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Mason-Dixon Council #10100

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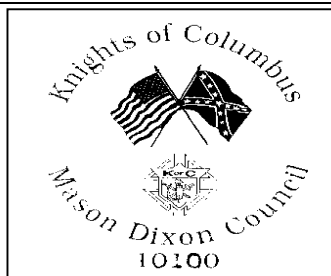
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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

State Chaplain's Message

By: Fr. Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Joe Perzinski, PGK
Norm Yost, PGK
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Marty Rudell
Jim Janiski
Dan Owens
Walt Novicki

As I think back over the past year I am grateful for the many opportunities to be with the Knights and their Ladies and families, and I thank you for the friendship and the many kindnesses extended to me. With you, I look forward to the many opportunities this new fraternal year will afford—opportunities to pray, to socialize, to serve others, to work for the betterment of our Church and society. Yes, “we are called to serve,” and that is a noble call.

As you know, on June 19th “The Year of the Priest” began, as called for by Pope Benedict XVI.

The year marks the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the universal patron of parish priests. As we move from the example of St. Paul during the Pauline year, to the model of St. John Vianney this year, we realize that God's grace works in every year, with people of all types of skills and personalities.

We, too, are a fraternity of many members with varied abilities and talents. It is each of us, working with one another, and encouraging such cooperation, that can make almost anything happen.

DIRECTORS & CHAIRMEN

Program Director Len Windsor
Membership Director Len Windsor
Council Activities Dir. Joe Healy
Family Activities Dir. Howard Eakes
Church Activities Dir. Stan Markowski
Community Activities Dir. Marty Rudell
Youth Activities Dir. Neil Bittner

But there is one other piece we should bring to our work of service, and that is prayer. Our faith is important to us, and prayer helps assure that our actions mesh with our faith. If each day we go to prayer with our goals, and our questions and challenges, we are going to find better results for our Councils, State and Order. Prayer doesn't always seem fruitful; but the spiritual experts tell us it is the effort that matters. Sometimes Knights disagree and sometimes we have different ideas about the best way to accomplish things (we are brothers, after all!), so let us bring our plans and concerns to prayer. Prayer reminds us to do what serves our Order and what God wants us to do.

BELLES OF ST. MARY'S OFFICERS

President Joyce Gosnell
Vice-President Kathy Glos
Treasurer Lois Fritz
Secretary Sue Pardo

May the Lord bless our new fraternal year, and grace each of us with the gifts we need to serve!

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight's

July 2009

Brother Knights and Friends,

Thank you for your vote of confidence in choosing me to lead our council over the next year. I am deeply touched by your support. I can only hope to be able to complete my task in a manner to show how truly grateful I am for your consideration.

I would also like to thank all of those who have accepted Officer positions and positions of Activity Chairs. I am sure with your guidance we shall have a great year together and be fruitful in our endeavors.

It is my great honor to be able to extend this invitation to every Brother Knight and his Lady to join me for Mason Dixon Council's Installation of Officers on Saturday the 25th of July 2009 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Pylesville for a 4:00 PM Mass with dinner to follow at the Holy Cross Church hall. Business attire is appropriate for the evening. Please e-mail me at johnwhthll7@aol.com or RSVP me at 1-410-692-0816 if you intend on attending.

I am looking forward to a successful year continuing to build on the many achievements of PGK Ron Perzinski. May God grant me the strength and wisdom to follow in Ron's footsteps and all the Past Grand Knights.

May God Bless you and your family.

Jack Smith
Grand Knight

Immediate PGK

Dear Brother Knights,

It doesn't seem possible that my term as Grand Knight; the past two years went by in the blink of an eye. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

I would like to say a sincere thank you to all the Officers and Program Chairmen for the many activities we sponsored. We held our traditional events including the Living Rosary, Road Clean-up, Basketball Shootout and Turkey Shoot to name just a few. We also have started some new traditions such as a Square Dance and assisting the Belles with their Trunk or Treat party. Your help was appreciated more than words can say.

I would also like to thank every brother of Mason Dixon Council #10100 for all your help and input over the years no matter how small. Without you we wouldn't have enjoyed the successes we have.

On one last note I would like to wish Good Luck to Jack Smith and everyone who has accepted a position in the BEST Knights Council in Maryland.

God Bless You and Yours,

Ron Perzinski, P.G.K.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL CALENDAR

July

- 4 Independence Day – Mass 10 AM
- 5 Silver Rose Program – 11:15 Mass & 1 PM
- 13 Council Meeting – 7:30 PM – *Whiteford VFC*
- 25 Installation of Council Officers – 4: PM Mass
- 27 Council Meeting – 7:30 PM – *Whiteford VFC*

August

- 13 Council Meeting – 7:30 PM – *Whiteford VFC*
- 27 Council Meeting – 7:30 PM – *Whiteford VFC*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

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| Jim Janiski | July 3 |
| Mary Logue | July 6 |
| Larry Kuhn | July 7 |
| Mary Ann Hohenberger | July 8 |
| Edward Coscia | July 11 |
| Janet L. Kline | July 11 |
| Jane M. Hall | July 11 |
| Joseph C. Healy | July 15 |
| Mary Rita Doak | July 15 |
| Jerry Grim, Jr. | July 18 |
| Nancy Novicki | July 24 |
| Sherri Perzinski | July 26 |
| Marie Loss | July 30 |
| Larry Dulski, Jr. | Aug. 1 |
| Jane Gootee | Aug. 17 |
| Joe Glos | Aug. 18 |
| Betty Kloch | Aug. 20 |
| Joyce Gosnell | Aug. 19 |
| Elaine Schott | Aug. 23 |
| Carla Markowski | Aug. 24 |
| Charles Guerriero | Aug. 29 |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| Robert & Micinia Altenburg | July 9, 1994 |
| Bill & Jane Gootee | July 24 |
| Norm & Charlotte Yost | Aug. 1, 1998 |
| Marty & Barbara Rudell | Aug. 3, 1957 |
| Charlie & Pat Suter | Aug. 20, 1978 |
| Mike & Juanita Bochniak | Aug. 19 |
| Joe & Mary Logue | Aug. 24, 1963 |
| Stan & Carla Markowski | Aug. 24, 1952 |
| Larry & Susanna Kuhn | Aug. 27, 1983 |
| Jim & Joyce Gosnell | Sep. 1, 1962 |
| Joe & Sandy Weiss | Sep. 2, 1961 |
| Bob & Nora Farrell | Sep. 4, 1977 |

Warden's Drawings

. After the May 11th meeting **Jack Smith** won \$20.00 on the 50/50 drawing. **Tom Staab** would've won \$28.00 in the Warden's Drawing, but he was not present. The winner of the June 8th 50/50 was **Marty Rudell** for \$19.00, and **David Racine's** number was drawn in the Warden's Drawing, but he missed \$37.00 since he was not present.

FAMILY

KNIGHTS OUT – Joe Healy

Our **Installation of Officers** will take place on **July 25th**, so we can all get together then for dinner and we can schedule our next **Knights Out** for **August 8th**. Since we seem to have the best turnout when we meet at the **Twin Silos** at Geneva Farms, let's have the August Knights Out there at **5:30 PM**. I will reserve a table for 20, and they will add to it if more people show up, so we will be looking for you then. If you think of it, let me know if you are coming, and how many you will be.

Joe Healy 410-692-5359

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

MEDJUGORJE MESSAGE

Message of June 25, 2009

"Dear children! Rejoice with me, convert in joy and give thanks to God for the gift of my presence among you. Pray that, in your hearts, God may be in the center of your life and with your life witness, little children, so that every creature may feel God's love. Be my extended hands for every creature, so that it may draw closer to the God of love. I bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

COMMUNITY

ROAD CLEANUP – Marty Rudell

The Road cleanup that was scheduled for June 20th was postponed to the 27th due to heavy rain. However, the job was completed on the 27th by a nice turnout of members and their families

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please keep Lynette Rudell, Nick Mikolinas, Tony Ventura, Jerry Grim, Sr., Jerry Grim, Jr., Si Driesen, Paul Goedecke, Brian Heath, John Puskar, Len Windsor,, and all our Servicemen & women in your prayers.

STATE COUNCIL

SILVER ROSE PROGRAM

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SILVER ROSE PROGRAM

I am pleased to report that on July 1st, State Deputy Siejack received the "Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose" from Pennsylvania State Deputy, Wayne Freet, at their final Prayer Service in McSherrystown, PA. Since Maryland received the Silver Rose four days earlier than originally planned, Msgr. Martin Feild, Associate State Chaplain, and St. Joseph – Taneytown Council agreed to host a Prayer Service on Thursday, July 2nd and San Juan Bosco Council in Frederick agreed to host a Prayer Service in Spanish on Friday, July 3rd. As a result, twenty-four Silver Rose Prayer Services will be hosted by Councils and Assemblies across the State in July. I wish to thank Co-Chairman Gary Armbruster for his assistance with the program and Web Master Jim Parshall for adding the Silver Rose Program information to the State Web Site. Also, my sincere thanks to the Councils and Assemblies that volunteered to host the Prayer Services.

The Silver Rose Program Calendar, and link to the Supreme Council Silver Rose Website, can be found on the State Council Website at www.kofc-md.org. On the State Council home page, click on the Committees tab and Silver Rose Program.

Please encourage all Brother Knights, family members, and local parishioners to attend one of the Prayer Services in July. Fraternaly,

Ed Haynes, IPSD

Note that the Archbishop John Carroll Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will host this

Silver Rose Program at St. Mary's Pylesville on Sunday, July 5th with a 45 minute service starting at 1:00 PM. All brother Knights are encouraged to participate with your families if possible.

Len Windsor, FN

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S

July 2009

Greetings Brothers,

Wow what a month!!! We started the month with an outside chance of meeting Star District as we were 6 short of our Insurance goal. It was reported to me tonight that we may have reached that goal. If this is true I am both humbled and amazed by this accomplishment. Very, very few Districts order wide reach this pinnacle and it is a testament each and every council in District 1. You are truly the number 1 District in the State of Maryland. I would also like to congratulate Fr. Wolfe Council 11372 for meeting its membership goal

I would like to congratulate all the new Grand Knights and their officers recently elected. All the councils have new Grand Knights. I wish them luck and pledge my support to help them have a successful year. I also ask for your support of your new council officers. They have responded to the State Deputy's mission statement that we are called to serve. Join them and make your parish, council and community better.

Vivat Jesus!

*Brian O'Connor
District Deputy*



**FLY YOUR FLAG ON JULY 4TH!
INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

“Appreciating our Families”

We spend so much time caring for our families. Our work hours revolve around providing a living and supporting our families. Our evening and weekend hours revolve around spending time and sharing experiences with our families. Even our Knights of Columbus hours are an outlet to support our church and community which has a positive effect on our families.

So ... you can imagine my dismay when we visit with a brother knight's widow and she is in poor economic

shape. I strongly urge all of our members to spend some of that “family time” doing some preplanning.

A former State Chaplain once told me that being a husband and father was one of the highest vocations a man could have. Isn't it appropriate to make sure your wife will truly be okay if something happens to you? Call me, your council advisor. Get the peace of mind that doing the right thing brings.

Jeff Roemer

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REFLECTIONS (From the state council newsletter)

Lawrence P. Grayson

The Fault Lies with Catholics

“If great things are not done by Catholics in America, the fault lies surely with themselves – not the republic” -- so said Archbishop John Ireland, a leading prelate of his day, in 1889. Now 120 years later, it is clear that Catholics are failing both the republic and themselves. They are forsaking the nation in not bringing the virtues taught by their religion to bear on issues of public concern. They are faithless to themselves because in their consuming drive for material success, they are abandoning fundamental precepts of their faith.

America is plagued with sins of abortion, cohabitation, same-sex marriage, dissolution of family life, destruction of embryonic stem cells, contraception, pornography, and a growing acceptance of assisted suicide and euthanasia. Yet, if professed Catholics truly practiced their faith, this would not be.

Today, 25 of the 99 currently seated U.S. Senators and 136 of the 435 members of the House of Representatives identify themselves as Catholics. In addition, a Catholic serves as Vice President, another as Speaker of the House of Representatives, five of the eight continuing Justices of the Supreme Court are Catholic and a sixth has been nominated for the Court, and several Cabinet members claim Catholicism as their religion.

Coupled with these attainments in the political arena are the gains 68 million Catholic Americans have achieved in business, the professions, the media, education, and other areas of national life. With the degree of influence that follows from this preeminence, the culture of this country, its laws, customs, public attitudes and behaviors should reflect a greater morality. There should not be an acceptance of actions such as homosexual marriage that are counter to natural law, or of practices such as abortion that violate the humanity and dignity of the person. But the mores of the country warrant these transgressions because too many professed Catholics are willing to compromise their faith. They do not truly live as Catholics, even if they abide by obligatory devotions. Their faith does not affect their ideas, attitudes, choices, decisions and actions, whether related to matters of public affairs, their drive for monetary success, tastes in entertainment, or the way they set priorities for living.

In all of these instances, Catholics as a body are indistinguishable from the general populace. Only by ignoring what they profess to believe could 54 percent of the Catholics who voted in the last Presidential election cast their ballots for a candidate whose positions on abortion, gay marriage, and embryonic stem cell research are in direct opposition to that of the Catholic Church.

Too many professed Catholics relegate their faith to an occasional Mass – only 23 percent attend weekly -- and the rest of the time exhibit a practical atheism, living as if God has no effect on their lives. They are willing to ignore and even deny the Church's teachings, and have so compartmentalized their minds that they can say, “I am personally opposed to abortion (or ..., you name the evil), but will not deny others from having one.

After all, in our pluralistic society I must be tolerant of other people's views and not judge their behaviors.”

This attitude of misguided toleration treats all belief systems as equal, and as such holds nothing sacred. It leads to is a national culture based on the lowest common system of morals, which is operationalized in common law. Religion is treated as a matter of opinion, and so is to be considered private to each person. This disposition is palatable because it imposes no obligation on the individual to publicly live the faith, and does not interfere with one's drive for material success.

It is, however, insidious and an opiate to one's beliefs in and practice of religion. As Hillaire Belloc, in *Survivals and New Arrivals*, wrote, the “modern mind” undermines religion, not in a direct manner as would a heresy, putting forth doctrinal

propositions that could be discussed and accepted or rejected. Rather, it does so through a change of mood. “[I]t acts in a fashion wholly negative. It is not an attack, but a resistance. It does not...exercise an active effect opposed to religion...It rather renders religion unintelligible...It dulls the faculty of appreciation, and blocks the entry of the Faith.”

What Catholics need is a re-evangelization to their beliefs. They must learn once again what it means to be Catholic, to understand the timeless truth of its doctrines, to develop the moral values and commitment to live their lives in accord with the faith.

True faith rejects the main messages of American culture: that the primary object of human effort is material gain; that success means the accumulation of wealth; that the world is all about us. As Archbishop Charles Chaput pointed out in his book, *Render Unto Caesar*, authentic religious conviction “means accepting the truth that we need Jesus Christ in our lives – that he is our only salvation; that his gospel is the only way to live; and that his church is our mother and guide. These interior acts of faith are not empty pieties; when sincere, they will always have external, public consequences.” It is only when Catholics become well-informed in their faith and fully live by its beliefs that they can hope to change the secular world. The Catholic faith is more than a set of dogmas to be accepted; rather it is a way of life, a way whose ends are not the temporal comforts of this world, but to fulfill the reasons we were created so that we can gain an eternity in the kingdom of God.

Archbishop

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Six Months Later

By Barbara Mank

With information from “President Barack Obama’s Pro-Abortion Record: A Pro-Life Compilation” by Steven Ertelt

What shall I write about for a Respect Life article almost 6 months after the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States? There is just so much to touch upon that I could – unfortunately - write a book. While President Barack Obama claims to want to reduce abortions, a long list of anti-Life appointments and proposals proves his only agenda is promoting abortion. This list will undoubtedly have omissions since I would need to be a full-time Obama-watcher to pick up on all his anti-Life activities.

1. Pro-abortion appointments to his Cabinet and other top posts – in alphabetical order:
 - a. Former Emily's List board member Melody Barnes as director of the Domestic Policy Council
 - b. Sen. Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State
 - c. Gregory Craig as Chief White House Counsel
 - d. Former Sen. Tom Daschle as Health and Human Services Secretary – since withdrawn
 - e. Arne Duncan as Secretary of Education
 - f. Rep. Rahm Emanuel as White House Chief of Staff
 - g. New York City health commissioner Dr. Thomas Frieden as head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - h. Dr. Margaret Hamburg as director of the Food and Drug Administration
 - i. Federal Judge David Hamilton appointed to serve on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
 - j. Eric Holder as Attorney General
 - k. Former NARAL legal director Dawn Johnsen as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Legal Counsel
 - l. Elena Kagan as Solicitor General
 - m. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine as chairman of the Democratic Party.
 - n. Harold Hongju Koh as the top lawyer for the State Department
 - o. Jeanne Lambrew as deputy director of the White House Office of Health Reform
 - p. Former director of Emily’s List Ellen Moran as White House communications director
 - q. Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano as Secretary of Homeland Security
 - r. David Ogden as Deputy Attorney General
 - s. Thomas Perrelli, the lawyer who represented Terri Schiavo’s husband Michael in his efforts to kill his disabled wife, as the third highest attorney in the Justice Department
 - t. Susan Rice as Ambassador to the United Nations

- u. Sen. Ken Salazar as director of the Department of the Interior
 - v. Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius as Secretary of Health and Human Services
 - w. Appeals court judge Sonya Sotomayor as Supreme Court Justice (appointment currently under review)
 - x. James B. Steinberg as Deputy Secretary of State
 - y. Tina Tchen, as director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, a newly-created agency
 - z. Melanne Verveer as Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, a newly-created foreign policy position
 - aa. Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack as Department of Agriculture director
 - bb. Ron Weich as assistant attorney general for legislative affairs
2. Pro-abortion activities-to-date – in chronological order:
- a. 12/08 – The President-elect's transition team publishes memo from dozens of pro-abortion groups listing their laundry list of pro-abortions actions they want him to take.
 - b. 1/09 –
 - i. Releases statement restating support for Roe v. Wade decision that allowed virtually unlimited abortions and has resulted in at least 50 million abortions since 1973.
 - ii. Decision to overturn Mexico City Policy sends part of \$457 million in taxpayer dollars to fund pro-abortion groups that either promote or perform abortions in other nations.
 - c. 2/09 - Starts the process of overturning pro-Life conscience protections President Bush put in place to make sure medical staff and centers are not forced to do abortions.
 - d. 3/09 -
 - i. Shuts out pro-Life groups from attending a White House-sponsored health care summit. Planned Parenthood made the invitation list as did other pro-abortion groups.
 - ii. The President signs an executive order forcing taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research.
 - iii. Reverses an executive order to press for more research into ways of obtaining embryonic stem cells without harming human life.
 - iv. The Administration promotes an unlimited right to abortion and administration officials deny negative effects of abortion at a United Nations meeting.
 - v. The President announces \$50 million for the UNFPA, the UN population agency that has been criticized for promoting abortion and working closely with Chinese population control officials who use forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations.
 - e. 4/09 –
 - i. Administration releases document claiming pro-Life people allegedly engage in violence or extremism.
 - ii. Administration releases the proposed guidelines to allow taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research.
 - iii. The President refuses to appeal a ruling requiring the FDA to allow 17-year-old girls to purchase the morning after pill without either a doctor visit or parental involvement beforehand.
 - f. 5/09 –
 - i. Details emerge about a terrorism dictionary the administration put together in March. The Domestic Extremism Lexicon calls pro-Life advocates violent and claims they employ racist overtones in engaging in criminal actions.
 - ii. The President releases a new budget that allows the Legal Services Corporation to use tax dollars to pay for pro-abortion litigation, calls for taxpayer funded abortions in the nation's capital and eliminates all federal funding for abstinence-only education.
 - iii. The President delivers the commencement speech at Notre Dame during which he tells listeners he wants a conscience clause (see 2/27/09 above), promotes embryonic stem cell research and misstates his pro-abortion record.
 - g. 6/09 –
 - i. Administration and Justice Department mandates additional security around abortion doctors and clinics – while ignoring death threats to pro-Life groups – in wake of murder of late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller by person not affiliated with any pro-Life group.

- ii. Foreign Relations Authorization bill passes breaking ground on a massive new effort to promote abortion abroad through the newly-created Office of Global Women's Issues (in this time of economic distress, the bill increases the State Department's basic budget in one year by 35%)
- iii. "Obama Care" - Draft of a Tri-Committee/Health Benefits Advisory Committee health care bill containing abortion mandates and rationing of health care.

Catholics should also be aware that the President has put a number of abortion advocates on his White House advisory council for faith-based issues and that the Vatican has rejected three Obama ambassador nominees because of their positions in favor of abortions – although Pope Benedict XVI is inexplicably scheduled to meet with the current United States president on July 10.

In addition, the new President and his Administration have been busy undermining other Faith-based institutions, among the most far-reaching of which is the sanctity of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

Approximately 160 days down and 1,300 (or 2,702) to go!



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