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The Fulton J. Communiqué

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Lenten Dinners at St. Joe's – 6pm Mar 7 & Mar 14 St. Patrick's Dinner at the Council Home–March 15, 6pm Father/Daughter Dance – April 12



Grand Knight's Report

Chris Ryder
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Brothers:

A most outstanding honor has been bestowed on our Council. **The Maryland State Council has selected the family of Tom, Heather, Laura, Sara and Deanna Greul as the Maryland Family of the Year.** Of course, the extended Greul family includes dad, Otto, and mom, Sandy who along with Tom, Heather and the girls are instrumental in making Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council run like a finely-tuned machine. The Greul family will be honored by the State Council at its annual Founder's Day Mass and Banquet on Sunday, 9 March. Please take the time to offer congratulations to the Greul family for an honor that is richly deserved.

As we move toward the home stretch of our Columbian Year, we have two great social meetings coming up. **On 26 March, our Council will host the three candidates running for the office of State Warden.** These Brother Knights are prepared to dedicate 12 years of their lives to the leadership and administration of the State Council. It is

important to hear their ideas as to the direction of the Maryland Knights of Columbus. I have spoken with the three candidates, and they are looking forward to meeting with the Knights of Fulton J. Sheen as well as our brothers of District 5 and the surrounding districts. For our social meeting of 23 April, we are most privileged to host **Monsignor John Fitzgerald, the chaplain for the Port of Baltimore and the spiritual director of the Apostolate of the Sea.** Monsignor Fitzgerald was a 30-year chaplain for the U.S. Navy having recently retired with the rank of Captain. Msgr. Fitzgerald will talk to us about the Apostolate of the Sea and its most important mission in providing the spiritual care of the merchant sailors during their visits to the Port of Baltimore. I highly encourage you to attend both of these social meetings.

March represents the **126th anniversary of our Order.** On 29 March 1882, the Connecticut state legislature granted a charter for a fraternal benefit society. The KofC web site states that the Order founded by Father Michael J. McGivney is "still true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity 125 years later." I recommend that all of you take a few moments this month to reflect on our Order's heritage and what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. We dedicate ourselves

to religious freedom and support of life. We also need to keep ourselves informed on what is going on with our government. We Catholics are facing many of the same difficulties that our ancestors experienced at the time of the Order's founding. The prejudice we are currently experiencing is not overt as it was in the late 19th and early 20th centuries; it is more insidious. One of the current threats to our Catholic morality regards marriage and the family. There is legislation pending in the Maryland legislature that would dismantle the current legal definition of marriage as existing only between one man and one woman. The legislation proposes granting equal status to homosexual relationships. We must make our voices heard in Annapolis and work with the Maryland Catholic Conference to defeat this legislation.

The **Council's January Family of the Month is the family of Alex and Angie Pacifico**. As you all know, Angie and Alex have been our gourmet chefs. Alex and Angie have also been active with Operation Welcome Home, greeting returning military personnel as they return home from overseas deployment. Since joining the Council last year, Alex and Angie have been front and center with our Council's activities in support of Church, community, council, family and youth. Please congratulate the Pacificos for this well deserved honor.

We have a whole lot of stuff going on over the next month. Please review the announcements here in the Communiqué and pick something you can do to help out the Council family.

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

**Fraternally,
Chris Ryder, Grand Knight**



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

At the last meeting we took a survey of all members that were in attendance. The survey asked would you like to keep the meeting time for the business meeting at 8:00 pm or move it to 7:30 or even 7:00 pm. The majority would like to move it to 7:30. This will allow us to get done earlier and therefore get home earlier. Our hope is that more members can attend, especially those of us with small children.

We will be voting on the change of time at our next business meeting on March 12th. If you have an opinion on this you can email me your opinion or come to the March meeting and take part in the vote. The change of time, if approved, will take place at the change of the Columbian year in July.

We also have a membership blitz coming up the weekend of March 29th and 30th. I would like everyone to hang out after the mass you attend and talk to parishioners about our order. It will only take a few minutes of your time. Remember to wear your name badges at mass. It is important for people to see how involved we are. If someone asks you a question you are not sure of the answer give them my info and I will help you out.

Also if you currently do not have insurance with our order now is a great time to look into it. The order is still offering the rates of a new member to all members. Tom White is our council representative and is an amazing man to work with. If you just want information to consider he can get that to you as well. You can contact Tom at <mailto:tomwhitekofc@verizon.net>

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District Deputy Report

Joe Winterling, PGK, PFN
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Brothers,

Greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Edgar Haynes

The New Year is now well underway and our District has a lot to show for just one month: 17 new members in the District and many service programs underway.

Eleven (11) Sir Knights from Cardinal Gibbons Assembly were among the 86 Sir Knights who participated in the installation of the new Bishop for the Archdiocese for Military Services on January 25th at the National Cathedral.

I have met with your Grand Knights or their representative and plans have been developed for this year's Convention hospitality room. Each Council is expected to provide at least two representatives to assist in running this activity. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Convention.

Our Archbishop has asked the Maryland State Knights of Columbus to support the program "Apostolate of the Sea". Councils have been asked to contribute \$300 toward this special program that provides services to our merchant marine seaman.

On April 5, 2008 in Frederick, MD, the 4th Degree will receive new members at its Annual Exemplification ceremony.

The Maryland State Founder's Day Mass will be held on March 9, 2008. Your Council planning for the Spring Membership Drive should be completed and staffing for you events should now be underway. All District 5 Councils are in position to achieve their membership goals and thus qualify for the Star Council Award.

Our next scheduled 1st Degrees are March 12 at Fulton Sheen Council, April 15 at St. Bart's Council and April 16 at Immaculate Lady Council. I know there are several candidates awaiting a 1st Degree.

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

Fraternally,
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All members of the Council are also members of the CUFP, Inc. who is responsible for management of the Council Home. Everyone is encouraged to join in the discussions regarding the management of YOUR Council Home.

HOME CORPORATION MEETING

Will be announced thru the Council Phone Message system

HALL Rentals

Changes in the rental Policy for Our council home

Due to recent problems, the rental of the council home will be restricted to and controlled by the members ONLY. This is not to say we will no longer allow the use and rental of the building to persons other than council members, however, the rentals will be strictly controlled and monitored by a responsible renting member.

Any Council member wishing to have a friend or relative or organization rent and use the facilities of the council home will be the responsible person. This member will be given a key and they MUST stay on premises during the event to monitor all activities both inside and on the grounds of the property. There will be a \$150.00 security deposit required for a key loaned to the member and for clean up.

Rules previously established by the Home Corporation and other requirements of the Maryland State Council will be strictly enforced for all rentals. Organizations and activities con-ducted within our facilities must conform to the standards and ethics of the Knights of Columbus.

The member who recommends the "outsider" for rent will be totally responsible for the overseeing and cleanup of the property, and the securing of the building both inside and out. **The access key MUST remain in the possession of the responsible member at all times. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this requirement.**

Thank You: Jack Van Cleve Pres. CUFP Inc.

**NO SMOKING INSIDE THE BUILDINGS
HANDICAPPED PARKING**

Please reserve the 2 Handicapped Parking Spaces for the Handicapped

Financial Secretary & Treasurer



Rich Unglesbee
Financial Secretary



Mike Dean
Treasurer

F.O.J.

**BUTTERMILK & COOKIES
WILL BE ON MONDAY
03/17 AT 17:00**

Good-of-the Order Drawing

If Bro. Kevin Spargo had attended our February business meeting he could have won \$155. Next month's drawing will be worth \$177.

Hope to see you there.

PARISH LENTEN DINNERS

Friday evenings 6pm at St. Joe's Gym

March 7 – Crab Cake Dinner

March 14 – Buffalo Fish Fry Dinner

We Need Your Email Address

We are trying to update the Council's list of email addresses. If you had an Adelphia email address, please let us know what your new address is. If you haven't received any email from the Council, we probably don't have your email address.

Please send Greg Lynch an email at

glynch7612@gmail.com

So we may update our list.

In the future we are considering delivery of our Communiqué thru an email notification.

Visit the Council web site at

www.kofc7612.org

This is a great web site !!!

ART AUCTION

There was not time to publish a report on the Art Auction before the publication of this month's communiqué. I just want to thank all of the Knights and Sheens that worked hard to make this year's auction a success.

I will have a detailed report on the proceeds in next month's communiqué.

Thank you all.

Dick Zabela

Second Annual

Father Daughter Square Dance

HOWDY, PARDNER! The Knights of Columbus are hosting a
down-home country
Father Daughter Square Dance.

Last year we had a knee-slappin' good time and this year won't be
any different.

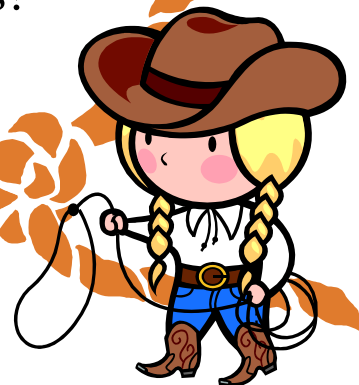
Y'all come and join us on April 12th 2008 from
6:00-9:00 pm in the gym at
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Vittles available: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Water, Soda and
refreshments available for purchase

Tickets are \$5.00 pp or family limit of \$13

For advance ticket sales or information contact Tom Greul at
tgreul7612@gmail.com or
410-549-9531.

All cowgirls and cowboys are welcome!
Bring your kin folk and neighbors!





Sheen's Colleens Corner

Ann Sulewski
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President

Dear Ladies of the Council Family,

Our business meeting of February 20th was cancelled due to the snow. The birthday bash and canned food drive scheduled for that evening will take place at our next business meeting on March 12th [NOTE: March 12 is a second Wednesday]. Let's wear green for St. Patty's Day.

A very special thank you goes to Carol McCuen and Cherie Hundertmark for making our annual senior Valentine project a successful event. Over 500 hundred vases were filled and delivered to 7 local nursing homes. Carol includes a special thank you message as follows:

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Sheen's Colleens, THANK YOU from our Hearts for your dedication and assistance once again this year to make this a program so special. The numbers of individuals who came to assemble and/or deliver vases were truly wonderful. Over 500 vases were assembled and delivered to seven local community nursing

homes.! We could not have done this without the support of you, your families, children and friends. A Special Mention to our Knights who also helped with this event, especially, Otto Greul, Roy Wagner, John Hundertmark and John McCuen. Their attention to the many detailed logistics of this program made it run smoothly!! Last but not least, Thank You to John Ramming who found, picked up, and delivered to us the most perfect flowers to fill the vases! God Bless all of you! Carol McCuen & Cherie Hundertmark, Chairpersons

Since we did not have a meeting and our St. Patrick's Day Party is coming up on March 15th, please assist Heather Greul [410-549-9531] any way you can.

Also, a thank you to Eleanor Urick for organizing the ladies scheduled to register and cash-out the Art Auction patrons.

We will be having a Silent Auction as a fundraiser at our June meeting. Be sure to plan for this fun evening. Bring friends. Please start to bring donated items beginning with our March meeting. Carol McCuen and Doris Wagner are chairing this event.

Next Sheens Lunch Bunch at J&P Pizza, 12noon, Tuesday March 11th.

See you on March 12th.

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

James Cardinal Gibbons 4th Degree Assembly

Westminster, Maryland

Peter O'Sullivan, Navigator

410-795-4379

<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).

Next Assembly Meeting – March 24, 2008

Exemplification of the 4th Degree – Frederick, MD – April 5, 2008

Color Corps Practice Continues at 7pm before the regular Assembly Meeting



The 35th Annual March for Life

Tuesday January 22nd 2008

Impressions from the March:

This was my first march.

After years of fertility struggles and then being blessed with two children, I realized it was time to be part of the PRO-Life rally. I joined the group from St. Joe's we went to St. John's of Westminster and joined them on the bus.

On our ride down we said the rosary. As we prayed I focused on all the innocent souls that have been lost to abortion. We got off the bus and headed toward the stage.

The first thing that struck me was the number of young people in the crowd. I was surprised to see the number of young people that came out in support of this issue. The Future generation of the country seems to know what this issue is all about.

The 2nd thing that struck me is the feeling I had while the rally was going on. I felt that this cause is a just one, we are right for fighting for life, and God is on our side.

I was inspired by so many speakers that were so supportive of this effort. When the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was introduced to say a few words, I felt proud to be there, to be a KNIGHT and associated with all the Knights there! I felt there was hope and that I wasn't alone in my beliefs. I was especially impressed with the many politicians who came out and stated flatly "I am PRO-Life". When our own Representative Roscoe Bartlett was introduced and gave an encouraging speech again I felt proud and happy that he was my Representative and PRO-life.

Yes it has been 35 years of abortion but after the March you came away with the feeling that it will soon end; that forces were aligning to rid the country of this terrible thing. People and representatives in our government recognize that this is wrong and that it should and will be righted.

I would strongly suggest that you try to attend next year. It was an uplifting and inspiring day. Being there with so many with the same passion about an issue was an awesome thing.

Please try to participate next year and remember the ones who never had a chance to live in your prayers.

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.



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:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

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.

Program Reports

Membership Report

Tom Greul

WEAR YOUR BADGE AT MASS

Brothers, membership is not something we save for blitz's twice a year. We have brought in 10 new members this year. We need to bring in 14 to achieve Star Council. If you see someone that you think would want to be a Knight, go up and talk to him. He may only be waiting for someone to invite him. If you need help, let Chris Ryder or I know and we will extend your invitation to him for you. We have lots of fun as brother Knights, and we do lots for our church. Lets bring in more men to have fun with us.

Thomas Greul
DGK

Youth Activities Report

George Snediker & Miguel Macaoay

Family Life Activities Report

Kevin McCall & Mike Heyden

Pro-Life Reports

Maryland March for Life – Mar 13th

The date for the Maryland March for Life HAS CHANGED. The new date is THURSDAY, MARCH 13 at 6:00 PM. The location is still the same - meet at St. Mary's Church in Annapolis. See the website www.marylandmarchforlife.org for more details

OPERATION WELCOME HOME

We have the opportunity to show our appreciation to our military personnel by attending a welcome home event at BWI. When the troops exit the customs area, they are greeted with whoops, cheers and signs to show the gratitude of their countrymen for their service in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is an emotional experience for everyone, even the crusty, old veterans who attend.

We are provided a schedule that is as accurate as the flights. Sometimes we have to wait a little longer than other times but it is worth your time to show your appreciation.

The web page is:

<http://www.welcomehomemd.org>

or you can call Dave Smith to get the latest date and time at 410-549-1802.

Church Activities Report

John Hundertmark

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

American Cancer Society

"Relay for Life"

June 7 and 8, 2008

We would like to field a team again in 2008, but need early commitments from brothers and sheens willing to raise funds for this cause and participate in the "relay" by walking laps for a period of time from the 6:30 P.M. kick-off to the final ceremony on Sunday morning at 8:30 A.M. It is not too early to plan for this June event. Further details will be announced at business meetings and future communiqués. For information, call Bob Koleszar at 410-795-1370

Friday Night Bingo

The March BINGO at the Sykesville Fire Hall will be held on Friday, March 23, 2008. To volunteer call Otto Greul 410-552-9379.

Council Activities Report

Bill Rooney

Pit Beef Schedule

Here are the dates of most of our Pit Beef events this year. Please add them to your calendars now. I will be contacting everyone as each event gets closer and I know the times of each event. If you know of an event that you think we should get involved with, let Rick Wilhide or myself know and we will look into it.

DATE	EVENT
TBD	Century Craft, Century High
06/08/08	Fiddlers Convention, Farm Museum
07/04/08	Old Fashioned Fourth of July, Farm Museum
07/19/08	Surf and Turf, Farm Museum
09/20/08	Wine Festival, Farm Museum
09/21/08	Wine Festival, Farm Museum
10/04/08	Fall Harvest Days, Farm Museum
10/05/08	Fall Harvest Days, Farm Museum
TBD	Century Craft, Century High
TBD	Bull and Oyster Roast

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Concession Stand Planning

Baseball 2008 Is Here! - The Concession Stand dates at Oriole Park are being finalized and will be published in the April Communiqué. Our first game is not until later in the month. However, TIPS Training is upon us.

Westminster Council is hosting TIPS alcohol awareness training on Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at The Portico in Westminster. Several individuals, Brother Knights and a wife, from Sheen Council are scheduled to attend. Anyone, especially our new members, who are interested in attending the mandatory TIPS training on March 11 should contact Ray Miles at 410 795-8846 or via email at raymiles6743@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

A Story from Iraq

For those of you that are unaware, at a military theater, the National Anthem is played before every movie.

From a Chaplain in Iraq: I recently attended a showing of 'Superman 3,' here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings.

As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going as planned until about three-quarters of the way through the National Anthem the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments; and everyone would sit down and call for a movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place.

Here, the 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again. The Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And again, at the same point, the music stopped.

What would you expect to happen? Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start.

But here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, Then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a Thousand Soldiers, finishing where the recording left off:

'And the rockets red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?'

It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq. I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you here.

Written by Chaplain Jim Higgins on 5/14/07 LSA Anaconda is at the Balad Airport in Iraq, north of Bagdad.

Remember them as they fight for you!

~ ~GOD BLESS AMERICA~ ~

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March 2008

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

Due to the variable schedules of the officers
Meetings will be announced
thru the Council Phone Message Service

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

Fulton Sheen Council Calendar

March 2008

- 1 Art Auction
- 9 Founders' Day Mass
- 13 Maryland March for Life
- 15 **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**
- 17 F.O.J.
- 26 **Meet the Candidates for State Warden**
- 29-30 Spring Membership Drive

April 2008

- 5 4th Degree Exemplification
- 12 **Father/Daughter Square Dance**
- 23 **Msgr. John Fitzgerald talks on
the Apostolate of the Sea**

May 2008

- 16-18 110th State Convention

June 2008

- 7-8 American Cancer Society
"Relay for Life"