



Resurrection Council #11341

Maryland District #27

Ellicott City, Maryland

Special points of interest:

- Grand Knight's Open House
- St Nicholas Party—Arts and Crafts
- Christmas Eve Parking

Council 11341 Newsletter Second Issue

Dear Brother Knights,

It has been a very busy fall for your Council. We collected a record amount of money during our Tootsie Roll Drive for the Cedar Lane School. [Read Brother John Widitz's article in this issue of the newsletter]. Our Italian Dinner Night was a success as a fund raising event. Your Council staffed multiple Coffee & Donuts for our parish. We sponsored two of Father Collin's presentations on his mission to Tanzania. Where over 150 people from our parish attended. I'm sure all of you have seen for yourselves your Council is everywhere helping our priests and our parish community. As the Grand Knight I am very proud of the work our Council is doing for the parish.

One of the goals of my term as your Grand Knight is to help Catholic men and their families live a more spiritual life. The Knights are committed to an ideal of a fulfilling spiritual life. However, we are also committed to making more opportunities available for others to experience this ideal. Every moment, the Knights of Columbus ponder how to better do God's will in making His great Creation feel His presence.

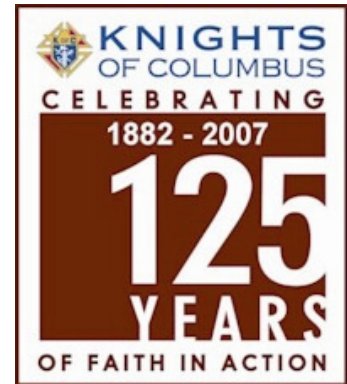
We dedicate ourselves to making every moment of the day—joys, sorrows, victories, and defeats, and even those moments that seem bland—an offering in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In offering who we are to God, He can direct us with His will much more directly.

As servants of God, we all have the task before us to offer every day as a prayer. The spiritual life of the Knight is enriched not only by his awareness of this fact, but also by the many friends around him who strive to achieve this ideal for themselves and who also remind each other of the need for this self-dedication. Since I became a Knight, my daily spiritual life has never been so rich. I have heard of no better way of life that directs my thoughts, actions and words towards Christ than the day prayed.

God bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus

Drew Scurachio, Grand Knight



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Upcoming Council Events

Tues Dec 4	7:00 PM	Officer's Meeting	Conference Room
Thurs Dec 6	7:00 PM	Mass in Chapel followed by Business Meeting	Multipurpose Room 1
Sun Dec 9	2:00 PM	Grand Knight's Open House	GK's Home
Mon Dec 10	7:00 PM	Saint Nicholas Party for children and families	Multipurpose Room 1, 2, & 3
Sun Jan 20	1:30 PM	Basketball Free Throw Competition	Gymnasium

**Grand Knight's
Open House**

**December 9th
2:00—5:00**

**2315 Ridge Tree
Court
Ellicott City
410-461-4222**



Tootsie Roll Drive

The Tootsie Roll Drive collections are donated to the Cedar Lane School in Fulton. This is our council's 8th year supporting Cedar Lane. Last year's Tootsie Roll Drive collected and donated more than \$3,000 to the school. We are targeting to beat that figure this year and collect more than \$4,000!

The Tootsie Roll Drive kicked off on Saturday Sept 8th at the Chatham Giant. The weekend collection netted more than \$700.

Last year the Council received help from the Resurrection

confirmation candidates. This year we decided to ask the candidates again to help us. At the confirmation class on Sept 5th, 200 announcements were handed out to the confirmation



candidates. We received an overwhelming response from them. The candidates signed up for almost 20 slots in less than 1 week. The problem we have is getting an adult to sign up. The candidates must have an adult on their shift. We must have more of our council mem-

bers signup. Please do your part and volunteer to help the students of Cedar Lane.

These are the locations and dates:

Safeway (Long Gate) - 9/22 & 9/23

Walmart - 9/29 & 9/30



Council Officers

Grand Knight	Drew Scurachio	(410) 461-4222
Chaplain	Fr Collin Poston	(410) 461-9111
Deputy Grand Knight	Jeffrey Forsyth	(410) 203-2128
Chancellor	John Garpastas	(410) 465-0914
Recorder	John Fleetwood	(410) 461-9284
Financial Secretary	Stew Bode	(410) 461-1571
Treasurer	Gus Bernard	(410) 381-3442
Lecturer	Robert Carter	(410) 480-4360
The Advocate	John Widitz	(410) 465-1925
Warden	Mike Parker	(410) 465-4786
Inside /Outside Guard	Hans Weidig IV	(410) 465-7205
Membership	Hans Weidig	(410) 465-7205
Trustee 1st Year	Richard Meyer	(410) 465-1930
Trustee 2nd Year	Mike Parker	(410) 465-4786
Trustee 3rd Year	Robert Carter	(410) 480-4360

Business Meetings Take Care of Business

Business meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. Our council bylaws establish the starting time to be 7:30. The meetings used to begin at 8:00. Many council members thought an earlier start time to be more convenient. So the bylaws were changed 2 years ago. The night of the business meeting begins with Fr Collin celebrating Mass in the chapel for the

Knights. Mass begins at 7:00. After Mass the members eat together in Multipurpose Room I. The September business meeting lasted 50 minutes. Most members were home by 8:30. Your officers meet before our business meeting. This is how we can keep the business meetings short. **Please join us for our next business meeting on October 4th.**

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

“Long Term Care Trends”

- 1) \$205 a day is the national average for a nursing home now.
- 2) \$197 a day is the average for the Baltimore Metropolitan area.
- 3) 92% of informal caregivers are women.
- 4) It takes 3-4 years on average to drain a couple's assets to qualify for Medicaid (welfare health program).
- 5) Alzheimer's disease is the #1 growing area of long term care need.
- 6) Over 65% of nursing homes are occupied with women.
- 7) Long term care insurance is sometimes the only thing that can keep you out of a nursing home (due to the home health care option).
- 8) Traditional health insurance and Medicare do not cover long term care needs or costs.

Call me for information on how to affordably cover your long term care needs.

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Keep Christ in Christmas

In a time when all things religious are being discouraged and swept away, it's refreshing to know that the Knights of Columbus established the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program to remind people that Christmas is above all a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ. In addition, the Knights provide public service announcements to radio and television stations nationwide urging people to Keep Christ in Christmas. This year, new radio spots encouraging people to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by helping the less fortunate have been produced in English and

for the first time in Spanish. A television PSA -- which first ran last year -- is being sent to TV networks and hundreds of local broadcast stations and cable television systems. The Knights have been producing "Keep Christ in Christmas" PSAs since the 1980s. In recent years, the Knights of Columbus Christmas PSAs have consistently reached more than 20 million television viewers and as many as 27 million radio listeners each year. Brother Rob Callahan is chairing the Keep Christ in Christmas program for our Council. Our Council program has

the youth creating posters that show Jesus Christ as the true meaning of Christmas. Brother Rob has created flyers advertising the program. The flyers have been sent to all the families of students attending Resurrection/St Paul School. Brother Rob is also reaching out to schools close to Resurrection Church to involve their youth as well.

Buy and send religious Christmas cards

This is another way to Keep Christ in Christmas. Your Council is selling Christmas Cards. ALL profits from the sales of Christmas Cards will be donated to the RSVP Seminarian Program.

Support your Council and Seminarrians

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

The Free Throw Championship is a great way to provide entertainment and enjoyment for the young people in our community. Our Council is sponsoring the competition on January 20th at 1:30 PM in the Resurrection Gym. Stew Bode is the chairperson for the event.



Dues to Increase

In the October Business Meeting the Council voted in favor of increasing the dues from \$25 to \$35 per year.



Father Collin at his Tanzania presentation

St Nicholas Party

Dec 10th

7:00 - 8:30

MPI, MP2, &

MP3

Arts & Crafts

A visit from

Santa Claus

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J.

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God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.



Join the Father McGivney Guild. No Charge.
Website :<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/index.cfm>

Visit YOUR Council's website:

<http://www.knightsofcolumbus.org/index.html>

Council

Basketball Free

Throw

Championship

January 20, 2008

1:30

Resurrection

Gym

Boys and Girls

Ages 10—14

You will find the most current information about what is happening in the Council. This includes our business and social meetings dates and locations, a Council calendar, Catholic news, the minutes from monthly meetings, the Grand Knights reports, and links to other interesting websites. Visit it often and bookmark it.

Knights set new records for charitable giving, volunteer service

Catholic News Agency

New Haven, Jun 11, 2007 / 11:38 am (CNA).- The Knights of Columbus has set a new record for charitable giving and volunteer service in 2006.

The Knights' annual survey shows that **charitable contributions totaled \$143,816,004 for 2006, exceeding the previous year by more than \$4 million.** Of the total amount, \$35,133,393 was donated by the Supreme Council, and \$108,682,611 by the local councils and other groups within the lay

fraternity.

The survey also shows that the Knights offered a total of 68,270,432 hours in volunteer service in 2006, up more than four million hours from 2005. Among the volunteer activities, the Knights visited the sick and bereaved (six million visits). As well, 393,807 Knights donated blood to blood banks.

Other volunteer efforts were linked to the Knights' continued commitment to the states affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The Knights have donated more than \$10 million to the relief efforts in the region.

Over the last 10 years, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.25 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 593 million hours of volunteer service.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest lay Catholic organization, with 1.7 million members on four continents.