



The Beacon



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCILS HOLD 2010-2011 TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN AWARDS BANQUET

The Montgomery County Councils' 2010-2011 Tootsie Roll Campaign Awards Banquet was hosted by Mater Dei Council #9774 on Saturday, April 30, 2011. The event was held at St. Raphael's Parish in Rockville, where the Montgomery County Councils distributed approximately \$44,000 to 24 local charities that offer services dedicated to those with developmental disabilities.

It was a wonderful evening, bringing to light the reasons why CHARITY is the first principle of our order. Why else would Brother Knights and their families stand outside in the cold weather



The guest list included District Deputies, State Representatives, Grand Knights, Brother Knights and their families, as well as representatives from the various charities, and even some recipients of the programs supported by these charities.

It was especially wonderful to see some of the children and adults with intellectual and other disabilities participate in the event and show their gratitude for the wonderful works of the Knights.

SEDES SAPIENTIAE HOSTS MARYLAND DAY

College Park, Md. – April 30, 2011

On Saturday afternoon, Sedes Sapientiae Council No. 13295, under the leadership of Grand Knight Nick Wagman, hosted the annual **UMD Knights and Daughters Maryland Day Pig Roast** at the Catholic Student Center on the University of Maryland College Park campus.

The yearly event is a feed for the students and their families on campus for what University of Maryland staff have termed "Maryland Day". Not to be confused with the states legal holiday celebrated on March 25th, this is the day the campus is open to families and friends to get to know the University of Maryland and all it has to offer.

The afternoon started off with Catholic mass offered by council chaplain Father Rob Walsh. After mass the hungry line of well over 110 students, friends, and families quickly formed at the beginning of a long table filled with food and punctuated by a pig's head on a plate. Father Rob offered grace and the lines began to sweep down both

sides of the table Desserts filled another table and were provided by the University's Court St. Maria Goretti #2530 of the Catholic Daughters of America led by Cathy Creegan the Vice Regent and Maura Donnelly the Regent of the Court.

Sedes Sapientiae Council and the Catholic Daughters both saw the gathering as an opportunity to show some hospitality while still conducting some fund raisers. Although the food, drinks and desserts were "donations only" just to offset their operating costs, the Catholic Daughters sold tickets for a pie in the face event starring Father Rob as the opening act (target). State Deputy Peter Davio and Lady Francine looked on as the



Knights sold raffle tickets – the prize being two passes to a professional golf tournament. Thanks to good weather, diners were able to eat in or out at their pleasure, lawn games completed the affair which stretched into the late evening.

More pictures and video are available on the council's web site:

<http://knights.catholicterps.org/>

State Deputy's Remarks



Maia – May - Mary

The month of May brings with it so many different thoughts: summer is near; the state convention is just around the corner; Cinco de Mayo (for all of our margarita lovers); and "Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May". For me there is special significance in May.

May 13 is when the Catholic Church honors the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three children of Fatima, Portugal (May 13, 1917) and also Our Lady of Fatima is the namesake of my own council, No. 6901. I ask that you all try to do something special and different on that day in her honor.

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In previous issues of the Beacon, we've shown you all of the things that fill our Knights of Columbus days that are worth sharing - our accomplishments, our news and information, our prayers, and even our jokes. All have been done or assembled while paying homage to our Blessed Mother - just as in this issue with Our Lady of Fatima. It's been good!

Now we convene as a state body to report, to vote, and to enjoy each others company. The convention is not a culmination of events, just another one. We do it and move on, knowing we need to do it again, do it better, and do it different. But we do it in May. Why is that so special?

There are several different stories that have been passed around explaining how the month of May was named. The most widely accepted explanation is that it was named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. Her name related to a Latin word meaning *increase* or *growth*.

So as we go to convention in May, we go to conduct another event, we do it in continued honor of Our Blessed Mother, and we do it knowing that as the army of the Church, we must increase and grow.

Enjoy the summer but don't make it a vacation from trying to grow the Order. Look for that opportunity to say "I'm a member of the Knight of Columbus. I work with good Catholic men for our families, our community, and our Church. Would you like to join us?"

That's what Winifredo Barias of Father Kidd council 14455 did, and he's \$250 richer for the experience. Congratulations Winifredo on being our first *bounty hunter*.

If you can do what Barias does at least once each month then that's all we can ask - and don't forget to have that Form 100 within reach when you do.

Now, where's that margarita?

Pete

Marian Title for May Our Lady of Fatima



Our Lady of Fátima (Portuguese: Nossa Senhora de Fátima) is a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary with respect to her reported apparitions to three shepherd children in the Cova da Iria fields outside the hamlet of Aljustrel, near Fatima, Portugal, at approximately noon on the 13th day of six consecutive months in 1917, starting in May. The only exception was August, when the children were kidnapped by the local administrator. The last one, on October 13th, was confirmed by a miracle witnessed by 70,000 people and known as "the day the sun danced".

Lucia described seeing the lady as "brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal glass filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun."

The title of Our Lady of the Rosary is also sometimes used in reference to the same apparition because the children related that the apparition specifically identified herself as the "Lady of the Rosary".

The events at Fatima gained particular fame due to their elements of prophecy, particularly with regard to possible world war and the conversion of Russia. The reported apparitions at Fatima were officially declared "worthy of belief" by the Catholic Church.

Fatima is a town located 88 miles North of Lisbon. It is one of the most important catholic shrines in the world dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Every year, the town attracts millions of pilgrims and tourists from all over the world.



Voices of the Bishops

THOUSANDS JOINING CHURCH AT EASTER IN US

Bishops' Conference Features Conversion Stories Online

WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 15, 2011 (Zenit.org).- Tens of thousands of new Catholics are expected to join the Church at Easter, including a former Planned Parenthood director and seven members of the same family.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) released the statistics of those expected to join the Church based on participation in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, a step in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults that takes place at the beginning of Lent.

Among those preparing to enter the Church is Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood clinic director and author of "Unplanned." In an interview with ZENIT last month, Johnson explained, "The day I left Planned Parenthood, I was embraced by the loving arms of the people who had prayed for me for years, most of whom are Catholic."

HOLINESS: EASY AS 1, 2, 3

Benedict XVI Offers Simple Plan for Sanctity

VATICAN CITY, APRIL 13, 2011 (Zenit.org).- Being a saint really is not all that complicated, according to Benedict XVI, who today offered a simple three-step recipe: **Go to Mass on Sunday, begin and end the day in contact with God, and make decisions according to the Ten Commandments.**

The Pope offered this simple guide today during the general audience, as he concluded his two-year series of catecheses on saints and doctors of the Church. Citing Scripture and the Second Vatican Council, the Holy Father tried to present what is "the most essential" for reaching sanctity.

He said: "What is the most essential? Essential is that no Sunday be left without an encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist -- this is not a burden but light for the whole week. Never to begin or end a day without at least a brief contact with God. And, in the journey of our life, to follow 'road signs' that God has communicated to us in the Decalogue read with Christ, which is simply the definition of charity in specific situations.

"I think this is the true simplicity and grandeur of the life of holiness: the encounter with the Risen One on Sunday; contact with God at the beginning and end of the day; in decisions, to follow the 'road signs' that God has communicated to us, which are simply forms of charity. [...] This is true simplicity, grandeur and profundity of the Christian life, of being saints."

State Chaplain's Message



Fr. Donald Grzymiski, OFM
State Chaplain

I recently had occasion to reflect on the four attributes of the Knights of Columbus from the perspective of taking inspiration from our Blessed Mother. As May is dedicated to Our Lady in a special way, here is the condensed version of that reflection.

Charity: Mary is loved by God ("blessed are you...") and loves God in return. Mary responds to what God asks in love, and reaches out to others in charity. Mary assists her cousin during the last months of Elizabeth's pregnancy (the Visitation). Mary intervenes for the young couple at Cana, lest they be embarrassed when there is no more wine. Mary is there under the cross, with a Mother's love and pain. And we consistently ask Mary to charitably assist us ("pray for us sinners...").

Unity: Mary unites the Christian community in prayer and devotion, as we surely imitate those first apostles who gathered around Mary, the mother of the Messiah. The apparition of Our Lady at Guadalupe, Mexico eased the tension between the conquistador and the conquered, as millions came for baptism. The great Marian shrines unite people today, as at Lourdes when, after singing the Lourdes hymn in multiple languages, all join in the Latin refrain, "Ave, Ave, Ave Maria."

Fraternity: We know that we were given Mary as our Mother by Jesus Himself, through His words to St. John ("Behold your mother..."). With one Father in Almighty God, and the privilege to call Mary our Mother, we are clearly united as brothers and sisters in faith. As we strive in good works we build this relationship, for Jesus said "For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister and mother" (Mt. 12:50).

Patriotism: Christians are consistently loyal to the land of their birth or adoption. This feeling has often been bolstered by Marian shrines, as one can see in the national chapels of the great National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. But Christians are also aware that we aspire to reach our true homeland in heaven, our homeland for eternity. It is there that Mary has been assumed, and reigns as Queen. It is from there that she helps her faithful children, the disciples of her Son.

As we honor Mary this month as "Queen of the Knights," may she help us be people of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Know your K of C Fraternal Benefits

10 PAY LIFE

The Knights of Columbus have a new plan of life insurance now available effective April 1, 2011. The new "10 Pay Life" is a life insurance product with a high guaranteed cash value and dividend payout that is fully funded in 10 years.

Typical uses for this product are:

- To generate a high cash value quickly for retirement planning

- To generate funds for a specific purpose, like college planning
- To have a child's life insurance policy paid off quickly
- To fully fund your life insurance needs prior to retiring

See your Council Benefits Advisor for details. This is an excellent product to build cash values inside a life insurance policy to further help secure you and your family's future.

BOUNTY HUNTER GETS HIS MAN



Left-to-right: DD James Seidlick, Winifredo Barias, Martin Luchansky, GK Geony Provide, and State Deputy Peter Davio.

Mitchellville, Md. – April 4, 2011,

As an incentive to statewide recruiting, State Membership Director Martin Luchansky (aka The Sheriff) has been promoting his **Bounty Hunter Program** over the past six months. The program awards a \$250 bounty to the proposer of the 400th new member recruited into the Maryland jurisdiction.

At Father Michael Kidd Council No. 14455's meeting this evening, Martin joined State Deputy Peter Davio in presenting the \$250 check to Brother Knight Winifredo Barias in recognition of his recruiting Daniel Imperial and Alfredo Castillo Jr., the 400th and 401st new member into the Maryland jurisdiction. Over the last three years, through his congenial manner and networking skills, Winifredo has recruited 12 men into Father Kidd Council and has earned both the Silver and Golden Knight Awards, and now the \$250 bounty.

Martin explained that the hunt is not over, and that he is now looking for the 800th new man. To sweeten the pot, Martin has increased the bounty to \$500 to be given to the proposer of that man. As of today, Maryland Knights have recruited 741 new members, so it won't be long now. Keep your Form 100s "locked and loaded".

PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP STARTED

As State Pro-Life Activities Director, Larry Grayson, reminds us, the battle raging in our nation for the unborn is a spiritual fight being waged in a secular world. While many worthwhile pro-life activities are being conducted in Maryland, all of the good works will come to naught without a solid complement of prayer.

The current activities of an informational and educational nature, bearing witness outside of abortion clinics, constructing cemeteries of the unborn, raising funds for pregnancy support centers, purchasing ultrasound machines, and others must be joined to a base of prayer. That is why the pro-life Masses that are being celebrated around the state, the Silver Rose program conducted in July, and Marian Hours of Prayer are so important.



There is one additional activity that is being started. It is open to everyone, but especially those who have limited mobility or are homebound because of illness, an infirmity or advanced age. Gene and Ann Stallings, one of two state-appointed pro-life couples, will lead an informal group who volunteer to support the other pro-life activities in a spiritual sense.

There is no hard obligation. All you do is resolve to try to say a rosary each day for the souls of the children who are aborted and for an end to abortion in this nation. You do not even have to tell anyone you are doing this. God will know.

However, if you wish to let Gene and Ann know that you will join them in this informal group in prayer, send your name and email address to LPGrayson@verizon.net. In turn, you will receive periodic news about pro-life activities and achievements of the Knights of Columbus in Maryland so that you may know the effects of your prayers.

May 1st, Beatification of Pope John Paul II

Visit and bookmark the Supreme Council website at:

<http://www.kofc.org>

Where you'll find a great variety of articles, photos and videos about His Holiness, Pope John Paul II and his beatification.

While there, spend some time visiting, learning, and enjoying the many areas of the Knights' entertaining and well-designed web site.



Family of the Month The Colbourne Family

Ralph J. Close, Family of the Month Chairman

The Michael G. Colbourne family is a unique catholic family. He was born in Toronto Canada and is still a Canadian citizen and a legal resident of the US. Michael lives in Baltimore and commutes to Frederick every day, a 150-mile round trip. He is an information technology consultant. He joined the Knights of Columbus 12 years ago in Omaha, Nebraska.

Michael is an active member of the catholic Men's Fellowship at St. Ursula Church and is also an active member of the Respect Life Committee there.

His wife Jeanine is an active member of the Evangelization committee at St. Ursula and Recording Secretary for the pastoral council, as well as phone volunteer at the parish. She helps set up and clean up after parish functions such as Lenten Friday's "Soup and Salad before Stations of the Cross" as well as CD discussions at the Parish. She and the children were involved in the Christmas card sales during the Christmas season.

Andrew (14) is currently in the process of being trained as an altar server. Jeanine, Andrew and Rose (13) are daily communicants. Andrew, Rose and Patrick (6) help to set up and clean up after several of the parish activities.



Back: Jeanine, Rose and Andrew
Front: Patrick and Michael G. Colbourne

Jeanine is an active member of two home schooling groups. She organizes monthly family activities for the home school group she helps coordinate. Andrew, Rose, and Patrick are home-schooled.

Michael and the two boys played a large part in our Intellectually Disabled program (Tootsie Roll Drive) this year.

Michael serves his council as Chancellor and Membership Director. Also, he is Co-Chairman for its First Friday Movie Night. The whole family helps in the preparing and setting up the church facility for the Family Movie Night.

Michael is his council's chairman for the pro-Life March in Washington; he and Rose walked in the Pro-Life March this year. He was responsible for coordinating

the loading of buses before and after the March. Jeanine, Michael and Andrew helped coordinate the coffee and donut session prior to the departure of the busses for the March and helped with the cleanup after the departure of the buses.

The members of Bishop Sebastian Council #5058 in Parkville honor this special Catholic family, and give them their love and respect.

A Note from the Maryland Catholic Conference

The 428th legislative session of Maryland's General Assembly was most successful for the Maryland Catholic Conference and Maryland's Catholics. We owe this success to prayer, and also to the active participation of parishioners and Knights throughout this great state. Thank you for making your voices heard! Your advocacy was invaluable, and contributed greatly to the many successes that we had this year. In particular, Maryland's Knights, led by Communications Director Larry Grayson, were instrumental in spreading the word on Lobby Night, the abortion clinic regulation bill and the same-sex marriage bill. Beyond helping the Conference get the word out, though, the Knights then took action. You participated in our annual Lobby Night, coming to Annapolis and meeting with legislators. You called and emailed your elected officials urging regulations for abortion clinics. You spared no effort to protect the sacrament of marriage.

Below is a brief recap of some issues advanced by the Maryland Catholic Conference this session. For more details and additional key legislation, please visit the

legislative session page of our website (www.mdccath.org).

Respect for Life Issues

Faced with mounting evidence of numerous maternal injuries and even deaths at **abortion clinics**, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) announced it would draft regulations to address these concerns by July 2011. A special thanks to the Knights of Charles County who quickly mobilized calls to their key state senator in support of the clinic regulation bill. This quick action helped spur DHMH's decision to draft regulations.

Education and Family Life Issues

Attempts to drastically **redefine marriage** (SB 116/HB 175) and the ensuing debate dominated this year's legislative session. Thanks in great part to overwhelming opposition from the faith community, including the Knights, and input from more than 15,000 Catholics by email and thousands more by phone, the House of Delegates determined that they did not have the votes to pass the bill and it was referred back to committee.

While the BOAST tax credit bill failed again this year, students will con-

tinue to receive \$4.4 million for nonreligious **textbooks and computer hardware/software**; the same funding level as FY 2011.

Social Concerns Issues

The Conference supported a bill (SB 327/HB 266) to require individuals convicted of **human trafficking** to pay restitution to their victims and vacate the judgment of a person involved in prostitution if involvement resulted from being victim of human trafficking. The legislation passed the General Assembly and is awaiting the governor's signature.

Thank you again for your service and your action this legislative session. If you are not already a member of the Conference's Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN), please sign up at <http://capwiz.com/mdcath/home/>. This is the easiest, most efficient way for us to reach out to you and for you to reach out to your elected officials. Also, please join us on Facebook where we keep on top of the issues and things of interest:

(<http://www.facebook.com/mdcathcon>)

Kathy Dempsey, Director of Communications
Maryland Catholic Conference

“I AM MY BROTHER’S KEEPER” THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA



You may be aware that the Apostleship of the Sea enjoys having **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as Co-Patroness with our Blessed Mother Mary, Star of the Sea.** You may also be aware that the great Pope John Paul II called the world’s seafarers, “the invisible strangers among us.”



We, as members of the Knights of Columbus and loyal to Mary our mother, can make a visible difference in the lives of the seafarers who visit the Port of Baltimore every day. As the State Liaison to the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry, I thank you for your past and continued support of this important endeavor. **In addition, I am asking each Council to promote charita-**

ble activities that can lift up the lives of the seafarer. Individual Councils can do this in a number of ways, e.g. by making monetary donations, collecting gently used clothing to include shirts, pants, baseball caps, winter gloves, winter sweaters, jackets, religious articles, and family based DVDs.

Checks should be made payable to “AOS/Archbalt.” In the memo section of the check, write “*Apostleship of the Sea donation.*” Monetary donations may be mailed to 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Donations such as clothing, etc. may be coordinated with me. Please note that donations to the Apostleship of the Sea Ministry are tax deductible.



The Apostleship of the Sea Ministry invites Brother Knights and Ladies to become constant visitors to the ships while they are docked at the Port of Baltimore. Please contact me for details and arrangements. Brothers, I thank you for your ongoing support and as the motto of our State Deputy Peter Davio says, “*Mary Make Us Always Aware.*”

Fraternally,

Innocent P. d’Almeida
Liaison - Apostleship of the Sea Ministry
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MONUMENT TO THE UNBORN DEDICATED

During the March 2010 Pastoral Council Meeting at St Mary’s, S/K John Durbin asked Monsignor Robert Amey if a monument to remember the UNBORN could be placed in front of Our Lady’s Chapel, the old church. He was all for it.

Letters were sent to Knights members of St Mary’s Parish, members of Montgomery Council #2323 and members of the Sullivan Brothers Assembly. The response was fantastic: \$1500 dollars were raised in no time. Sam French, an Official of Gate of Heaven Cemetery, was contacted to purchase the monument at cost.

The next step was to design the face of the stone. The Silver Rose and the Rosary were suggested as part of it from the beginning. After several attempts the

final design was agreed upon at a later Pastoral Council Meeting.

Although the Knights had collected enough to pay for everything, they decided the children of the parish should have some ownership of the memorial; so, they asked Sister Carol Regali, OSF, to help collect small donations from the children of St. Mary’s School. The money collected there was given to the Gabriel Fund and the “Children of St Mary’s Parish” was added to the monument.



The monument was completed and placed in March 2011. Monsignor Amey dedicated it on April 20, 2011. In his remarks Monsignor noted to the school children the special presence of the color guard of the Sullivan Brothers and that he himself is a Fourth Degree Knight.

Community Mulch Drive for Vocations

On Saturday, March 26, 2011, the **Fr. Horace B. McKenna Council #11024** of Germantown held a Mulch Drive for the parishioners of Mother Seton and others in the Germantown area. This fund raiser netted the Council more than \$1,500 to support the **RSVP Program**. 13 Brothers came to participate in delivering more than 800 bags of mulch with the help of five trucks and trailers.

The event was chaired by PGK Patrick Furey, who coordinated the routes and organized the vehicles



Brother James Brown helping to unload a 100 bag delivery

for delivery. Pre-orders were taken via email invitations and word of mouth, in addition to a flyer that was published in the Council newsletter and church website. The mulch was in the church parking lot by 7:00 am and the last load was safely delivered around noon.

This event has been successful as one of the long-term fund raising events. The total planning took about 8 hours with an additional 52 event man hours. Everyone will be well rested for next year's Mulch Drive!

USHER MINISTRY AT THE SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEEDS YOU!



Brother Knights of Maryland are invited to become ushers at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; **this is a Supreme Council Program** which began in 1982. Ushers serve on a monthly basis, at their preference of weekend Masses, Holy days, special Masses and special events.

As an usher, you will serve Mary's House as a greeter, guiding patrons to the various facilities, collecting the offerings of the congregation and most importantly, assuring each communicant consumes the Sacred Body of Christ.

Come and be a part of this most rewarding ministry. Applications are online at www.kcushers.com or contact me directly.

Patrick B. McAleer, FICF, PGK, Shrine Usher Chairman
 Knights of Columbus
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A SAMPLE of what we do around the State...

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

.Rock Creek Council, No. 2797, Bethesda

Pro-Life Rosary and Memorial Mass

Annually around Veteran's Day

Every year, on or around Veteran's Day, Rock Creek hosts a Memorial Mass in honor of its deceased members. The Mass, celebrated by the Council's Chaplain, Msgr. Gatto, aided by both Associate Chaplains, is held at Cantrel Hall, and is preceded by a Pro-Life Rosary said at the Council's own Memorial to the Unborn. The names of those who died the preceding two years are read aloud by the Grand Knight during the Prayers of the Faithful. Each name is followed by a bell's toll.



PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

St. Peter the Apostle Council, No 13290, Libertytown

Baby Bottles for LIFE

January-February, 2011

St. Peter the Apostle Council completed its first annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" to benefit **Care Net Pregnancy Center** in Frederick, a Christ centered organization in the greater Frederick area to make a positive choice for life. Baby bottles were distributed to parishioners during masses in January and February asking them to fill them with loose change. When bottles were collected, the response was astounding.



Father Jason Worley and SK Knight Michael Jacobs presented Cindy Morris, Outreach Coordinator, a check in the amount of \$2,500.

If your Council, Assembly or District sponsors an **outstanding** activity which should be publicized here, please send the Editor a description, AND a photo or two of the event. Your submission will be considered with others in the same activity category for inclusion in the next issue.

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES, CONVENTION

Convention to Feature New and Improved Children's Activities



The 113th Annual Maryland State Convention kicks off on Friday, May 13. And while we adults are all excited about the Grand Knights' Olympics, Ladies Tea, Convention Banquet and the ever popular hospitality suites, we also have plenty of fun planned for the younger family members.

This year we are launching some new ideas for our Kids activities. The fun starts at registration! During most of the day Friday, we will have a table available in the registration area for the young folks to make a quick craft and learn more about the fun we have planned. So, while you check in and get your credentials and badges the kids can join us for a quick activity.

But the real fun begins Friday night. While the parents attend the opening convention Mass and ladies Activities, the youngsters will join us in the Eleuthera Room for "Beach Blanket

Bingo. This session will include crafts, and some "get to know you" games before the main event – Bingo with some fun prizes and a few surprises. Kids are encouraged to wear their bathing suit and bring a beach blanket so it feels like a beach party.

Saturday morning features the beach Olympics and Saturday night while the adults go to the banquet, we will have our own banquet with pizza and drinks. But that's not all the Saturday night session concludes with Minute To Win It! Games – team competition for all ages.

Check the convention schedule for details on times and locations and plan to drop off the kids for some fun and entertainment while you do those important convention things. After hearing about what the kids do, you might be inclined to skip a meeting and join the youngsters.



Silver Rose Maryland Calendar 2011

7/25/2011 Our Lady of the Valley Council, Middletown (Gets Rose from West Virginia)

7/26/2011 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council, Thurmont

7/27/2011 St. Ignatius of Loyola Council, Ijamsville

7/28/2011 St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Council, Woodstock

7/29/2011 St. Bartholomew Council, Manchester

7/30/2011 St. Michael's Council of Poplar Springs

7/31/2011 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Essex

8/1/2011 Mother Seton Council, Lanham

8/2/2011 Fr. George Bradford Council, Chestertown

8/3/2011 St. Francis de Sales Council, Salisbury

8/4/2011 Annapolis Council Council, Annapolis

8/5/2011 Immaculate Conception Council, Mechanicsville

8/6/2011 Calvert Council, North Beach

8/7/2011 Our Lady Star of the Sea Council, Solomons

8/8/2011 St. Francis Xavier Council, Leonardtown

8/9/2011 St. John Francis Regis Council, Hollywood

8/10/2011 Dr. John Griffin Council, Bryantown (Waldorf)

8/11/2011 Patuxent Council, Laurel

8/12/2011 Our Lady of Fatima Council, Barnesville

8/13/2011 St. Katharine Drexel Council, Frederick

8/14/2011 Archbishop John Carroll Council, Brunswick (Turns Rose over to Virginia)



This year the Silver Rose will travel over 720 miles inside the State of Maryland.

Our thanks to the Councils hosting the Rose and holding prayer services. We urge other councils in the vicinity of these to join them in prayer. This is a most precious opportunity to gather to pray Pro-Life!

Maryland State Council 113th Convention



113th Annual Convention

May 13, 14, 15, 2011

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

11:00 AM	Convention Golf Tournament
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Pre-Convention Registration (Barbados Room)
<u>FRIDAY</u>	
9:00 AM	Mass (Mako Room)
Noon to 4:00 PM	Convention Registration (Barbados Room)
2:00 PM	District Deputy Mtg. (Eleuthera Room)
3:00 PM	Grand Knights' \$1000 Olympics for Charity (Atrium Area)
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Convention Registration (Barbados Room)
7:00 PM	Mass & Opening Session of Convention (Caribbean Hall)
7:00 PM	Ladies Activities – Palmetto Ballroom, Doors open 6:30 PM
7:00 PM	Youth Activity (Eleuthera Room)
9:00 to Midnight	Open House - Hospitality Rooms (Atrium Area)

SATURDAY

7:00 AM	Mass (Mako Room)
7:00 AM	Breakfast by Ticket (Palmetto Ballroom) First Seating
7:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Convention Registration (Barbados Room)
8:15 AM	Breakfast by Ticket (Palmetto Ballroom) Second Seating
8:30 AM	Assemble for Grand Knight March (Sun Deck)
9:00 AM	Awards Program (Atrium Area)
11:00 AM	Second Session of Convention (Caribbean Hall)
11:30 AM	Youth Activity (Eleuthera Room)
3:00 PM	Assemble for Convention Mass (Front of the Hotel)
3:45 PM 5:45 PM	Concelebrated Mass (St. Luke's) Convention Banquet – Palmetto Ballroom (Cash Bar – Doors Open 5:15 PM)
5:45 PM	Youth Activity (Lower Registration Area)
9:00 PM to Midnight	Open House - Hospitality Rooms (Atrium Area)

SUNDAY

7:30 AM	Mass (Mako Room)
8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet (Palmetto Ballroom)
9:00 AM	District Deputy Meeting (Dominica Room)
9:30 AM	Closing Session of Convention (Caribbean Hall)

NOTE: Registration and Convention Badges ARE REQUIRED for admission to all Convention Activities, Hospitality rooms and the Atrium and should be worn at all times

Only Brother Knights are allowed to attend Official Convention Sessions and must present a current 3rd Degree card

REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

A Crisis of Faith

The last 100 years have been marked by great advances in virtually every aspect of the man-made world that impacts our lives. Yet, each advance seems to be accompanied by a heightened selfishness, genocidal acts like abortion posing as rights, and a focus on man as the central determinant of life rather than God. Since 1973, in the United States, when abortion was legalized, some 53 million children have been destroyed.

How could this wanton, willful destruction of human life have occurred? Seventy million people in America identify themselves as Catholics. They occupy the highest positions of influence and power. Can they not put an end to abortion, euthanasia and other intrinsic evils against human life?

They could if they truly believed in the teachings of the Church, if those teachings guided their actions in the secular world, if they had a fear of the Lord. Vast numbers of Catholics, however, are indifferent to the faith. Today, over 60 percent of those who assert to be Catholics do not attend Mass weekly; only one in four of those who do attend go to Confession regularly. The secularity of the world has so diluted their faith and obscured their moral consciences that they lead their lives as practical atheists. Faith, for them, is merely a cultural trapping, religion nothing more than a warm, vacuous feeling, rather than a deep commitment to God.

Without a true, abiding faith, people can hardly be expected to have a fear of the Lord. And it is fear of the Lord that impels us to do good and avoid evil. Scripture speaks of two types of fear of the Lord. The first is an abject dread of an unrepentant sinner on the day of God's judgment. The fear here is a loss of heaven and a condemnation to an eternity in hell.

The other, based on love, is a result of our relationship to an Almighty, All Powerful, All Knowing, All Just, and All Holy God. We are His creatures. In the presence of this Majestic figure, we should possess a sense of awe, reverence, adoration, honor, and worship. This reverential fear fills us with a sovereign respect and filial love for God, and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin.

If all Catholics had this reverential fear of the Lord, their every action would be in accord with God's teachings, rather than their own desires. There would be no legalized abortion in America. Euthanasia would never be considered. There would be respect for human life from conception to natural death.

Archbishop Charles Chaput described the situation as follows: "The primary crisis of our time...is a crisis of faith. Do we believe in God or not? Are we on fire with a love for Jesus Christ, or not? Because if we are not, nothing else matters. If we are, then everything we need in order to do God's work will follow, because he never abandons his people."

The immediate need is to evangelize Catholics to once again believe in the Lord, to hold Him in reverence, to lead our daily lives in accord with His teachings and those of His Church. As Knights of Columbus, we can work to strengthen our own faith, to make God the center of our lives, to begin the evangelization within our own Order, our councils, our parishes.

Vivat Jesus!

A longer article with a photograph can be found on the State website

May State Council Calendar

8 Mother's Day



13 Our Lady of Fatima
(see page 2)

12 Annual Golf Tournament,
Ocean City

13 - 15 113th Annual State
Convention, Ocean City



24 Pro-Life Mass

St. John Newmann parish,
Gaithersburg



30 Memorial Day

CATHOLIC LIGHT

REMEMBER...?

Remember when a program was a TV show, when a cursor (curser) used profanity? ... and when a keyboard was a piano?

Remember when "compress" was something you did to garbage, not something you did to a file?

Remember when a file was a paper document held in a folder, which was stored in a metal cabinet?

And if you unzipped anything in public ... you'd be in jail for a while!

Remember when log was something you added to a fire, and hard drive was a long trip on the road?

Remember when a mouse pad was where a mouse lived, and a backup happened only to your commode?

Remember when "Cut" you did with your pocket knife (remember those?), and "paste" you did with glue?

Remember when a "web" was a spider's home and trap, ...and a virus was normally the flu?

Those were the days!