

The Fulton J. Communiqué

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Council No. 7612

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Right-to-Life March—January 24th

Our Chaplains



Fr. Pat Tonry, S.M.
Chaplain
410-795-7838



Fr. Paul Reich, S.M.
Associate Chaplain
410-795-7838

We hear it said in the First Degree... "tempus fugit"...time flies. Here it is Advent already and Christmas is not far behind; yet, summer seems barely passed, at least for me. So much has happened since this time last year and it is important to include all those happenings in this season of Advent and the coming season of Christmas. Peace still escapes us; many have faced sickness and death in their families and among friends; children have married and children have been born; the Presidential campaign and election are behind us and it is time to move on. I am encouraging all of us to find some time now to reflect on and be aware of how we are different this year and how that difference impacts Advent and Christmas for us.

One of the major figures in these two seasons is Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. Right from the beginning of December we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. From the very beginning of her existence Mary was freed from original sin, and this privilege was given to her in view of her role as Mother of Jesus. Mary was already special in the eyes of God and given this unique privilege. Then we celebrate the feast of Our

Lady of Guadeloupe, one of the most cherished titles of Our Lady; Her shrine in Mexico City is one of the most popular in the world, especially in our hemisphere. In this apparition to Juan Diego Mary showed and shows Herself involved in the lives of the simple, the poor, the forgotten, the powerless, the marginalized of society. She imitates Her own son, Jesus, whose birth we look forward to, and who came to save the lost, the poor, the people of seeming no account. Mary our Mother is our model of waiting, of preparing, of looking for the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Brother. Mary's spirit of openness, of attending to the Word, of being ready for God's action, offers us an example and an inspiration in living THIS season of Advent and Christmas.

Jesus became incarnate in time and becomes, as it were, incarnate again in each of us. Our dedication to the ideals and heritage of the Knights of Columbus can be renewed and strengthened as we prepare for the remembrance of the Birth of Christ through these grace-filled days of Advent. Though "tempus fugit," let us not be unaware and uninvolved at this time of the year.

Fr. Pat Tonry, Maryland State Chaplain

Editor's Note

All articles for the Communiqué must be submitted by the 23rd of the Month for the next month's edition. When possible, they should be submitted in MS Word format. Include any pictures associated with the event or project.

***** CHANGE *****

Send the material to joewinterling@adelphia.net. My work email was deactivated on Dec. 23rd.



Grand Knight's Report

Steve Zyla
410-549-9690

Dear brothers all,

Dear brothers all, as the New Year comes upon us, it's time to make those all important New Years resolutions. Webster defines a resolution as a formal expression of opinion or call to action. However, most of us see the New Year as an opportunity to better ourselves in some important way. Good luck to all who so choose to quit smoking, loose weight, exercise, eat healthier and such. If you can make it a couple of weeks, perhaps you can continue your resolve through Lent! Our calendar for January brings us the Red Cross blood drive at St. Josephs on the 8th and the Right to Life March in Washington D.C. on the 24th. Our Calendar for February brings us the St. Valentines Day Dance the evening of the 12th and the first week of February begins our all important recruitment drive for membership. We encourage every council member to invite a practical Catholic to join our council.

I wish to thank Weido Dimaio and the Sheen's Colleen's for a wonderful Christmas Party. The food was as special as the company that shared it, as we say; a good time was had by all! In closing I want to give everyone a heads up to improvements being done to our Council home. If you want to be a part of the decision making process please attend our Officers meeting, held the Monday before the Business meeting and our Business meeting, held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Keep your eyes open for our Lenten dinners, especially Brother Peter O'Sullivan's Buffalo Fish Fry, and hopefully other dinners at the Council home that we will use as a vehicle to raise monies for much needed improvements. Don't forget to say a daily Our Father for the health and special purpose of our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II.

Vivat Jesus,

Steven Zyla, Grand Knight

2004 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$105 million to charitable and benevolent causes and almost 50 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **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 2003.**

1. Number of visits you made to 2004 to:

Sick - caring for the Sick _____
Bereaved - visits of condolence _____

2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2004

3. Estimated hours of volunteer service during 2004:

Church Activities _____
Community Activities _____
Youth Activities _____
Miscellaneous Activities _____

4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2004:

Help to sick/disabled members and their families _____



Rich Unglesbee
Financial Secretary



Mike Dean
Treasurer

Don't Forget Your Back Dues Payments
If you change your address or phone number call me at 410-795-4121 or send a note to P.O. Box 256, Eldersburg, MD 21784 to update your records

Good-of-the Order Drawing

If Bro. James Behr had been present at our December meeting, he could have won \$71. The next drawing will be worth approximately \$93.

CUFP, Inc.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Dick Perron,
President 410-795-7649
10817 Stang Rd.
Owings Mills, Md. 21117



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 on the Mondays before the regular Council Business Meetings at the Council Home. Everyone is encouraged to join in the discussions regarding the management of YOUR Council Home.

**NO SMOKING INSIDE THE BUILDINGS
HANDICAPPED PARKING**

Please reserve the 2 Handicapped Parking Spaces
for the Handicapped

HELP WANTED

The home corporation is in search of an individual to take over inspection and rentals to members of the council home. Details of the job description are available from Jack Van Cleve. This is an immediately available voluntary job. This would involve setting up the rooms for the events, be it a party, dinner, wedding, meeting, etc., inspecting the interior of the building for cleanliness and follow the check off sheet prior to renting, then follow-up after the event.

Card Players

We have resumed our friendly card game following the regular business meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Come Join the Fun

Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #7612

Saturday, February 12, 2005
Time 6:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
St. Joseph's Catholic Community Gym

Proceeds Will Benefit:
JHH Child Bear Program

Tickets are \$25.00 each
Contact: Weido DiMaio 410-781-7039 for Tickets

Contributions to the Knights of
Columbus are not deductible as a
Charity Donation

Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance

February 12, 2005 - \$25/person
Contact Weido DiMaio for tickets

Appetizers

Crab Dip, Cheese/Crackers, Fresh Fruit

Buffet Supper

Chicken Breast Francaise
London Broil with Sherry Mushroom Sauce
Baked Penne Alfredo
Oven Brown Potatoes
Green Beans
California Medley
Caesar Salad, Rolls & Butter

Desserts

Strawberry Cake, Black Forest Cake

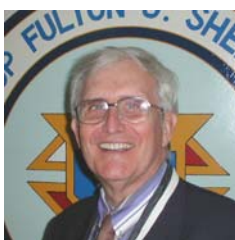
Beverages

Coffee/Tea, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks

Lecturer's Program



Chris Ryder
410-552-4396



Bob Koleszar
410-795-1370

This year we are trying something new for our Social Night programs. We will be scheduling them at different times to encourage greater participation. All Social Night Programs are open to the public and we encourage you to attend and invite your friends. Start time is 8pm unless otherwise stated.

- January 16th **"Pro Life Issues"**- Stephen Peroutka
February 20th **Fr. Joe Breighner** at St. Joseph's Church at 1:30 P.M
March (Tentative) Speaker from the Babe Ruth Museum
April (Tentative) **Bus Trip to Charlestown, WV**
May **"Triple Header"**
June **Grand Knight's Picnic**

District Deputy's Report

Joe Gauthier, PGK
717-359-0459



Brothers,

We have just concluded the wonderful season of Christmas, and are ready to embark on the second half of the fraternal year. This is a great time to reflect on the goals you set out to accomplish at the beginning of the fraternal year.

I am pleased to report that every council in District 1 is well on their way toward achieving Star Council. You are conducting excellent programs in all five areas, your membership is growing, and your members are taking advantage of the wonderful insurance benefits that are available. Maintain these outstanding efforts gentlemen.

There is much to be accomplished in the month of January. Your GK and DGK will be attending the State Mid-Term Meeting and Pro-Life Mass on January 8th. Second quarter reports are due by January 15th, but don't wait until then. Have your reports completed and turned in at the mid-term meeting. The Annual Survey

of Fraternal Benefits is due to Supreme by January 31st, and the council semi-annual audits are due by February 15th. The Pro-life march this year will occur on Monday, January, 24th.

The District Free Throw Contest will take place on Sunday, February 13th from 1:00 to 3:00, with registration beginning at 12:30. It will be held at Northwest Middle School in Taneytown. The snow date is February 20th with the same time schedule. Council contests need to be completed and reported to Supreme by January 31st.

The 4th degree will take place on April 9th in Hagerstown. Brothers, if you are a 3rd degree Knights, I strongly encourage you to take the patriotic 4th degree. Please see your Grand Knight for information.

The State Council has many Scholarships that are available. Information on the scholarships is available online at <http://www.kofc-md.org/pages/Committees/scholarship/scholar.htm>. The deadline for applications is March 1st. One way the State Council funds these scholarships is thru its tours program. A very exciting tour to Cancun, Mexico is planned for May 1 – 5, 2005. If you are interested in this tour please contact Mary Ann Caguin at Holidays Afloat: 410-666-6100.

In closing, my family was recently at Mass where a Missionary spoke to us about providing aid the people of Haiti. As he explained to us the horrible conditions under which these people live, I watched my oldest daughter as she was taking it all in. I couldn't help but notice her concern as she listened to this priest. On our way home, she began to ask some very good questions: Do the kids in Haiti have any games to play? Do they have beds to sleep on? Do they have bikes? This went on for several minutes, and my response to all of her questions was most of them probably do not. She then asked me "Did God make the people in Haiti?" My response, of course, was yes God makes everything. She then asked "How could God do that to those people?" This is a tough question to answer to a 6 year old. The only thing I could think of is "That's why God made people like Mommy and Daddy – so we can help them". That seemed to be an acceptable answer to her. The reason I writing this is because, to me, this is what the Knights of Columbus is all about: CHARITY. Everything we do is based on our first principle, and we get so much in return for the wonderful things we do. It truly is "IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE".

God bless you, God bless our great order.
God Bless -- Vivat Jesus,

Joe Gauthier
District Deputy #1
717-359-0459

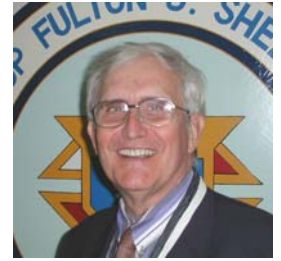
Kevin Carter
District Warden #1
410-751-7292



Chancellor's Report

Bob Koleszar 410-795-1370

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.



The Council now utilizes a phone service to notify our members of a death within the Council Family. If you DO NOT receive this automated phone call please contact Dick Perron, 410-795-7649, and we will add your name to this notification list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS AND FAMILIES:

Fr. John Mulligan

Donald Santapaola (friend of Chris Ryder)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dick Maher
John Conley (John Ramming's father)
Bruce Cohen
John Zambito
Chuck Swartout
Neil Forthman
Dick Ekeroth
Bill Sapp
Dale Wilhelm
Tom Schwartz, Jr.
Charles Campbell, 3rd
George Koleszar (brother of Bob Koleszar)

Catherine Partenope (Thom Partenope's great aunt)
Ben SanFellipo (Frank's Father)
Joe Januszewski (son of Joe Januszewski)
Lisa Gagen (Chuck's daughter-in-law)
Andrew Wallace (Shawn's son)
Charlie McTygue (Father of John McTygue)
Sue Graham (friend of John/Carol McCuen)

Lisa Gagen (Chuck Gagen's daughter-in-law)
Joe Dunnington, DD
Bernie Classon, DD
Rosemarie Gomeringer (Emma DiMaio's mother)
Lori Decker (wife Pete Decker)
Angela Santmyers (Ed Becker's Sister)
Dave Bronson (friend of Chris Ryder)
David Kincaid (friend of Steve Zyla)

Michelle Page (friend of Joe Winterling)
Toni Salvemini (State Team)
Kathy McAfee
Vince Eberling
Nancy Tavenner (friend of Thom Partenope)
John Sauer
Pat Turpin (Friend of Dick Perron)
Lisa Perunion (Mark Eastman's sister-in-law)

Richard Zyla (Steve Zyla's father)
Catherine Edwards (daughter of Former District Warden)
Dr. Kate Seifert (Friend of Steve Zyla)
John Lyons (State Team)
Cheyenne VanCleve (Parents of Troy Fulwyler)
Pat Reilly
Karin Young



7612 Charities, Inc.

Joe Hegarty, President

Bill Strotz, Vice President



4th Degree Activities

James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly

Westminster, Maryland

Floyd McCurdy, Navigator

410-410-876-3850

www.carr.lib.md.us/~meripper/kofc/assembly/activity.htm



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).

Assembly Business Meeting

January 24th at CCARC

Renewal of Obligation

Wear Your Tuxedo

Sheen's Colleens Corner



Carol McCuen, President
410-549-2418
E-Mail: Sheens_Colleens@yahoo.com

*ALL ladies of the Council Family - Next
Sheen's Meeting - Wednesday,
January 19, 7:30 pm -*



Cassidy Center

This will be a PizzA & Planning meeting. Please try to attend. This will be an important meeting as we will begin to plan our very special Valentine Flower Project, where we arrange and deliver flowers to the nursing home community. Other ideas and announcements too! We need your ideas and your input! Perhaps you have something you would like us to pursue. Don't miss it! If you have any questions about the Sheen's, call Lisa Hegarty, Vice President - 410-549-6131.

Dear Ladies of the Council Family,

Merry Christmas and Happy and Blessed 2005!

December was a really meaningful month - not to mention a fun filled one!

Updates

Council Christmas Party - December 4

What can we say to Weido and Emma for the fabulous Christmas Party? How can one describe the best chicken cacciatore one has ever tasted? A wonderful and heartwarming evening was shared by the Knights and Sheens. A special donation was presented by Mary Brown and Doris Wagner on behalf of the Sheens and Knights to our Seminarian Brian Douglass for his dedication to his vocational path. Donated gifts were brought by the Knights and Sheens for patients of Springfield Hospital. Thank you Emma and Weido for a superb evening!

Sheen's Colleens Christmas Dinner - December 14

We dined and shared merriment and good company at the Chop House! Janet Van Cleve, you planned an excellently delicious and fun evening for us all! Jacki White, your special Gift Exchange Game is always the hit of the evening. Thank you for your many years of dedication in preparing and shopping for this exchange. It was indeed, a very merry evening, Thanks to you both!

Christmas Caroling at Fairhaven - December 15

A lively group filled the halls with song as we caroled at Fairhaven. As "requests" were taken and voices joined along, we truly felt the Spirit of Christmas upon us. Thanks to the Knights and Sheens who shared in this special evening.

Upcoming Events

January 8 Blood Drive at St Joseph's.

We need help to make the donor request calls on the following dates, at the Long & Foster Building on Liberty Road, between 7 - 8:30 pm (or whatever you can spare) and/or to assist the day of the Drive itself.

January 3 January 4 January 5

Since this is immediately following the holidays and is the first Blood Drive of the New Year, we will appreciate any time you can pencil in. Please contact one of the following with a day and time which is good for you: (Or if you have any questions).

George Moriatis: 410-795-2280

Elaine SanFellipo: 410-795-0686

Carol McCuen: 410-549-2418

January 24 - Right to Life March - Monday the 24th of January is the Right to Life March in Washington, DC. Hundreds of thousands of Catholics will participate in attending Mass, then march from the Washington Monument to the steps of the Supreme Court. A bus will leave St. Joseph's Church the morning of the March. Please contact Carol McCuen if you have any questions.

St Joseph Wooden Churches

In response to recent requests, the Sheen's have ordered additional St. Joseph Wooden Churches! Please contact Doris Wagner if you would like to order one at 410-795-8992.

A New Year's Prayer

Dear Lord, please give me...

A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;

*A work to do which has real value,
without which the world would be the poorer;
A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail
be not blazed;*

*An understanding heart;
A sense of humor;
Time for quiet, silent meditation;
A feeling of the presence of God;
The patience to wait for the coming of these
things,*

*With the wisdom to recognize them when they
come. Amen.*

God Bless,

Carol McCuen, President

Lisa Hegarty, Vice President

Mary Brown, Treasurer

Doris Wagner, Secretary

Joan Tellish, Assistant Treasurer

Supreme Council News

Prepare to Join the March for Life

Thousands of Knights are expected to be in Washington, D.C., for the 32nd annual March for Life on Jan. 24. All Knights, particularly those living in the District of Columbia and nearby states, are encouraged to join them.



Fraternal Benefits

Thomas M. White, FICF, LUTCF
Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent
9404 Georgian Way
Owings Mills, MD 21117
email: Twkofc@aol.com
410.581.1740 / 800.562.1882

General Agents Complete Training Courses

Knights of Columbus general agents spent a week at the Supreme Council office during September to participate in professional development courses. Such courses help the Knights of Columbus maintain the best-trained professional field force in the life insurance industry.



Maryland State Council News

Ron White
State Deputy

Maryland State Council Tours Program

Trips in the planning stages

May 1-5, 2005 ----- Cancun

Spend 4 glorious nights at the beautiful Crown Paradise Club All Inclusive, in fun filled Cancun, Mexico. The Crown Paradise Club captures the magic of Mexico and the comfort of home. The unique architecture enables all

guests to enjoy the sights of the Caribbean while providing the open atriums with lush tropical vegetation. This is a Family-oriented all-inclusive resort with activities and entertainment for all ages. The rate is \$1,014.50 per person double occupancy.

September 2005 -- Mackinac Island &
Frankenmuth's Little Bavaria (bus trip)
January/February 2006 -- 7 to 10 nights Cruise
May 2006 ----- Ireland

For more information and pricing
Contact Mary Ann Caguin (800)970-7245 or
Romeo Gauthier, PSD (410)374-3202

Program Reports

General Program Director
George Moriatis 410-795-2280



Membership

John Ramming
410-584-7273
sranaabhat@aqonline.com



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

**Council Membership Drive is scheduled
for February 5-6 at St. Joe's Church.
Plan to attend and recruit a new member.**

**The following men were received into the
Council in December:**

Maz Emadi
824 Mayfair Way
Eldersburg, MD 21784
410 795 6346
mazemadi@adelphia.net

Michael Hurley
6309 Old Washington Road
Eldersburg, MD 21784
410 913 7835
Michael.hurley@mutualofomaha.com

Church Activities Report

John Hundertmark
410-795-5555



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Council has committed to participate in the Perpetual Adoration at St. Joseph's on Sunday mornings 6-7am. Contact Mike Piechocki, 410-549-1192 if you can participate on one Sunday each month.

Tuesday Night Rosary

NOTE: New Location-7:30pm at St. Joe's

Each Tuesday evening we pray the Rosary for members of our Council who are suffering serious illness.

Community Activities Report

BINGO – HELP NEEDED

We've experienced several recent losses on the BINGO Team. **We need Floor Walkers to call back the winning numbers from 7:15pm-11:15pm and 2 members to help with cleanup from 10:15 to 11:15pm.** High-Schoolers can earn service hours. Call Rich Unglesbee 410-795-4121 to help.

BINGO the Fire Department 4th Fridays

The Council supports our local Fire Department by assisting with their weekly BINGO at the Sykesville-Freedom District Fire Department. If you have 3 hours to help on the 4th Friday of the month, please contact Rich Unglesbee, 410-795-4121.



Council Activities Report

Shawn Wallace
410-549-7558

Renovation Fund Raffle

We will be selling Raffle Tickets for a \$1,000 gift card to Home Depot. Tickets are \$1. Proceeds will allow for the much needed renovation to our Council Home. Please help by both buying tickets selling tickets – every members must do their part – this renovation is to Your Home. Please contact Shawn Wallace @ 410-549-7558 for tickets and information.

Youth Activities Report

Charles Swartout
410-552-9082



ART AUCTION

Our annual Art Auction to benefit our Scholarship Fund will be held March 5th, 2005 at St. Joseph's gym.

Joe Winterling is stepping down as Chairman after many successful years of co-coordinating the Auction. I have agreed to chair next year's event on the condition that I get some help from within the Council which brings us to the reason we are mentioning the Art Auction so early.

We are looking for volunteers to co-chair the Auction. Specifically we need The following Co-Chairpersons.

Ticket Chair
Patron/Sponsor Chair
Publicity Chair
Food and Entertainment Chair
Auction Day Chair

In addition we will need people to help set up the day of the Auction as well as help register guests, act as cashiers, parade the art being auctioned, etc.

If you are willing to help in any of the above areas please call me.

Thank you and God bless.

Dick Zabela 410 480-1314



Family Life Activities Report

Keith McQuay
410-795-6185

Family Movie Night

On November 6 the Family Committee sponsored a Family Movie in St. Joseph's Gym featuring the movie Shrek II. It was an extremely successful night with 198 people attending. Both the dinner and the movie were enjoyed by all.

The next event will be the Children's Christmas Party which will be held in St. Joseph's Gym for all the children of the parish. Additional information about the party will appear in the church bulletin.

Other activities to be sponsored by the Family Committee this year are:

- * Family Movie Night on February 5th from 6:00 p.m. To 9:00 p.m.
- * Family Movie Night on March 19th from 6:00 p.m. To 9:00 p.m.

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Fulton Sheen Council Calendar

January 2005

- 5 Family Movie Night
- 8 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 16 Social Meeting - "Pro-Life Issues"
- 24 **Right To Life March**

February 2005

- 5-6 Membership Drive
- 12 **Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance**
- 19 Family Movie Night
- 20 **Fr. Joe Breighner** at St. Joe's
- ?? Social Meeting – Speaker from Babe Ruth Museum

March 2005

- 5 **Art Auction**

Council Business Meeting

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

Council Officers & Program Directors Mtg.

Home Corp. Meeting

Charity Corp. Meeting

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

Sheen's Colleens Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30pm
(September thru May)

Council Social Meeting

4th Wednesday of the Month, 8:00pm
at the Council Home

Communiqué Deadline for Articles

23rd of the Month