



# THE KNIGHT CHATTER

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The Seniors had a great time at their annual Christmas Party. Santa paid a visit, while several folks donned his winter cap. For details, see page 9.

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

FR. MARK HUGHES

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

MICHAEL HOULIHAN

Brother Knights,

Children all around our nation have a new supply of presents from Christmas. Some of those gifts will be used for a long time. Others, such as gift cards, have already been used for food or redeemed for merchandise, while still other presents have been forgotten and discarded.



Fr. Mark Hughes

Each of us has been given one gift in common – the start of a new year. The next 12 months will be full of activities that can fall into the three categories of those Christmas gifts. Some things we do this year will have a long term impact in our lives. Exercise, education and saving money are activities that pay dividends for a long time to come. Other activities such as eating a great meal or watching a sporting event are meant to be enjoyed at the moment. While other actions are routine and are forgotten as their intent is accomplished.

Holy Redeemer parish is introducing a program to parish-

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Brothers,

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Rock Creek Council, I hope you had a wonderful and blessed holiday season. During the Christmas holidays, we tend to focus on our families. One of the key ingredients of family that we need to be present to is God as an active member of our families. St. Joseph was a good example of a father involving God as an active member of his family – for example, on the Feast of the Holy Family on January 29<sup>th</sup>, we heard in the Gospel of Matthew God instructing Joseph to flee to Egypt after the Savior's birth and instructing Joseph on when to return to Israel. As Christian fathers and family members we should work hard to hear God's instructions to us regarding our families, too.



Grand Knight Houlihan

We enter the new calendar year with a number of challenges facing our country and our communities, including poverty, loneliness, failed marriages, and the rise of uncivility in our public discourse and institutions. Many of these problems are compounded by the decline of the family as

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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ioners that can have a meaningful impact in all three categories of our activities. Based on a program other parishes use, we will make a commitment to God to take a step closer to Jesus this year. That step can be as simple as one significant lifestyle change such as going to daily Mass or joining a men's or women's spiritual group. The step also could be a combination of smaller goals that change during the year. It could be as fundamental as being careful about how we talk and what we say.

The point is to seize the momentum of the new year to make a commitment to step closer to God in 2020. If we work at it and remain faithful to our pledge, we will become a better person in the long run, enjoy a healthier relationship with God in the present, and develop habits and attitudes that become a part of who we are and how we witness to the world. A step closer to God will make each of us a holier person and the world a better place.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Hughes*

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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the central building block of society, and as a result society's rising generation of young adults does not benefit from as widely accepted and strong of a culture of family as we did. As Catholic men, we have a duty to teach our children the blessings of family through our actions and our example and to do our part to reverse the decline of the family in our society.

The Knights of Columbus highly values the family. One of the four *Faith in Action* program components is the Family Program, in which we provide opportunities to strengthen the bonds between father and mother and between children and parents. We had several Family Program events in 2019 and will have many in 2020. Look for these opportunities and help extend divine kingship of Jesus Christ on earth through our example in support of the family.

Have a good month, Brothers.

*Michael Houlihan*

Grand Knight

## Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle

The Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Emerald Room of Fr. Rosensteel Council, located off Forest Glen Road in Silver Spring. There is the recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 pm, a business meeting at 8 pm, with a social gathering including free meal and beverage to follow.



The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16. This meeting will include the annual "Renewal of Obligations" conducted by the AWD (Archdiocese of Washington District) officers and other Sir Knights.

At the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly, we assist in cleaning the Vietnam Memorial, hold flag ceremonies, provide a service at the Arlington National Cemetery, and provide coats to needy children, among other activities. If you are a Third Degree Knight, consider joining the Fourth Degree which is devoted to Patriotism. This is especially important in today's society in which there is much disrespect for our flag, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and the history of our Nation!

If you have any questions regarding the Fourth Degree, or would like to join, contact me at neildorianke@yahoo.com or 301-237-0552 cell.

*Neil Dorian, SK*  
Past Faithful Navigator

## Upcoming Degrees at the Council

If you have joined the Order and taken only the Formation or 1st Degree, now is your chance to advance to a higher level., and do so in your own council.

Rock Creek Council will be hosting a Formation (2nd Degree) on January 21, and a Knighthood or 3rd Degree on January 31. Candidates for both degrees should arrive by 7:30 PM and report to the lounge.

The next Admissions Degree at the council will be held on Tuesday, February 18 at 8:00 PM. Ask a fellow Catholic to join our ranks and enjoy the benefits of your council and the KofC.

Future degrees scheduled to be held at the Council are:

Admissions Degree (1st):

February 18

April 7

Formation Degree (2nd):

January 21, 2020

Knighthood Degree (3rd):

January 31, 2020

Each ceremony will be followed by a reception in the lounge, including complimentary food and drinks. The lounge will be closed to all non-members until 10:00 PM.

For more information, check with Grand Knight Michael Houlihan (houlihangk2797koc@gmail.com or 410-707-8550) or Financial Secretary Douglas Yeatman (Doug\_Yeatman@verizon.net or 301-785-3747), or any of the Council Officers.



## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT



William Newbrough, DD

Dear Brother Knights, Friends and Family,

I pray that each of you have enjoyed a blessed Christmas with your family. This year, my wife Melanie and I travelled to northern California to celebrate Christmas with our sons. During our visit, we enjoyed a day trip to Carmel by the Sea, on the California coast just south of San

Francisco and visited the Mission San Carlos at Carmel to venerate the burial site of St. Fr. Junipero Serra, the Franciscan "Apostle of California." Fr. Serra is credited with spreading the faith throughout the Pacific coastal region from Mexico City to Upper California. Armed with his motto "*Siempre Adelante!*" or "*Always Forward!*", he was an exemplar for all Knights of Columbus and for all Christians eager to put aside their personal limitations and boldly put their faith into action. He was beatified by St. Pope John Paul II on September 25 1988 and canonized by Pope Francis during his visit to the U.S. on September 23, 2015 in Washington DC.

During our visit to the Basilica of the Carmel Mission where Fr. Serra is buried, I learned a great deal about his life and travels. I was impressed by the impact that one faithful friar from far away Spain could have in evangelizing communities half a world away. Throughout his many travels on foot, he developed severe ulcers in his feet and legs. And yet he never allowed his personal sufferings to limit his willingness to say "Yes" to God's call to service. In character, he was eager, optimistic and zealous though small in stature. During our visit, I was continually reminded that Fr. Serra's life stands as a great example for each Knight of the power of faith filled good works when combined with a generous and willing spirit.

Speaking of generosity, my thanks go out to our Grand Knights for all their efforts to organize, plan and promote the charitable good works of our councils over the past six months even as they continue to extend the invitation to new members and strengthen the fraternal bonds of our current membership. Please accept my sincere thanks for all your efforts. That being said, we are now heading into what has become for many councils a slow period. I would like to challenge each council in the district to be pro-active in planning and hosting charitable, spiritual and fraternal events in the coming months.

First, we should be working to promote a Culture of Life by supporting Pro Life events. Every council should be planning to participate in this year's March for Life on Friday January 24 by supporting your parish marchers, marching as a council, or joining the Maryland State Council to march. The Maryland State Council will meet on the National Mall at 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Madison Drive between 10:15 and 10:45 am (the nearest Metro stations

are Smithsonian and Federal Triangle). Also, consider supporting your local pregnancy center, Gabriel Project and/or help raise funds to purchase an ultra sound machine. Keep in mind, councils do not have to pay for the entire cost of an ultra sound device. Over its useful life, each machine is expected to save about 1,000 children from abortion. That translates to about 1,000,000 babies in the womb saved from abortion since the program's inception 10 years ago. Please contact State Ultra Sound Chair Larry Grayson at [LPGrayson@verizon.net](mailto:LPGrayson@verizon.net) or 301-933-8731 for more information.

Also, January is a good time to focus on the four programs required by Supreme of every council. They are: 1) holding a **Novena for Life**; 2) participating in a **Spiritual Reflection Program**; 3) hosting a **Consecration to the Holy Family**; and 4) conducting a **Helping Hands Program** that benefits the community by collecting food items, coats or providing volunteer service for those in need. The Faith in Action guidebook details each required program and can be located on Supreme's website [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

Another strong Pro Life program is support for Special Olympics. Since 1968, the Knights of Columbus have been active in supporting Special Olympics. Founder Sargent Shriver was a Brother Knight at Mater Dei Council in Potomac, MD! Knights have raised over \$600 million to benefit those with intellectual and physical disabilities and since 2014, Knights volunteered over 4 million hours. This year the Maryland State Council has decided to step up its support by sponsoring a "**Super Plunger**". FDD, PGK, PFN Bryan Adamczyk who will be taking a plunge into the frigid Chesapeake bay every hour for a 24 hour period. He must raise \$10,000 to qualify as a Super Plunger. The State Council can only make this possible with your support. Support Bryan online at <https://support.somd.org/fundraiser/2474505>.

Also, at Rock Creek Council 2797, we're continuing the great mission of supporting those with cognitive disabilities and are grateful for the opportunity to do so by fielding our own Plunge Team – **the Polar Knights!** Though we are not "Super Plungers" and will only be plunging once on January 25<sup>th</sup>, we are most grateful for your support. You may support the Rock Creek Polar Knights by donating online at <https://support.somd.org/team/262004>

May God continue to bless each of you and your families in 2020. And may we be "eager, optimistic and zealous" in carrying out our charitable work -- ever "moving forward" to put our Faith into Action! Have a blessed and happy New Year! *Siempre Adelante* and *Vivat Jesus!*

*William Newbrough*

District Deputy No. 18





## New Year's Resolutions — 2020



Steve Upton, PGK,

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year it's common to review the past year and look at what we'd like to accomplish in the new one. Already there's been much advertising and talk about 2020 and the relation to our eyesight...how we'll be able to see more clearly, look at the year with new vision, not be shortsighted.

Of course, all this talk about the future brings us to the usual thinking about the new year...making resolutions. That is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking. If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often. Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? With our professional approach using the Profiles+ Forecaster financial needs analysis you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance, and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to

help provide. The need for life insurance changes at different stages of a person's life: Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, the safety of conservative investment strategy and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses and first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and construct a plan to get you where you want to go. All is done in the comfort of your home and at your convenience.

As a brother Knight and your field agent, I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll look at your dreams, goals and aspirations for 2020 and beyond. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your financial picture will be seen with 2020 vision.

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Steve Upton*

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### ROSARY AT 7:30 P.M.

**We pray the Rosary before our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month**

**The Rosary is a proven, effective prayer in meeting individual and national needs**

**Come and join us!**



### Did You Know?

Our website (<https://www.kofc2797.org>) works wonderfully on your phone or mobile device? Add us to your home screen and keep us in your pocket wherever you go!

- Easily keep track of our events - <https://www.kofc2797.org/events>
- Contact your officers - <https://www.kofc2797.org/officers>
- Access our monthly newsletter, the Chatter - <https://www.kofc2797.org/chatter>
- Recruit a Catholic brother - <https://www.kofc2797.org/become-a-knight>



## *Where the Knights Stand on Human Life*

**“Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this...Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question... It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life...” (Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis)**

In union with the Magisterial teachings of the Church and the Holy Father, the Knights of Columbus stands strong in its conviction that every human life is a gift of God, endowed with certain inalienable rights — the first among these being the right to life. Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, we believe that human life is sacred and inviolable, and ought to be defended with maximum determination. To this end, the Knights of Columbus supports policies that promote a Culture of Life and opposes legislative efforts that promote abortion, contraception, sterilization, cloning, the destruction of embryos, assisted suicide, and euthanasia.

One of the most effective ways in which the Knights of Columbus has promoted a Culture of Life and helped thousands of women save their children is through the Ultrasound Initiative. As of October 2019, the initiative has funded and placed 1134 ultrasound machines — valued at more than \$54 million — in all 50 states, Mexico, Canada, and countries in South America and Africa. Thousands of babies have been saved, and the lives of countless mothers, fathers, and families have been enhanced thanks to the work of the Knights.

Our Order’s steadfast defense and promotion of a Culture of Life is grounded on our ultimate assurance that in the natural law written in the heart of every person is the recognition that human life is sacred from its very beginning to its end. In the depths of our consciousness, human intellect knows that the very source of its existence—i.e. human life—ought to be protected and celebrated. In that regard, the message of the Knights of Columbus extends far beyond our Order and our religious creed; it is a universal message that every person of good will can come to affirm.

The right to life is unlike any other right. It is the most basic right and the condition of all other personal rights, constituting the foundation of every human community and the political community itself. St. John Paul II famously noted that if human life itself is not respected, then respect for all other rights—for example, the right to health, to marriage, to culture, to religion—is “false and illusory.” Human rights of every kind are “incomprehensible” without the right to life. Our Order, therefore, joins the universal Church in acknowledging the dignity of human life and in its efforts to achieve legal and constitutional protection for every human person at the international, national, state, and local levels.

Furthermore, in accordance with the teachings of St. John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae*, we affirm that “abortion and euthanasia are [...] crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection....In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to ‘take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or vote for it.’”



### Club News

**Hours: Monday Thru Thursday 2-10  
Friday 2-Midnight, Saturday 2-11, Sunday 2-8,  
Meeting Nights 1-8**

The Holidays are over, and we hope everyone enjoyed them.

For the latest information about the happenings in the Lounge, watch for list-serve blasts, read the Chatter and check the council website [www.kofc2797.org](http://www.kofc2797.org).

Lounge phone: 301-530-1628  
Mike Horan: 240-793-1169

### Knight of the Month

This month’s **Knight of the Month for December is Mike Patton.**

Mike led the effort to organize and conduct our Tootsie Roll Drive, in which the council collected donations at several locations to provide money for the intellectually disabled.

Mike worked with a group of about a dozen brother Knights, who not only collected money, but also increased our visibility in the community and provided witness through their actions to providing for the needs of the disabled.

Thank you, Mike, and all the other Knights you worked with on our Drive this year.



## REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson, PGK

### Stand and Be Counted

In America, and indeed throughout the world, there is a diminishing respect for life in all its stages. As a society, we prevent its beginning, manipulate the elements of conception, create life in a laboratory and extinguish it in the name of research, destroy the child in the womb from the first moments of development through partial (and occasionally full) birth, condone the taking of one's own life, and assist others to exterminate themselves. These acts are justified with terms like mercy, choice, tolerance, and personal rights, which mask the selfishness, materialism, lack of self-control and disregard for others that actually exist. This all-out offensive against life brings the nation closer to being permeated by and accepting of a "culture of death."

Every January 22 or thereabouts, for the past 47 years, since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion, Catholics and people of other religious persuasions have joined in the National March for Life to try to stir the conscience of the country to the consequences of this ruling. From the time of the decision in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, more than 60 million children in the United States have been killed in the womb. What a tragedy of epic proportions – 60 million children destined to be born in the image and likeness of God, destroyed by acts of their mothers' free will and abetted by an infrastructure of death.



While abortion is the most heinous attack on life, it is not the only one. A reverence for life is assaulted through euthanasia, suicide, sterilization, homosexual acts, *in vitro* fertilization, embryonic stem cell research, and contraception. Each is an affront to man's role as God's partner in the fulfillment of creation through "pro-creating" in marriage other humans to "know, love, and serve God in this life, and to be happy with him in the next."

Euthanasia, whether it is forced for eugenic purposes as in the Holocaust, or for the convenience of others as in the case of Terri Schiavo's starvation and dehydration, or is voluntary – which is only a palatable way to describe permissive suicide – is a declaration that some lives are not worth living. It says that the utility of one's life is to be judged solely by material considerations, without recognition that man possesses a divinely-instilled dignity, regardless of one's age, physical or mental condition.

Every human life, from conception to natural death, has value. When we ignore the spiritual, decisions about abortion, euthanasia and suicide rest on social, economic

and similar temporal factors, which can always be judged unusual enough or serious enough to outweigh competing materialistic considerations and allow the termination of a life. This is the case with the use of embryonic stem cells, whether for research or therapeutic purposes. In order to obtain the stem cells, human embryos are created and destroyed, which disregards the life that exists and violates respect for human dignity. No intended good for others can justify the taking of a human life, even if it is in the first stages of development.

While abortion, euthanasia and suicide destroy life, contraception and sterilization prevent life. The latter are an abdication of responsibility for personal actions, and allow free reign to one's sexual urges. They promote promiscuity with impunity. Contraception removes the fear that may deter fornication and adultery, behaviors which destroy the family, the basic unit of society. Youths and unmarried adults who are sexually active cannot be expected to discard upon marriage habits of libidinous behavior acquired before their vows. Contraception also is the precursor of abortion. When artificial means of preventing birth fails, the next step is to terminate the life before it becomes viable.

Contraception, sterilization, *in vitro* fertilization, and the redefinition of marriage to include homosexual unions all violate God's commands for marriage. In Genesis, it is written: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cling to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh," and again, "Be fruitful and multiply." In accord with these decrees, marriage has two purposes, unitive and generative, that is, to conjoin a man and woman in a lifelong commitment as husband and wife through a complete giving of each to the other, and for them to procreate and educate their children.

Homosexual unions, contraception and sterilization all violate the generative aspect of marriage. They are means of preventing birth from the union of a man and a woman. *In vitro* fertilization, in contrast, discards the unitive aspect. As stated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, it "entrusts the life and identity of the embryo into...the domination of technology over the origin and destiny of the human person." It tries to give life to children without the complete giving of a husband and a wife, each to the other. Further, in its application *in vitro* fer-

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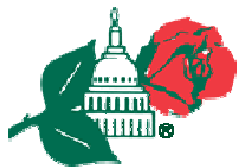
## Our Polar Knights

Rock Creek Brothers GK Michael Houlihan, Warden Alex Lieb and DD Bill Newbrough will take the "plunge."

On Saturday, January 25, these hearty Polar Knights will jump into the Chesapeake Bay as part of the Polar Bear Plunge, to raise funds for Special Olympics in Maryland.

They will be among over 8,000 courageous individuals who will be at Sandy Point State Park to plunge into the 43° water to help support some 7,782 athletes of Special Olympics Maryland.

For more information or to pledge some funds on their behalf, go to <https://support.somd.org/team/262004>.



## Remember Our Sick and Deceased

### Sick and Distressed:

PGK Roberto and Mary Jo Ibáñez, Leslie Ibáñez (wife of PGK Tony Ibáñez), Billy Horan, PGK Victor and Wally Khayat, PGK Vince and Glenda Bunag, PGK John Vivian, Greg Curtin, Tony Durso (regional advisor), Grant Bonavia, Andrew Dolan Miller (son of Alex Lieb), Brandon Waters (grandson of PGK Bob Waters), Lindsay Patten (daughter of Michael Patten), and those on the Seniors' sick list (p. 11)



### Deceased:

Ngan Ha Wong (grandmother of Jason Wong), Audrey and Regis Miller (cousins of Ken Seethales, Andrew George (brother of Vincent George), and Pete Cocco (friend of Tappan family)

Pray for our departed members, families and friends.

## REFLECTIONS

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tilization requires multiple embryos to be created. In a businesslike approach, only the most viable ones are implanted, while the others, each of which is the beginning of a life, are discarded or frozen for future use.

One must not only abstain from these many anti-life activities, but must oppose them as acceptable practices in society. Tolerance in these matters is not a virtue. Tolerance only encourages these practices, and others, to proliferate. Planned Parenthood of Indiana, for example, marketed gift certificates during the Christmas season several years ago that could be used for contraceptive services, examinations, medications and abortions. LeRoy Carhart, the Maryland-based, late-term abortionist, offers women remembrances of their aborted babies. The destruction of life is viewed as an admissible commercial activity.

Not bringing one's faith into establishing public policy and a culture that repudiates immoral, anti-life acts is implicitly acknowledging that these behaviors are socially acceptable and that they are no more right or wrong than restraint from these practices.

As Catholics, and as Knights of Columbus, we should work to protect and strengthen the family, promote personal responsibility and accountability for one's actions, and renew in society a reverence for life in all its stages, from conception to natural death. We must help to create a reverence for and a culture of life. Join your brother Knights on the Mall in Washington, DC on January 24 for the National March for Life. Stand and be counted.

## A Special Ministry

Did you ever think of assisting as an usher at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception?**

Since 1982, the Knights of Columbus have served the **Basilica** through the Shrine Usher Ministry. As an usher, you will welcome the congregation entering the Basilica for Mass, be attentive at the Processional, assist with the collection prior to the Offertory, be a **Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament** at Communion, and at the conclusion of Mass be attentive at the Recessional.

For more info contact Patrick McAleer ,at [pmckofc@gmail.com](mailto:pmckofc@gmail.com)

## Drop in the Bucket

In December, the "Drop A Few Bucks In The Bucket Campaign" went to *Gold Star Mothers*, an organization of American mothers who lost sons or daughters in service of the United States Armed Forces.

*Alex Lieb*

Community Activities Chairman





# SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President

We will not be holding a Seniors' Meeting in January due to many conflicts. I will be having a knee replacement and also have to deal with other responsibilities. The doctor hasn't promised that I will be able to an Irish jig — actually I never could — but I will be able to walk much better.



PGK Bob Waters

Our elections will be held during our St. Valentine's Meeting and Party in February. This advance notice will give all candidates ample time for campaigning! Watch for the flyer and announcement in next month's Chatter.

At our Christmas meeting, we voted to donate \$1,000 to Holy Redeemer to be sent to Fr. William Ryan, who was brought up in the parish and is now serving as a missionary in the Archdiocese of Lome in Togo, West Africa. I hope to have a picture of Fr. Ryan in the February Chatter.

Our Annual St. Pat's Meeting and Party will be held in March. If everything goes well with my operation, I expect to be in Florida at that time for the major league baseball spring training games. Our VP, Neil Dorian (if reelected) will run the event.

I still have not received a commitment to have a Montgomery County police officer at

our events. In the meantime, I will look into first responders.

As previously reported, neither our members nor our volunteer worker receive free drinks. Please make all payment of dues either by mail or at a function. I had thee trips to the bank during the Christmas season for dues payments.

Please pray for all in our "Prayer Corner," especially for our good friend, Bobby McDonald.

## GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR MILITARY!

### PRAYER CORNER

In your prayers remember: Eureka and Elizabeth Arcand, Dorothy Bush, Maureen Collins, Kevin Dyer, Helen Fincutter, Susan Gordon Garcia, Lois Gargano, Katharine Giodati, Bill Gordon, Joselyn Walter Graham, Marie Horan, Saunders Jacobsen, Alex Lee, Julia Marcus, James Marketos, Joe Murphy, Eugene O'Neill, Ralph Oviedo, Sr. Maureen Patrice, Fr. David Pollak, Joan Reed, Anne Ryan, Bridget Shanahan, Midge Shanahan, Gloria Skapik, Pilar Stark, Stephanie Suff, Alex Swanke, Marge Swanke, Regina Walter, Barbara Waters, and Fran and Frank Zello.

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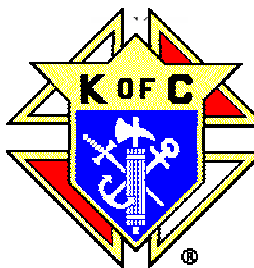
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>January</b>			1 Holy Day of Obligation  Mary-Mother of God	2	3	4
			5	6	7 Rosary 7:00 PM Business Meet- ing 7:30 PM	8 K-C Club 7:00 PM
12	13	14	15	16 Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Memo- rial Mass 7:00 PM	17 March for Life Kickoff Lecture 7:30 PM	18
19	20	21 Rosary 7:00 PM Formation De- gree 7:30 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	30	31  Knighthood Degree 7:30 PM

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