, December 8, starting at 8:30 AM. We need plenty of volunteers (men, women & teens) to help us. Also, if you still have raffle tickets to turn in, do it before the deadline of December 21, 2012, the day the raffle goes off. We have been doing this program for 28 years, and it makes the heart feel good to help others. Charity is the number one principle of our Order, and we try to do our share in helping the poor. If you have any questions concerning this program, call Tom Slifker @ 410-465-3485. The food committee wishes each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year!

Consider going Green and get your Patapsco Knight online! Contact Brother Mike Blair via email [kc1529@verizon.net](mailto:kc1529@verizon.net) to be added to the list.

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