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April

Calendar

April 5 —

Beaumont

Meeting

April 11— Council

Business Meeting

April 18 — First

Degree

April 25 — Lectur-

er Night

Grand Knight Report—Mike LaMartina

Brothers,

It seems as if every time we turn on the news, there is an update on some catastrophe or traumatic event that manages to captivate our attention. Very little recognition is given to family values and the importance of maintaining integrity in our relationships, both at home and in the workplace. Always remember to keep the needs of your family ahead of your own. Besides being Knights, many of us are husbands and fathers who have to find the balance between work, family life and other civic responsibilities. It is easy to get "wound up" and to forget about

just how important family is. As we live each day, always remember to share your love with your family, and to thank Good for them.

Mike LaMartina

First Degree
April 18th
Brothers please attend this Degree and support the Degree Team.

Patapsco Council, Knights of Columbus will hold its next DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION DAY on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 10:00AM until Noon (this is an earlier start from previous years). The event will be held on the Council's parking lot at 1010 Frederick Road (Frederick & Beaumont). Bring your old sensitive documents, including cancelled checks, medical records, financial records and any other type of paperwork that you don't want to place in your recycle bin. There is no charge for this service, but all donations will be greatly appreciated. This event will be held RAIN or SHINE (Please pray for SHINE). For additional information, please contact Mike Blair at 410-744-8754 (M-F, 9am-1pm).

Prayerful Thoughts

Medjugorje Message – Today, February 25, 2012, Our Lady appeared to the visionary Marija and delivered the following message: "Dear children! At this time, in a special way I call you: 'pray with the heart'. Little children, you speak much and pray little. Read and meditate on Sacred Scripture, and may the words written in it be life for you. I encourage and love you, so that in God you may find your peace and the joy of living. Thank you for having responded to my call."



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**KNIGHTS OUT INN**  
**APRIL SPECIALS**

- April 6 Good Friday .  
Knights Out Inn is CLOSED.
- April 13 Home made  
Meat loaf dinner
- April 20 Italian Buffet
- April 27 Baked ham dinner



In addition to our specials, we serve a regular menu of crab cakes, chicken tenders, shrimp salad, fried shrimp, cheese steak subs and rib eye steaks. All meals are served with delicious sides and salads. Please come and join us for a great evening of fraternity and family fun.

## Defending The First Amendment—co-editor Tim McCarthy

Religious persecution often wears a mask. In Nazi Germany the Jews were told as they arrived that they would be given showers in an adjoining building. Once inside they were gassed. In the South in the early 20th century the mask was a white hood- the insignia of the Klan. Now in modern America, "women's rights" are used to hide the genuine destruction of religious liberty.

The Catholic Church has offered no legislation to curtail women's rights. But the government must make this charge to disguise their attack on religious freedom.

Cardinal Dolan, President of

the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, says, "We recognize that each of the ministries entrusted to us by Jesus is now in jeopardy due to this bureaucratic intrusion...And as we recall, a Baptist minister, Governor Mike Huckabee observed, "In this matter we're all Catholics."

Cardinal Dolan continued, "We will voice our concerns to anyone of any party... who is willing to correct the infringements on religious freedom that we are now under.

"There have been many threats to religious freedom over the decades, but they often came from without. This

one, sadly, comes from within. ..Our opponents sought to obscure what is really a religious issue by maintaining that abortion inducing drugs and the like are a woman's health issue. We will not let that deception stand."

Your Eminence, The Knights of Columbus are listening.



## Beaumont News

In need of a place to hold your next party, consider using the Council Home.

The Council Office (410-744-8754).

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

The Election of Council Officers will be held on June 13, 2012. Nominations are now being accepted for Officers to serve during the 2012—2013 Fraternal Year. Nominations may be made during the regular Council business meetings in April and May..

### Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday — April 7th

Noon to 2:00 PM

Egg Hunt begins at noon followed by lunch and prizes

# Council Programs — PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director

Brothers and Patapsco Council family: It appears that spring has come early even as Easter is not yet here. Yes, I bought a new snow blower last year, but I am NOT complaining. As I write this (March 18th), I am hopeful that I will get concluding input from the Program and Event chairs so I can get the Surge Reports in to the State by the 23rd. Out of town family commitments caused me to miss Rigadoo for the first time in many years, but I understand there was a large crowd and all enjoyed the event. I understand that our travelers also had a good time on their recent trip.

In last month's column I expressed a concern about May elections, needing leadership talent, and poor meeting attendance. I know there was a trip on, but with 400 on our roster, I was pretty shocked that at March Business meeting

we just made a quorum. Brothers, the Business meeting is a Supreme Council requirement. We used to get at least forty (10%) to a meeting. Participation is at a new low. In the next few months we will change Council leadership and I believe the new grand Knight will want to make some changes. What I would ask is that anyone, especially PGK's, who have suggestions on how to reverse this trend make your thoughts known to me or the other PGK's. I know we are fighting a rough longevity demographic and stagnant local area growth, but something must be done to regain our momentum. When we have some ideas, I am sure between PGK's Cogswell, Slifker, Doetzer, Horwitz, Brose, etc., we can come up with a plan to help the new GK. If this trend is not reversed, not only will we drop to a "B" size council, but our events and pro-

grams will also do so. Don't forget Document Destruction Day & Yard Sale this month. As Lent comes to an end, Karen and I wish you all a great Easter celebration. Mary, Queen of Knights, pray for us.

PGK Barry Casanova, Program Director  
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.

FOURTH DEGREE: This year's Exemplification in Frederick will be on March 2nd to 4th. If interested contact a 4th Degree Member – which includes most officers, the District Deputy, District Warden, even the PK editor!

REMINDER OF UPCOMING STATE COUNCIL PROGRAMS:  
Reminder, Deadline for State Convention Registration (without surcharge) is April 1st.

*Please remember the following people in your prayers.*  
**PGK Bob Carhardt**  
**PGK Reggie DiSante**  
**Rita Eberling**

The Patapsco Council, will hold a Yard Sale & Flea Market on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 8:00AM until 2:00PM (Rain date: Sat., April 28th). Rent a space & bring your stuff to the Council Home. Rental space is \$10.00 (28+ spaces available) & Table rental (8ft) is \$5.00. Food & refreshments (Danish & coffee in the morning) & hot dogs, hamburgers & drinks in the afternoon will be available. For information & reservations, please contact Ron Price @ 410-747-4643 or ron-doprice@gmail.com.

## Travel News

Sights & Sounds Millennium Theatre & buffet dinner at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord trip held on March 14th was great! The weather was in the 70's, the Show, Jonah, was spectacular, the Shady Maple Smorgasbord was unbelievable in selections and quality, and the people with us were the best. If you haven't joined us on our bus trips, think about one of our future trips listed below.

May 20 to 27, 2012 - Branson, MO trip is \$815 per person double occupancy (\$255 additional for single supplement). It is not too late to sign up for this trip. Call me

now. Final payment will be due immediately.

June 27, 2012 - Harrington Casino & Suicide Bridge for a crab feast. We are now taking \$40 deposits or \$90 full payments for this trip is due by May 15. This trip is very popular and sells out quickly. We still have a few seats available.

September 17 to 21, 2012 – Niagara Falls, Canada for a 5day/4night trip. The cost: \$630 per person double occupancy (\$170 additional for a single supplement). A \$100 deposit is due by 5/31/12 to hold your reservation, and the final payment is due by 7/31/12. Call Tom Slifker if you want more infor-

mation.

October 17, 2012 - Harrington Casino & Suicide Bridge for a crab feast. Mark your calendars. We are taking names & deposits of \$40 for the Suicide Bridge trips.

Ask your friends and relatives to join us on some of these trips. We have a good time!

If you would like a brochure and/or get on the list for any of these trips, call any committee member - Tom Slifker 410-465-3485; Mike Blair 410-744-8754; Ken Horvitz 410-218-8527; Peggy Baldwin 410-299-8586 (after 6 PM); or Tom O'Brien 410-796-8066.

10 Week Scholarship  
Raffle

March 14 Drawing:

\$50 John Furletti

\$30 Gary Powers

\$20 V J Carfine

March 21:

\$50 Sal Cascio

\$30 Mike Boettinger

\$20 Cletus Beckman

*Congratulations*

*PATAPSCO COUNCIL AND ST. JOSEPH MONASTERY PARISH  
CHICKEN DINNER*

Sunday April 22

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 and dessert  
Coffee, tea or soda Bar open with popular prices

\$10 per person

Family discounts available

Reservations a must

PGK Michael Doetzer

410-242-6130

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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