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Tootsie Roll Campaign

Please sign up for our yearly Tootsie Roll campaign which is already in full swing.

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Pray the Rosary Daily

GK's Report

My Brothers All:

Once again, poor Camille Ng had to call and remind me to compose this report. September was a very good month for our Council. It was highlighted by two major events, the first of great spiritual value and the second of great service.

At our September 22 social meeting, our Chaplain, Fr. Cortinovis, gave us a wonderful presentation on the history, biblical basis, and theology on the Church's position on traditional marriage. His comments were of great value in understanding that God views human marriage in the context of his covenants with the Jewish people in the Old Testament, and Christ's covenant with his bride, the church. After several questions, the over 30 people in attendance enjoyed a social time with Fr. Cortinovis to talk together and enjoy some refreshments.

On September 25, our Council again stepped up and did all the meat cooking for the parish picnic. We cooked enough hamburgers and hotdogs to feed in excess of 500 people, despite a less than beautiful day. We were also blessed by the presence of several seminarians who had come out to help cook and get to know the people of our parish. They were rewarded with much food, including a pan of Mary Girardi's famous baked beans, to take back with them.

October has some big events coming up also. First, on October 15 we hope to run a blood drive in the Trumpet Room. Anyone interested in assisting, especially managing it, please call Chancellor Joe Doane immediately. The second big event is a joint meeting with the Sodality Guild on October 20. The Prefect of the Sodality, Betty Gill, has prepared a wonderful evening and I encourage all to attend. Finally, we will hold another recruitment weekend on October 23 & October 30. Be watching for details from our Membership Chairman Bill Wilkinson.

Finally, this is Respect for Life Month in our Church. In his homily today, Fr. Cortinovis reminded us that respect for life is more than being against abortion, euthanasia, and contraception. It also includes respect for the poor, the lonely, the sick, and the dying. In the Catholic Standard are many opportunities to volunteer with agencies that address all these communities. Finally, the Holy Rosary, prayed daily, fervently, solemnly is a powerful tool to ask Mary's help and guidance in how to go about giving of ourselves in respecting life in all its stages.

God Bless you all.

Peter Anton Zaudtke, Sr, PGK, FDD
Grand Knight



Mater Dei Council #9774
Match Your Faith with Good Works!!
Schedule of Activities

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
SUN	October 2		Coffee & Donuts Volunteers needed, contact Br. Joe Doane at joedoane@verizon.net
TUE	October 4	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
THUR	October 6	8:00 pm	Business Meeting
SAT	October 15	All Day	Blood Drive
TUE	October 18	10:30 am	Visit Rockville Pregnancy Center WIVES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!! Contact Br Greg Maier at gmaier@oblon.com with questions
THUR	October 20	7:30 pm	Joint Meeting with Sodality: Father Lopez will speak on his formation WIVES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!! RSVP btjegill@aol.com ,or, materdeigk@verizon.net THIS WILL REPLACE OUR 10/27/11 SOCIAL MEETING
SUN	October 23		Recruitment Sunday @ St. Raphael's and Our Lady of Mercy St. Raphael's volunteers contact Bill Wilkinson at wilkinsonfin@aol.com Our Lady of Mercy volunteers contact PGK Wilsie Adams at wadams@whalaw.com
TUES	November 1	7:00pm	Executive Meeting
		8:00pm	Open House
SUN	November 6		Coffee & Donuts Volunteers needed, contact Br. Joe Doane at joedoane@verizon.net
THUR	November 10	8:00pm	1 st Degree @ St Raphaels
THUR	November 24		<i>THANKSGIVING DAY!!! NO MEETING!!!!</i>

DD's Letter

Worthy Brothers All,

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please try to say this special prayer to Our Lady each day. Her intercession is special of all the saints. She carried and bore our God. Seek our Lord through her and you will be assured of many graces.

The Columbus Day Ball is Saturday October 8. Reservations are due by Monday September 26. If you missed the deadline, you may contact George Floria at 301-627-3923. There is also a ceremony in Washington DC on Monday, October 10.

Brother Fernand Lavallee kicks off the third week of the **Tootsie Roll campaign** at the Cabin John Giant on Friday morning October 30th.

We received donations of over \$1,700 this past week-end. We need additional help. Please sign up for this worthy cause.

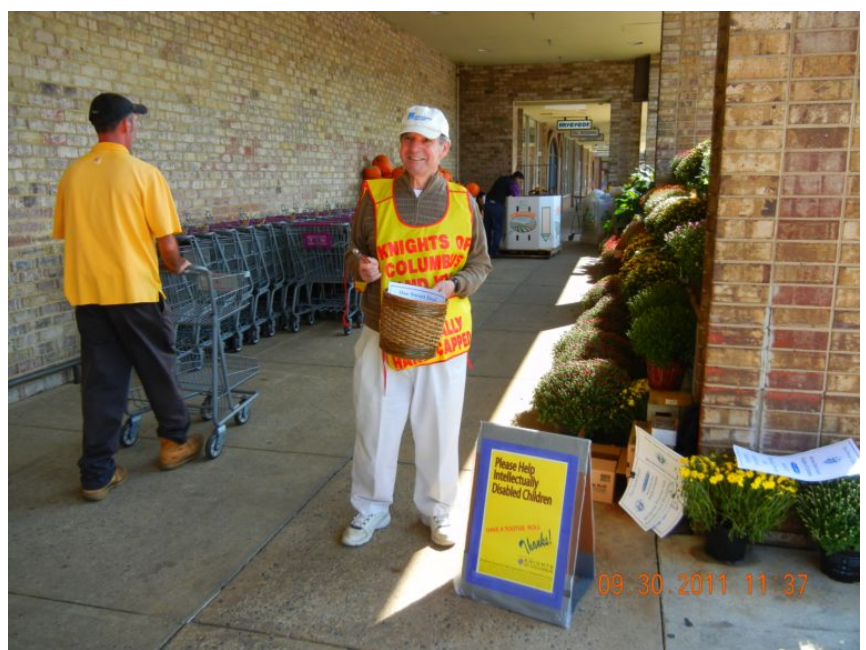
See page 1 for sign up information.

Autumn is here and as the leaves change color let us keep in mind that our souls, too, are preparing for winter. Soon we will be celebrating All Souls Day and All Saints Day. As these somber days approach, take time to take stock of the past liturgical year. Now would be a time to receive the sacrament of confession, go for an afternoon walk alone in silence, or take shelter at a coffee

shop for a coffee. Collect your thoughts, and with the shorter days, go gentle into the darker days where paradoxically, our souls grow brighter with the warmth of God's love.

God Bless.

Richard Earenfght
District Deputy



October: The Month of The Rosary

An Invitation

Eucharistic Adoration is offered here at St Raphael every Thursday following the 9:00 AM Mass through 7:30 PM. On each Thursday during the month of October the Knights of Columbus will lead the **Praying of the Rosary** at 6:40 PM. This will be followed by the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 7:00 PM, and **Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at 7:15 PM.

Praying the Rosary has been part of the church tradition for centuries, and a great number of triumphs in our church, and history are ascribed to the power of the Rosary. Today, there are many dangers in our world and society, and our Blessed Mother through many apparitions has urged that we pray the Rosary for help.

Please consider making some of your time available on Thursday. Join your community in **Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer** and experience the many blessings and graces which flow through these practices. **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Pray for us!**

Behind Enemy Lines

Why is Montgomery County like Tora-Bora, Afghanistan? Because Osama Bin Laden lived there, and Dr. LeRoy Carhart, the Bin Laden of the abortion industry, lives here. Sure, the comparison is a bit of a stretch, but it's not ridiculous! Dr. Carhart is openly practicing his nationwide abortion business here—and worse—he is one of a limited number of “practitioners” who still practice not only abortions, but late term abortions, which are legal in Maryland. Killing the innocent is fundamentally wrong, whether done by a terrorist, or by a licensed “practitioner”.

Thankfully, the Knights of Maryland are not letting this happen without a fight. The K of C is an eminently pro-life organization, and the Maryland state organization has now started its new “Linkages” initiative to foster relationships between K of C Councils and local pregnancy support centers (PSCs). Montgomery County hosts five PSCs:

- Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Gaithersburg
- Rockville Pregnancy Center Rockville
- Centro Tepeyac Silver Spring
- Birthright of Montgomery County Silver Spring
- Gabriel Network Gaithersburg
Home

Mater Dei Council seeks to especially support the PSCs in nearby Rockville and Gaithersburg. There will be many opportunities for all of us to join in the fight for life and against abortion by supporting these deserving PSCs by either volunteer service or fundraising, and probably both. Keep an eye on the roster of scheduled events for opportunities to help out. Feel free to contact Greg Maier, our Pro-Life Chair, for more information.

Br. Greg



Fraternal Benefits

What if your last paycheck was your last paycheck?

How long could you survive financially without an income? How would you make ends meet?

At the Knights of Columbus, we know the importance of protecting the breadwinner. In 1882, it was the frequent loss of the breadwinner and his income that prompted Father Michael J. McGivney to found the Order.

In 2011, we continue to fulfill his vision with the introduction of Income Armor.

Designed with hardworking Catholic men and women in mind, Income Armor is part of a product

portfolio you can count on to keep your family safe and secure.

Many things in life are uncertain. Knowing that your income is protected if you become disabled should not be one of them. Call me, I look forward to discussing these needs, as well as any of our other Fraternal Benefits.

Fraternally,

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Knights For Life

The right to life is fundamental to all others, which is why the battle against abortion is a signature issue of the Church and its loyal army, the K of C. To draw more Knights into active participation in the ongoing struggle to protect the most vulnerable among us, our K of C state organization has launched its "Linkages" initiative, encouraging every council in Maryland to connect with local Pregnancy Support Centers (PSC's). Taking the lead in this initiative, representatives of Mater Dei Council toured Shady Grove Pregnancy Center on Tuesday, September 13. GK Zaudtke, DGK Radovich and Pro-Life Chair Maier were treated to a detailed and highly informative tour by Mary Ann Feyder of SGPC.

We were deeply impressed by the organization and scope of services provided by SGPC and its loyal volunteers, particularly considering the tight budget under which they operate. We learned that excellent opportunities exist for Mater Dei Knights to join the fight for life by helping out at SGPC. For example volunteers for a one-time general clean-up would be greatly appreciated, as would handy men to check out/repair donated furniture items. If you want to step up and make a difference, feel free to contact GK Zaudtke or Pro-Life Chair Maier (301-762-5453).

Behold, children are a gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward. Psalms 127:3

Br.Greg

Entertainment Books are *IN*!

The Knights of Columbus are now selling 2011 Entertainment books! *The Knights will be selling books on November 13th and 14th outside the church.* There are thousands of dollars of discounts on local fine dining, casual and family restaurants, Old Navy, Dominos, Subway, K-mart, Target.com, PetSmart, AMC, Regal and Bowtie movie tickets, Shadowland laser tag, car rentals, Olney and Shakespeare theatres, Montgomery Playhouse, National Symphony, Washington Ballet, minor or league baseball, Six Flags, on line shopping and much more! Over \$13,000 in savings.



Contact Patrick DeGraba (301) 279-2873, or Tony Cammarota (301) 424-6138. The price of a book is \$30. Please buy your books now.

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