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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

September was a wonderful month for the Knights. Besides our regular meetings (remember that we are now back to the first and third Tuesdays of the month), we held our annual Wive's Appreciation Event and hosted a 2nd Degree exemplification for the District. Now that we are gaining momentum, October will be even a busier time, which means that there are lots of opportunities to get involved. Isn't that why we joined the Knights in the first place?

On a serious side, as you are well aware, the Knights of Columbus is a Pro-Life Organization. We believe in the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. There have been several executions which have made the headlines. In light of this, I went to the Supreme Website to see if we had expressed our views on capital punishment, and we did. I copied our Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori's teaching on this area and submitted it to be published in this newsletter.

Here are the upcoming events for October and early November.

Saturday, October 1, Quarterly State Meeting, Holy Family School, Woodbridge, VA, 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM.

Tuesday, October 4th, Regular Meeting in Parish Hall. Rosary begins at 7:15 pm. Council Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Saturday October 15. Soccer Challenge, Bishop Ireton High School 1 – 4PM.

Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, Membership Blitz at each Mass

Tuesday, October 18th, Regular Meeting in Parish Hall. Rosary begins at 7:15 pm. Council Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 18th, Prospective Member Open House, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm.

Friday evening, October 21, Illuminated Rosary, Church of the Nativity Sanctuary, 7:30 pm.

Friday evening, October 28th Support of Nativity School PTO Trunk or Treat, Parish Hall and Kitchen.

Saturday October 29th, 4th Degree Exemplification, Fairview Park Marriott Hotel, Falls Church, VA, begins 11:15 am.

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Tuesday, November 1st, Regular Meeting in Parish Hall. Rosary begins at 7:15 pm. Council Meeting begins at 7:30 pm. First Degree.

Saturday, November 5th, Italian Dinner Dance.

I plan to begin the Rosary at 7:15. We did it in July and August and September and we can keep the streak alive. Please arrive on time (or a little earlier to help set up).

Finally it is my privilege to select the Knight of the Month and the Family of the Month.

The Knight of the Month is Joseph Miletta. You name it: Yard Sale, San Gennaro Festival,..., Joe is there and is working hard. I have personally enjoyed riding in Joe's truck to pick up furniture for the Yard Sale. I especially like working with Joe, because when he is there, there is not much lifting on my part. What a great Knight! If we had 300 like him, we would have to get a larger meeting hall!

The Family of the Month, Philip and Denise Richard. Phil had been more active in our Council, and was very active in Boy Scouts, CCD teacher, and the Choir. I met Phil while we were taking the Just Faith course at Nativity and he volunteered to be the co-facilitator. In every organization he was in, he was always a leader. Now he and his wife are leading us again. Phil has been living with cancer for a number of years, and is now under hospice care. Just like Pope John Paul II, in this struggle Phil and Denise are showing us how to live a full life.

If you would like to send them a note, here is their address:

Phil and Denise Richard
9422 Onion Patch Dr.
Burke, VA 22015

VJ,

Phil Thompson
Grand Knight
Father Sikora Council

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Place	Event	Point of Contact	
October 1, 2011	Sat	8:30 AM	Holy Family School	Quarterly State Meeting	Phil Thompson	703-451-8626
October 4, 2011	Tue	7:15 PM	Parish Hall	Rosary and Meeting	Phil Thompson	703-451-8626
October 6, 2011	Thur	7:00 PM	Holy Spirit School Gym	Catholic College Night	BJ Dysart	bdysart@cox.net
October 15, 2011	Sat	1:00 PM	Bishop Ireton High School	Soccer Challenge	John Larvie	703-451-3477
October 15-16, 2011	Sat and Sun	Masses	Nativity	Membership Blitz	Sam Morthland	703-455-2186
October 18, 2011	Tue	7:15 PM	Parish Hall	Rosary and Meeting	Phil Thompson	703-451-8626
October 21, 2011	Fri	7:30 PM	Nativity	Illuminated Rosary	Mike Muller	703-455-2186
October 28, 2011	Fri		Parish Hall	Nativity School PTO Trunk or Treat	Sam Morthland	703-455-2186
October 29, 2011	Sat	All Day	Fairview Park Marriott	4th Degree Exemplification	See Page 4	
November 1, 2011	Tue	7:15 PM	Parish Hall	Rosary and Meeting	Phil Thompson	703-451-8626
November 5, 2011	Sat		Parish Hall	Italian Dinner Dance	Ron Cestaro	703-250-1013

GRAND KNIGHT'S REFLECTION

ON THE UPCOMING 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Last year, as the Deputy Grand Knight I had the privilege of observing multiple First, Second, and Third Degree exemplifications. Without the stress of participation, I was able to reflect on the specific lessons of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Also I was able watch my fellow Knights walk along the path to Full Knighthood. Now I am asking each of our eligible Knights to consider taking this next step with me to become Sir Knights. I am sending a special invitation to each of those Knights whom I watched take the 3rd Degree last year. This time we can truly walk together.

Phil Thompson, Grand Knight

THE EXEMPLIFICATION IS COMING!

Vivat Jesus Brothers! The time is drawing near for the first 4th Degree exemplification in Northern Virginia in 5 years. This is a rare opportunity to obtain your 4th Degree close to home. As you have heard me say in the past, this is a special calling to serve the Knights of Columbus as a Sir Knight in the 4th Degree. I have highlighted many of the events that we support and hopefully have described the Assembly in a way that has piqued your interest. Now is the time to act.

Next steps:

Tuesday October 4th - At the council meeting, we can complete your Form-4 (this is the form required for your application to the 4th Degree). You can submit your check at that time or later. I just need to have it by October 12th.

Tuesday October 11th - At the assembly meeting, the Sir Knights will vote on each candidate. Once approved, I will send all the information to the District Master for processing.

I would suggest that if you plan on attending the exemplification, you might stay at the hotel Friday and/or Saturday night. The District Master has negotiated a good rate and we can support his efforts by reserving those rooms. There will be events on Friday evening with the main events on Saturday.

Thanks again brothers. Please give this part of your journey in the Knights serious consideration.

Vivat Jesus! Called to Serve!

Kevin J. Crouch
Faithful Navigator, Monsignor Francis L. Bradican Assembly #2996

KNIGHT'S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

All those coats, sweatshirts, hats/gloves, etc. that you have been saving - time to bring them to Church of the Nativity for the Knight's Annual Coat Drive. We will also take any travel size items you may have collected from your travels over the past year.

We will collect the weekend of October 15/16 and drive them to Carpenter's Shelter on Sunday, October 16 at around 1 pm (after the last mass starts). We need at least 2 other drivers to get the load down to the shelter on Sunday. We need people to help sort coats on Sunday in the All purpose room behind the Gift Shop - we sort children, women and men.

If you can help or have any questions, feel free to call or email Dave/Ann Benson at 703-866-9459 or annndave2001@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Drive

Calling all Brothers! We are going to make our largest attempt of the year to encourage other Catholic gentlemen to join our Order on the weekend of 15-16 October. We will be making an announcement and manning the doors at the Masses, manning a sign up table outside the main doors, have a flyer in the bulletin, and will have a Honor Guard procession at the 0900 and 1100 Masses. I still need a lot of help and sign up list will be at the 4 Oct meeting for you sign up to help. If you can't make the meeting, please send me an email at morthlas@aol.com as soon as possible and tell me which Mass you can help with. ****SPECIAL REQUEST**** I need some Brothers who are members of our Hispanic community to step forward to help with the Spanish Mass on 15 Oct. Specifically I need someone to make a pulpit announcement in Spanish and be available to talk with potential candidates. Fr. Wilson, our Chaplain, is wholeheartedly behind this effort and would like to see us show up in numbers. So please sign up ASAP. -- DGK Sam Morthland

Every Knight a Recruiter

We all have friends who have expressed an interest in what the Knights do and who we are, now is the time to encourage them to take that first step. Give them a brochure, sit down and discuss the Knights with them and relate your experiences and why you are a Knight. This personal link is essential and most Catholic gentlemen are just waiting to be asked to join. So as the Nike advertisement says, **JUST DO IT** and ask them and then bring them to our Open House on Tuesday 18 Oct at 7:15pm to learn more about the Order and to meet the Brothers and find out how we support our Church, community, and Nation.

Upcoming Degree Exemplifications

Brothers, we have a unique opportunity for our First and Second Degree Knights to complete their remaining degrees to by mid-November. Please let me know which Degrees you'd like to attend and I will make the necessary arrangements. (I have included the First Degree dates FYI so if you know anyone who is "on the fence" about joining you'd be able to tell them about the degrees.) -- DGK Sam Morthland , 703-455-2186, morthlas@aol.com

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| First Degree: | - 10 Oct at St Raymond's |
| | - 18 Oct at St Mary's |
| | - 26 Oct at St Bernadette's |
| | - 1 Nov at Nativity |
| Second Degree | - 11 Oct at All Saint's Manassas |
| | - 25 Oct at St Mary's |
| | - 15 Nov at Mt Vernon Council, Alexandria |
| Third Degree | - 15 Oct at St Timothy's in Chantilly |
| | - 12 Nov at Nativity . |

INSURANCE UPDATE

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

It Can't Happen To Me! I hear that many times when meeting with Brother Knights. We may be discussing retirement planning needs, Long Term Care, Disability Insurance, the need for a blend of Term Insurance and Whole Life Insurance. How financially stable is your family going to be if you have a premature death, disability, or a need for Long Term Care? We certainly don't expect life changing moments to happen early in our lives. We see our parents living longer thanks to advances in medical care and medicines. Usually there is nothing on the horizon to signal a change in our lifestyle. But when it happens, it is quite a shock to the family to hear the news of a death, medical condition or accident involving a loved one.

I received a phone call in Jan. 2010, when my wife had fainted at work. A hospital stay, medical tests and cognitive tests confirmed that my wife would be unable to continue working with her current job. This was confirmed in August, 2011. The Washington Post had an article Aug. 24, 2011 featuring a story about Patricia Summit, U of TN. Basketball coach. My wife is facing the same diagnosis, early onset Alzheimer's disease at age 58. Did we plan for this? Did we expect this? How should our plans be modified? We are working on many ideas and also with our families.

Knights of Columbus Field Agents are not immune from bad news or family crisis. We try to point this out to our members. It makes life easier to continue when plans are made, various Knights of Columbus Insurances are placed with the member's family. Would you like to take some of the risk your family faces and let the Knights of Columbus Insurance products help you?

Please let me know when I may meet with your family.

Paul T. Hannan, Field Agent paul.hannan@kofc.org 703-444-6118 571-276-3927

SACRED HEART K OF C GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Old Hickory Golf Club
11921 Chanceford Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Calling All Golfers - Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their Annual Sacred Heart Golf Tournament Thursday 20 October at the Old Hickory Golf Course.

The fundraising tournament is a four-person, Captains Choice, Shotgun Scramble that will begin at 0900. Door prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place. There will also be closest to the pin holes, a long drive contest, hole-in one contest, and various door prizes.

Cost is \$100 per person and includes: Green and Cart Fees, Range Balls, Open Beverage Cart During Play, and a BBQ Lunch following play.

We are also looking for any local parishioner or businesses that are interested in being sponsors, if interested in being a sponsor or playing in the tournament please contact John Brady, at 703 680-5135 home, or 703 470-2331 cell, or email at johnbrady01@comcast.net.

Signup to play on our event website located at <http://www.tournevents.com/Ascension>

John Brady, Ascension Council Grand Knight

WHAT DO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BELIEVE ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT?

I went to Supreme website (kofc.org) and this is the answer I found.

The 32nd installment of Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori's faith formation program addresses questions 467-469 of the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The Church teaches that there is a legitimate right of self-defense, but it must never be out of rage or use any more force than is necessary. Pope John Paul II reminds us of the beautiful witness of those who, while grateful for the gift of life, have laid down their lives for others (EV, 55). Those responsible for the lives of others have not only the right, but also the grave duty to defend themselves and those entrusted to their care (Compendium, 467).

Moreover, public authorities may legitimately punish those who break the law so as to protect public safety and to correct offenders (468). Such punishment must be proportionate to the crime. Today, because there are means other than capital punishment to protect society from dangerous criminals, both the Church and many segments of society have reached the conclusion that, as a practical matter, capital punishment should no longer be administered (469).

We are truly a Pro-Life Organization, believing in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, which is why I am so proud to be a Knight

Phillip Thompson, Grand Knight

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

Money Counting Team C is retiring

We are looking for a replacement team to keep the number of teams at 6. I have contacted the WON and now the Knights in hopes of putting together a team of 5 or 6 persons who would like to count weekend collections on Sunday. Team would be up every 6th Sunday to count. I have 2 team member volunteers already.

If interested, please contact Ann Benson - Nativity Bookkeeper - at 703-455-2400 x111 or abenson@nativityburke.org.

Thank you in advance.

KOVAR

If you contribute to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) please ensure to remember KOVAR (CFC #42569) in your contribution plans.

If you do contribute, please let Brother Jay Hoffmeier know via email to jhoffmeier@cox.net



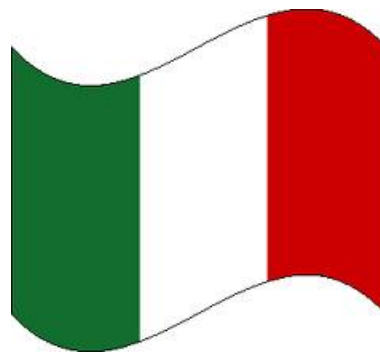
ITALIAN DINNER DANCE

November 5, 2011

SAVE THE DATE and plan to join us for a fantastic evening of wonderful italian food, wine, and dancing.

Tickets will be on sale shortly. Be ready to buy them because they will go quickly.

If you have any questions please contact Brother Ron Cestaro at 703-250-1013 or rcestaro@cox.net.





KofC Website Links

Supreme: <http://www.kofc.org>
 Insurance: <http://www.kofcinsurance.com>
 Virginia: <http://www.state.kofcva.org/>
 District 14: <http://www.kofc8600.org/dd14/>
 7992: <http://www.frsikora7992.org/>
 Facebook [Father Sikora FACEBOOK](#)
 LinkedIn group [Father Sikora LinkedIn Group](#)
 KofC World News: <http://headlinebistro.com>
 Fathers For Good: <http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/index.html>

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