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The Fulton J. Communiqué

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Council Christmas Party – December 19 – 6:30 – Council Home



Grand Knight's Report

Chris Ryder
410-552-4396

It's over, yet it's just begun. I'm just a little late writing my remarks and have been duly warned by our Communiqué editor (whom everyone knows is also our worthy District Deputy) to get my notes in or else! Thanksgiving was great; my Dad was here, and it was his first visit to our home since Mom died a year ago this week. Our kids, both school teachers, were here for the whole four days as we spent it eating Gail's great food and watching maximum football. My daughter, Janelle, even took me to the Washington Capitals hockey game Saturday night. I even survived a "Black Friday" visit to one of Eldersburg's fine retail establishments. It's so good to get "back to normal," for now.

Now we are at the threshold of Advent, the New Year for our Church. In the secular world, the weeks leading up Christmas are a frenetic time of shopping, parties and holiday cheer. We're bombarded with TV "Holiday" specials along with salutations of "Happy Holidays," and movies with atheistic overtones. What happened to normal? I wish all the best to our Brother Knights and our families as we celebrate the reason for the season, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

November was a most outstanding month for our Council. We started the month out with our final pit beef event at the Liberty High School marching band festival. We

honored our Brothers who went on before us at memorial Masses for both our Council as well as the Maryland State Council. We honored the family of Roy and Doris Wagner as our October Family of the Month and Brother Bob Douglass as October's Knight of the Month. I would like everyone to congratulate our Knight of the Month for November, our worthy Chancellor, Greg Lynch. Greg did a most outstanding job coordinating our Council Memorial Mass; Greg is "Mr. Everything" around the Council helping with Pit Beef, our youth activities and the care and maintenance of the Council Home. Well Done, Greg! As of now, we haven't selected a November Family of the Month, so if you have a Council family in mind, please contact our Family Programs Director, Kevin McCall.

Keeping Christ in Christmas includes experiencing the joys of the Christmas Season. Last month, we announced that the Council's Christmas Party would take place on 8 December. I was absolutely, positively wrong. The real date of the Christmas Party is Saturday, 15 December. That's **19 DECEMBER!** PGK John Ramming assures us all that we will have a great time with food, beverage and camaraderie.

Finally, remember to fill out the annual fraternal survey and get it to Financial Secretary Rich Unglesbee. Merry Christmas and Vivat Jesus!

Remember that in everything we do we are "Living Our Faith".

**Fraternally,
Chris Ryder, Grand Knight**

District Deputy Report

Joe Winterling, PGK, PFN
410-549-1817



Brothers,

Greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Edgar Haynes

My wife and I hope you had a great **Thanksgiving Day** with your family and friends. We are looking forward to seeing you during this Christmas season.

Membership is going very well for the District. If you have any candidates awaiting a 1st Degree please contact me and we will arrange for them to travel to a local Council for their initiation. I have a 1st Degree planned for 1/2/08 at Immaculate Lady Council, 1/9/08 at Fulton Sheen Council, and 1st and 2nd Degrees planned for 1/15/08 in Westminster Council. You should also be planning to take all of your 2nd Degree members to a Jan 25, 2008 **3rd Degree in Libertytown**. Start contacting your 2nd Degree members now.

Star Council Awards were presented prior to the dinner associated with the State Memorial Mass. This was a great honor for me to see our Councils honored for their efforts last year. Keep up the good work.

The results of the **Tootsie Roll Campaign** are just starting to come in. I think this will be another great effort by the District to support our handicapped citizens.

My wife and I just saw the movie **Bella**. What a wonderful story. It doesn't end the way you might think but it leaves you understanding how Christians are able to deal with difficult situations. This is a great film made by Knights with a great Catholic message. If you don't get to see it in the theatre look for it on DVD.

My wife and I wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and hope your entire holiday season is a wonderful time for you and your families.

Maryland State Council 2007/2008 Trips
Mar 15-19, 2008: 4 Night St. Patrick's Day Bus

Trip to Savannah, Ga. Price to be negotiated
For more information contact:

Mary Ann Caguin World Travel Service 410-527-9700 x 120 or 800-668-9077

Be sure that in everything we do we are "Living Our Faith".

Fraternally,
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Financial Secretary & Treasurer



Rich Unglesbee
Financial Secretary



Mike Dean
Treasurer

2007 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting or mail it to Rich Unglesbee, our Financial Secretary. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2007.

Name _____

1. **Number of visits you made to 2007 to:**

Sick - caring for the Sick _____

Bereaved - visits of condolence _____

2. **Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2007** _____

3. **Estimated hours of volunteer service during 2007:**

Church Activities _____

Community Activities _____

Youth Activities _____

Habitat for Humanity _____

Miscellaneous Activities _____

4. **Number of hours of fraternal service during 2007:**

Help to sick/disabled members and their families _____

Good-of-the Order Drawing

If Bro. Bill Hill had attended our November business meeting he could have won \$66. Next month's drawing will be worth \$97.

Hope to see you there.

CUFP, Inc.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Dick Perron,
President 410-795-7649
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cufp@comcast.net

All members of the Council are also members of the CUFP, Inc. who is responsible for management of the Council Home. The Board of Directors meets 3rd Wednesdays at the Council Home. Everyone is encouraged to join in the discussions regarding the management of YOUR Council Home.

HOME CORPORATION MEETING

Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, the November Home Corp meeting has not been scheduled. The meeting, if held, will be announced at the next Council Business Meeting on November 14.

HALL Rentals

Changes in the rental Policy for Our council home.

The council home has opened up the rental opportunities to persons or groups that are recommended by a dues paying member of Council 7612. We the officers of CUFP feel there is a vast potential for Business meetings, Retreats and Private parties to responsible persons recommended by our members for any further information please contact Jack Van Cleve @ 410-795-6129 or E-Mail Me at jvanclave@adelphia.net referencing HALL RENTAL

NO SMOKING INSIDE THE BUILDINGS HANDICAPPED PARKING

Please reserve the 2 Handicapped Parking Spaces for the Handicapped

Sheen's Colleens Corner

Ann Sulewski
410-552-3741
President



Dear Ladies of the Council Family,

A big thank you to Janet VanCleve for setting up a most enjoyable and fun filled evening at our November meeting. Laughter certainly can be the "best medicine."

Dates for your calendar:

- December 11th - Tuesday - 6:30pm - **Sheens' Christmas Dinner - Meiklejohn's**, Eldersburg - Janet VanCleve [410-795-6129], contact Janet if you plan to attend.
- December 15th - Saturday - 7:00pm - **Knights' Christmas Party** - Council Home
- January 12th - Saturday - **Blood Drive** [the Sheens will help to make phone calls prior to the blood drive, details to follow]
- January 16th - Wednesday - 7:00pm - **Sheens' regular business meeting** - Cassidy Center

As we reflect upon Christ's birth, may you and yours be blessed with peace and joy throughout this Holy Season and all through the New Year.

Ann Sulewski 410-552-3741 President
Heather Greul, Vice-Pres. Carol McCuen-Secretary
Lee Hoyas - Treasurer

DISTRICT NEWS

Championship Sunday Football Party

Sunday, January 20th at the Portico, St. John - 2 p.m.-8 p.m.
Includes Big Screen TV+, Buffet, Beer/Soda, games and more.
Lou - 410-635-2583 or
Bill - 410-848-5494 for reservations.



James Cardinal Gibbons 4th Degree Assembly

Westminster, Maryland
Peter O'Sullivan, Navigator
410-549-6013

<http://www.carr.lib.md.us/~meripper/kofc/assembly/activity.htm>

The principle of the Fourth Degree is Patriotism

Assembly meets the 4th Monday at 8:00pm of each month at the Carroll County Associated for Retarded Citizens (CCARC) building. Make a left off Rt. 97 north off Rt. 140 at Kriders Church Rd (just 50 feet north of Rt. 97 North & Rt. 140 interchange).

No December Assembly Meeting - MERRY CHRISTMAS

Color Corps Practice Continues. Watch for emails on this item.



Chancellor's Report

Greg Lynch 410-596-5872 glynch7612@gmail.com

If you know of a member who is sick or is recently deceased, PLEASE CALL the Grand Knight or Chancellor. We would rather get 250 calls about someone who needs our prayers than fail to assist someone in need.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS AND FAMILIES:

**Cosmia Tumminello
Helen Jenkins**

**Marie McCurdy
William Horten**

Gaberiel Hundertmark

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

| | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Jamie Snediker | Bill Sapp | (Scott's father) | Madeline Jones | Patty Bowlen (friend of Dick Zabela) |
| Jim Hanlon | Floyd McCurdy, PFN | Ben SanFellipo | Joseph Bolesta (Will Drummond's brother-in-law) | Ashley Berdel |
| Otto Greul | Dick Ekeroth | (Frank's Father) | Isobel Milkowski | Richard Zyla |
| Ray Vaccare | Pete Decker | Mary Erline (Greg Lynch's mother) | (Linda Stanley's mother) | (Steve Zyla's father) |
| Kerri Ramming | George Koleszar | Nick Giangereco | Tom Schwartz | Cheyenne VanCleve |
| Robinson | (brother Bob Koleszar) | John Gropshover | Wanda Coy | Pat Reilly |
| Mary Leach | Steve Zyla, PGK | Dennis Simmont | (Bob Coy's Wife) | Joe Januszewski |
| Rose Marie | Mark Drummond | (Rick Wilhide's Brother in law) | Cindy Hogan | Pat Ruckle |
| Gomeringer(Emma's mom) | Margaret Kaelin | Jerry Fuller (Jay Fuller's father) | Charlie McTygue | Alexandra Fry |
| Lee Hoyas | CeeAnn Ekroth | Sherry Formwalt | (Father of John McTygue) | Jim + Anne Brown |
| Dick Bumstead, PSD | Eileen Koleszar | Ray Combs | | Sam Young (father-in-law Joe Eagle) |
| Harold Benden | (Bob's wife) | Annie Smith | | Marge Garber |
| Neil Forthman | Nancy Birck | | | |
| Ed Comfort | Carl Motter | | | |

WE ASK SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

Diane and Bill Strotz's daughter, Lisa has been diagnosed with Hodgkins Disease and she and Bill are asking for prayers for Lisa.

Our Council Brother, Jack McCall, is deploying to Iraq along with his Maryland National Guard unit.

Program Reports

Membership Report Tom Greul

WEAR YOUR BADGE AT MASS

Church Activities Report John Hundertmark

Car Magnet Program

The Council will be selling Car Magnet with the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas". The cost is \$5.00 each and all profits go to the Haiti Mission Program, Inc. They will be available at meeting and at Church in the Gym. Phone Dave Smith 410-549-1802 for info.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We, as a Council, have made a commitment to be present every Sunday morning, between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m., for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at St. Joseph's. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a little quiet time with The Lord, then attend the 7:00 Mass. Knights and family members are encouraged to participate at least one Sunday each month. If you can do this, please come on any Sunday morning at 6:00.

Tuesday Night Rosary

Ever since 9/11/2001, Knights and their ladies of our Council family have gathered each Tuesday evening to say a Rosary in memory of those killed by the terrorists that tragic day. We have since included the remembrance and well-being of our service men and women in these prayers, as well. If you are able, please join us in the Cassidy Center at St. Joseph's at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

Community Activities Report Otto Greul

Friday Night Bingo

The next bingo at the Sykesville Fire Department will be on December 28th. To volunteer call Otto Greul 410-552-9379.

Highway Cleanup for 2007 Completed

On Saturday, November 10, our council conducted its fourth and final highway cleanup exercise for this year. A total of eleven people participated in the event. Over a two hour period, we collected 31 bags of trash; a new record.

The team consisted of Andrea McKenzie and the ten Knights shown below. The ten Knights are, from left to right: Pat McKenzie, Gary Conover, Bob Douglas, Chuck Morranville, Bill Eckert, Bob Semin, Greg Lynch (back row), Bill Strotz (middle), George Snediker (front), and Andy Turgeon.



Many thanks to all you who helped this past year.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on January 12th. If you are a first time donor or to volunteer to work call George Moriatis 410-795-2280

Youth Activities Report

George Snediker & Miguel Macaoay

Family Life Activities Report

Kevin McCall & Mike Heyden

From the Family Movie Committee.

On November 10 we hosted our first family movie night of the season. Attendance was estimated to be approximately 200 people which we deemed to be a very successful event. **We tentatively have three more nights schedule for the remaining seasons. These dates are January 19th, February 23rd and April 26th.**

On a side note, **we are currently recruiting new families to help with the family movie nights.** In particular, we are in search of someone who would be willing to take over organizing these events. Both my wife, Debbie and I have been involved with this committee for 10 years with the past 6 to 7 years organizing the events. We are both thinking it's time to hand over the reigns to someone else. If you are interested, this would be a great time to get involved so we can begin teaching you the "ropes" of the event. The events are fun and have proven to be a great way for families to get together as well as showing the parish the true meaning of what the Knights are all about. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me at 410-795-8396.

Council Activities Report

Bill Rooney

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19, 6:30pm

Council Home

ADULTS ONLY

John also asks the ladies to bring a pick up type dessert. Please rsvp to John Ramming at cramming@aqonline.com

CONCESSION STAND PROJECT:

Concession Stand: Nov 18 game, though unsuccessful for the Ravens, proved successful for the team of volunteers who worked at the concession stand, selling approximately \$9400 of inventory. We should receive a commission check of about \$750. Our next, and last, football game is on **Sunday, Dec 30 at 1 p.m.** when the Ravens play host to Pittsburgh. 7 volunteers have already signed up to work. SO!! If you are really anxious to work that 1 game in 2007...this is your last chance. Ray will gladly accept incoming phone calls from Brother Knights who are busting a gut to be on the volunteer roster for the last game of the season !! Call 410 795-8846 to volunteer.

TEAM/TIPS Training: Ray is organizing a TEAM/TIPS training session for sometime in **February 2008** to increase the number of volunteer eligible to work at the concession stands at Oriole Park and M&T Stadium. This is a 2 hour alcohol awareness training seminar that Aramark requires of all volunteers working at either stadium. Ray will contact all the newest Council members to generate new interest in this project. This also serves early notice to Brother Knights and spouses whose training certificate will expire in **2009**. Plan now to attend one of the many training sessions held throughout the year at Oriole Park and M&T Stadium or keep **February 2009** free for the group training at that time. Ray will begin making reminder calls in the Fall of next year!!!

2008 Art Auction

Pit Beef events

Brothers,

We had our last pit beef function this weekend November 3rd. Liberty High School asked us to attend their State band competition. We set up next to the concession stand. I want to thank the following people for coming out and working in the cold. Rich Unglesbee, Eleanor Urick, Bill Strotz, John Hundertmark, Jeanne O'Sullivan, Mary Brown, Roy Wagner, Dave Smith, Rick Wilhide, Jay and Patti Fuller, Greg Lynch, Mike Heyeden and Tom and Heather Greul.

We sold 296 sandwiches and had a good time. Thank you to all who have helped out this year with our pit beef drives. Your hard work has earned this council a lot of money.

These are the results of this year's Pit Beef Activities

| 2007 Pit Beef Season | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------|--------|-----|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Date | event | Total sandwiches | Beef | Turkey | Ham | Bills/ Gross | profit |
| | Century craft @ \$5.00 | 107 | 72 | 20 | 15 | (5) \$1349.94 \$535.00 | -\$814.94 |
| 5-23 | NASCAR#1 @ \$5.00 | 90 | 60 | 10 | 20 | (3) \$128.67 \$483.00 | \$354.33 |
| | Fiddlers @ \$5.00 | 301 | 193 | 69 | 39 | (3) \$1331.43 \$1735.00 | \$403.57 |
| 7/4 | 4 th July @ \$5.00 | 332 | 210 | 58 | 64 | (7) \$1114.80 \$1907.00 | \$792.20 |
| 7/21 | Surf-n-Turf @ \$5.50 | 626 | 421 | 73 | 132 | (12) \$1208.92 \$4074.00 | \$2865.08 |
| 9/15-16 | Wine Festiv @ \$5.75 | 1410 | 915 | 291 | 204 | | \$3000.00 |
| 10/6 | Fall Harvest @ \$5.00 | 801 | 451 | 196 | 154 | (10) \$2066.43 \$4048.00 | \$1981.57 |
| 10/11 | Vera Bingo | 95 | 53 | 19 | 23 | \$123.45 | Donation |
| 10/20 | Century Craft @ \$5.00 | 129 | 66 | 41 | 22 | \$825.96 | \$645.00 |
| 10/20 | Bull & Oyster | ? | ? | ? | ? | (1) \$759.33 | Donation |
| 11/3 | Liberty Band | 296 | 200 | 60 | 36 | (6) \$1272.13 \$1588.00 | \$315.87 |
| Totals | | 4187 | 2641 | 837 | 709 | | \$9542.68 |

I would like to give everyone advance notice of our next annual Art Auction which will be held at St. Joe's Gym on Saturday, March 1st. 2008.

This will be our 27th annual auction and the proceeds will be used to support our Robert H. Clark Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is for \$2,000 per year for four years and is given to a deserving high school graduate from the south Carroll County community. We have four scholarships currently in place and have provided scholarship assistance to over 25 students since the beginning of our scholarship program.

The gallery we have been using for several years has been bought by a larger group. The new gallery is known as AJ ROSS auctions. The parent company, Applejack Art Partners has access to over 250 artists from around the world as well as a large group of artists on staff. We can look forward to a selection of art at our upcoming event that will include old favorites as well as several new artists.

We will be able to take requests. We ask that you have your requests to us by February 10, 2008 so the gallery has time to pull them for our show. I have already recorded some requests and will take any that you have at any time between now and the show.

We will have a special custom oil painting to be auctioned this year that will have special meaning to members of the St. Joseph's Faith Community. I will provide more details about this piece later.

Please mark your calendars now so that you do not miss this auction. As past attendees can attest, it is one of the best, fun filled events that we do all year.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Dick Zabela, Chairman
410 747-9694

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Fulton Sheen Council Calendar

December 2007

- 11 Sheens' Christmas Dinner
- 19 **Council Christmas Party, 6:30pm**
- 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- 30 Football Concession Stand

January 2008

- 12 **Blood Drive**
- 22 March for Life
- 26 Polar Bear Plunge

February 2008

March 2008

- 1 **Art Auction**

April 2008

- 5 **4th Degree Exemplification**

Council Business Meeting

2d Wednesday of the Month, 8:00pm
at the Council Home

**Council Officers & Program Directors Mtg.
Charity Corp. Meeting**

Monday before Business Meeting, 7:30-9:30pm
at the Council Home

CUFP, Inc. (Home Corporation) Meeting

Periodically
at the Council Home

Sheen's Colleens Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Council Social Meeting

See Grand Knight's Report

Communiqué Deadline for Articles

23rd of the Month