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Mason-Dixon Council #10100

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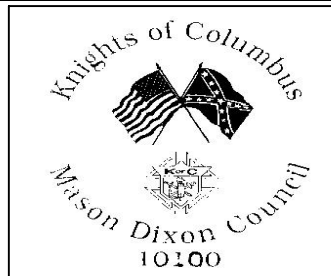
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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

By: Fr. Donald Grzymiski, OFC Conv.

I had the privilege of attending the Color Corps Competition at Holy Family Church in Randallstown on February 15. The groups competing were certainly a fine representation of all our Color Corps units. I think those units would agree the deepest privilege was in joining the family members of fallen firefighters, whose memory was honored that day.

We all know the Color Corps is the most visible part of the Knights. I can't tell you how many times I have been asked "Do you have one of those hats and swords?" Is there a Knight who hasn't been asked? All of us are honored through the hours of practice and service performed by the Color Corps units. Thank you, Color Corps, for all you do in witnessing to the values of our Order.

As we celebrate Lent this month we are also called to witness to Jesus—something that must be second nature to us in or out of regalia. We don't witness through 40 days of ashes on our foreheads, or through a 'gloomy' demeanor as we were told on Ash Wednesday, but through the daily actions of life.

Concern for others, good language, and honesty are some of those daily practices that reflect our faith. Being people of hope, and at peace because we know the Lord's goodness, are others.

Surely you can think of many more examples. When we witness with a K of C logo on our clothing or car, then we only add the potential of speaking positively about our Order.

Lent is a season that gives us enough time to enter into a lifechanging discipline—even allowing time to fail and re-start once or twice. So if you have yet to enter into the spirit of Lent, do so today, for the Lord's graces are awaiting you in this endeavor.

This Season of Lent is also an annual opportunity for some personal and family spiritual renewal. Almost every parish will have special services, and many will have missions or special days of recollection. All of these are designed to help us remember who we are, what Jesus did for us, and how

we are invited to enter into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Plan on doing something for Lent; put it on the calendar; and don't miss the graced opportunities that are there.

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight's Report

March/April 2009

Brother Knights, Family and Friends,

As we enter the Season of Lent we spend more time praying, fasting, and alms giving. A tradition at St. Mary's Friday evenings during Lent is the Soup Supper followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction. I hope to see you there.

To our Brother Knights who have not achieved Full Knighthood there are opportunities to take your Second and Third Degree, please give me at 410-627-7657 or Norm Yost at 410-836-1977, a call if you are interested in advancing on your way to the Fourth Degree and Full Knighthood.

There are a lot of events coming in the future such as the Annual Awards Night, a 20th Anniversary Picnic for our Mason Dixon Council, and our Annual Golf Tournament to name a few. Please take an hour or two and attend an upcoming meeting to give some help or just meet with some friends.

Jeff Roemer has volunteered to co-chair the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, Mar. 14th with Len Windsor. Please consider helping them make this event a success.

Thank you and God Bless,

Ron Perzinski G.K.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Neil Bittner

Here are the winners for the Mason-Dixon Council 10100 Free Throw Championship from Friday, January 23:

**Timmy Valis (10 year old champ)
Grace Henning and Connor LaPlante (11 year old champs)
Katelyn Perzinski and Logan Kopeck (12 year old champs)
Brianna Carlone and David Enriquez (13 year old champs)**



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL CALENDAR

March

- 9 Council Meeting – St. Mary’s 7:30 PM
 14 Road Cleanup – 9:00 AM St. Mary’s
 14 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – St. Marys
 17 St. Patrick’s Day
 19 St. Joseph’s Feast Day
 23 Council Meeting – St. Mary’s 7:30 PM

April

- 9 Holy Thursday
 10 Good Friday
 12 Easter Sunday
 13 Council Meeting – St. Mary’s 7:30 PM
 25 St. Mary’s Chicken Dinner
 27 Council Meeting – St. Mary’s 7:30 PM

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Jeanne Kloss	Mar. 6
Andy Hevesy III	Mar. 11
Joan Coffman	Mar. 16
Joe Weiss	Mar. 17
Helen Healy	Mar. 19
Joyce Windsor	Mar. 19
John T. Hall	Mar. 20
Susanna Kuhn	Mar. 21
Andy Trageser	Mar. 22
Norman Yost	Mar. 31

Jack Walther	Apr. 3
Sue Oursler	Apr. 4
Nora Farrell	Apr. 14
Rachel Bittner	Apr. 23
Tom Staab	Apr. 26
Lee Surkin	Apr. 30

Happy Anniversary to:

Joe & Darlene Ende	Mar. 4, 1967
Fred & Cecilia Kief	Apr. 15, 1964
Leonard & Margaret Bosse	Apr. 23, 1949

Congratulations to Ron Bowers on becoming a 2nd Degree Knight on Thursday, Feb. 26th.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please keep PGK Tony Ventura, PGK Jerry Grim, Sr. Jerry Grim, Jr., PGK Joe Perzinski, Tom Mikolinis’ son, Nick, Joe Glos’ daughter, Si Driesen, Len & Joyce Windsor, and all our Servicemen & women in your prayers.

Warden’s Drawings

The winners of the 50/50 drawings at the January and February meetings were:

GK Ron Perzinski - \$28

Marty Rudell - \$19

Bob Hoopert - \$16

The Warden’s Drawing results were:

Jan. 26th, Richard Long would have won \$36 if he had been present.

Feb. 9th, Jim Gosnell won \$60!

There was no drawing on Feb. 23rd.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

March 2009 Knight of the Month

Mar. 11
Mason-Dixon Council #10100 Knight of the Month for the month of March 2009 is one of a handful of Knights very instrumental in the day to day running of this council.

Norm is a Past Grand Knight, he currently serves as a Trustee for Council 10100, and has run an extremely successful membership campaign bringing in six new members.

Norm also helps the Grand Knight with many of his responsibilities by sending out e-mail notifications, helping coordinate programs and just giving much needed advise.

Norm also is currently serving as District One Warden helping Brian O’Connor with his many jobs.

With sincere gratitude Mason Dixon Council 10100 is happy to award Norm Yost Knight of the Month for March 2009.

Ron Perzinski G.K.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

March 2009 Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus Mason Dixon Council 10100 would like to thank the Markowski Family for all they do for St. Mary's Church, the Mason Dixon Council, and Les Belles of St. Mary's.

Stan Markowski is a Past Grand Knight and is serving as the Director of Church Activities. He is in charge of organizing many events such as our Living Rosary, Mother's Day Breakfast, and the Marigold program. Stan has also run the Tootsie Roll Program earning thousands of dollars in donations for the wonderful children at John Archer School.

Carla is a member of Les Belles of St. Mary's and attends all their meetings and events, always helping to organize each.

Both Stan and Carla are standing members of the St. Mary's Morning Group, they help Father Kunkle with funerals, and they are always there setting up the church and hall for our many events. They never hesitate to volunteer whenever a need arises.

For all their hard work and dedication, Mason Dixon Council 10100 would like to award Stan and Carla Markowski Family of Month for March 2009.

Ron Perzinski G.K.

KNIGHTS OUT – Joe Healy

Ten people attended the February Knights Out at Enotria's Restaurante. All had a great dinner and an enjoyable evening. Our next Knights Out Dinner will be on **March 14th at St. Mary's Church (The Council's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner), at 5:30 PM.** In April, the Church will have its annual Chicken Dinner on the 25th, so we will forego a Knights Out in April.

Joe Healy 410-692-5359

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

ROAD CLEANUP – Marty Rudell

On **Saturday, March 14th**, we will clean up Claremont Mill Rd. **starting at 9 AM** at St. Mary's parking lot. The more people we have working, the quicker we get done. With 8 or 9 it only takes about 45 minutes. Try to be there. In case of heavy rain, we will postpone to the next Saturday, March 21st.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

MEDJUGORJE MESSAGE

Our Lady's monthly message of 25 February 2009

Dear Children,
In this time of renunciation, prayer and penance, I call you anew: go and confess your sins so that grace may open your hearts, and permit it to change you. Convert, little children, open yourselves to God and to His plan for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call.

RESPECT LIFE – Joe Healy

Please read our State Deputy's message in the State Council column and the pro-life page at the end of this newsletter. We can't let down on our pro-life efforts now especially. Pray hard for the conversion of Obama and all the Democrats at least in the area of their thinking on life issues.

District Deputy's Message

March 2009

Do you have an idea to make the order better? Do you know a priest or other religious celebrating a 25th, 50th, or 60th

anniversary this year? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, see your resolutions committee. Yes, now is the time to submit resolutions for the upcoming convention. They must be submitted in the proper format, approved by your council, and received by the State Advocate not later than March 16th.

In March, we celebrate the founding of our order in 1882 by Father McGivney. I encourage all councils to take this opportunity to pray for his canonization and encourage all brother knights and their families to join the McGivney Guild. There is absolutely no cost and all family members can join. The guild keeps you informed on the status of the quest for his canonization.

Some program reminders:

The State free throw championship will be held at 12 PM on March 8th at the school of the Incarnation in Gambrills, Md. From 2 PM – 5 PM

Mason Dixon Council is holding a St Patrick's dinner on Saturday March 14th 5:30 PM.

Fr Maurice J Wolfe Council is holding a Charity Dinner at Columbus Gardens on Saturday March 21st.

Long Green Council is holding their annual Catholic Bee if your council is interested in participating call PGK Joe Owens for details. The Founders Day Mass will be held at 3 PM on March 29th at St. John's Church, Severna Park followed by a dinner at Trinity council, Severna Park the cost is \$18.50 per person and reservations are required, see your GK for details.

Convention Credentials are due by April 3rd, Convention book Ads are due April 9th & Convention reservations at the reduced rates are due by April 15th.

Lecturer's Award Applications are due April 7th.

Finally, to be eligible for the program awards at the ocean all 3rd quarter and best of the year reports must be in the Program Directors hands no later than March 31, 2009.

Mark your calendar now for the 3rd degree at Cardinal Gibbons Council, on Friday March 20th, candidates at 7 P.M. Vivat Jesus!

Brian O'Connor
District Deputy

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL NEWS



State Deputy's Message

By: Richard V. Siejack

Brother Knights,

As we enter into the last 4 months of this Fraternal Year, it is a good time to review and evaluate your council's progress regarding Membership and Star Council requirements. Many councils are very close to meeting their goals. Plan now for the **March/April Membership Blitz** and assure that your council will receive the **Star Council Award** for this year. If you need help, don't forget to contact our State Membership Team and your Fraternal Benefits Advisor. They are waiting for your call! Please remember, our Supreme Knight has challenged each of us to offer Membership in our order to every eligible Catholic man and his Family and afford him "The experience of a Lifetime."

The **Maryland Candlelight March for Life** will be held on Monday March 9, 2009 in Annapolis, Md. At 5:30 PM, there will be a Mass celebrated by Archbishop O'Brien at St. Mary's Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester Street. The march will begin at 6:40 PM. The march will start at St. Mary's Church and proceed through downtown Annapolis to the State House for a rally in support of Life. We hope and expect that all Maryland Knights and their Families will participate in this event and show our legislators that Pro-Life issues are very important to us and we offer a great deal of support.

The **Founders Day Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday, March 29th at St. John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park, Md.

Dinner and program will follow at Holy Trinity Council Hall. Please plan to join the State Family as we celebrate Founders Day and the 127th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. Contact Peter O'Sullivan, Founders Day Mass Chairmen, for dinner reservations.

This is also a special day of recognition for those who have served our community so well, and your presence is an affirmation of their sacrifices. We thank them for their service.

"We are called to Serve."

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

“Baby Boomers”

This month’s column is for the baby boomers. Do you know what is sneaking up on you? Retirement!

Ouch. I know. It’s hard to believe isn’t it?

Seems like just yesterday ... but it’s coming – and coming fast. And that’s actually the good news.

There’s a trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans. This may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement. Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but increasing numbers of employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40’s and early 50’s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August 2005 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers showed that nearly half of companies that expected to change their pension plans in the next year were considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

“This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers,” says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. “You’ve been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it’s taken away.”

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**Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus**

**Annual Convention Golf
Tournament**

Beach Club

**9715 Deer Park Drive
Berlin Maryland**

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Four Man - Best Ball

NOON Shotgun Start

**\$70.00 per person includes:
Green Fees, Cart, Hot Lunch,
Prizes & Beverages on Course**

Any questions call

**Paul Weber 410-879-0558 or
email apaulweber@msn.com**

**Foursomes are limited! Reservation and
payment must be made no later than April 25th.
Send check payable to: Maryland State Council
Convention Fund**

**Mail to: Paul Weber 2223 Larchmont Drive Fallston
Md. 21047**

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Team Captain _____

Player #2 _____ @ _____

Player #3 _____ @ _____

Player #4 _____ @ _____

_____ @ _____

MASON-DIXON COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Mason-Dixon Council #10100 will hold its annual
golf tournament on Friday, June 19th at Pleasant
Valley Golf Course in Stewartstown, PA. Fliers,
entry forms and hole sponsor forms will soon be
sent to all who may be interested. If you would like**

to receive this mailing, let Joe Healy know. His
phone number is 410-692-5359 and his email

address is jchealy@verizon.net

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Catholic Pro-Life Leader Responds to Time Magazine on FOCA, Abortion Battle

by Steven Ertelt

LifeNews.com Editor

February 26, 2009

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- A leading pro-life advocate who is a representative of the nation's Catholic bishops has responded to Time magazine. Time was criticized last week for bashing pro-life advocates who oppose the radical pro-abortion FOCA bill even though the measure hasn't yet been introduced this session of Congress.

Time staff writer [Amy Sullivan said](#) pro-life groups, including the nation's Catholic bishops, were silly for mobilizing against a "mythical abortion bill."

In an editorial column at National Review, USCCB spokeswoman Susan Willis said Sullivan's piece is "rife with inaccuracies and non sequiturs."

Willis says Sullivan misrepresented the postcard campaign the bishops sponsored and failed to note that the target is Congress, not the White House, and that the postcards ask elected officials to also oppose any bill that is similar to FOCA and that they also support current pro-life laws limiting taxpayer funding of abortions.

"Of course, FOCA isn't our only worry: The pending appropriations measures can become vehicles for some aspects of FOCA," Willis explained. "But even if it were the case that no FOCA provision would come into existence until the whole bill went through the legislative process, ignoring FOCA until it's actually introduced could be a recipe for failure."

Willis points out that President Barack Obama [announced his intention](#) to sign the radical abortion bill in a July 2007 speech to Planned Parenthood.

She also notes that "Congress has a stronger majority in support of" abortion "now than it's had at any time since 1993."

"The risk to pro-life laws is apparent, so it makes sense for constituents to tell Congress on Day One how they feel about being forced to fund and promote abortion," she said.

Willis also indicated that Congress has moved some bills ahead in the legislative process very quickly without any hearings or committee votes on bills, and that FOCA could move from an introduced bill to a floor vote in the House or Senate in a matter of days.

"If sponsors craft a bill that can garner majority support, FOCA could move from a back room to final approval in days or weeks. It takes months of preparation, planning, printing, and distribution of materials to get tens of millions of individually signed postcards into the hands of members of Congress," Willis said.

"Sullivan also points out that when FOCA was last seriously taken up in Congress, in 1993, it failed. What she leaves out is that it failed after Catholics sent in millions of postcards opposing it, in the Conference's first-ever such campaign on a pro-life issue," Willis notes.

Willis also corrects Sullivan's claims that FOCA isn't a priority for abortion advocates. Sullivan writes that the list did not include FOCA among its "top 15" priorities.

"Not true," Willis responds. "Those first 15 items are not the top priorities overall, just the steps the authors think can be completed in the first 100 days. And even those 15 include government funding for abortion and the elimination of conscience protections for health-care personnel — part and parcel of FOCA."

"The document then features FOCA itself as 'important legislation' needed to 'improve access to abortion,'" Willis says.

"FOCA is critical to the abortion industry, even with President Obama in the White House. The constitutional basis for Roe is shaky, and in recent years, the Supreme Court has been more open to allowing some restrictions on the practice, such as parental-involvement laws and a ban on partial-birth abortion," Willis explains.

"Abortion-rights advocates are anxious to put abortion on a more plausible legal foundation — to use the legislature, rather than the courts, to bat down laws the American people want," she continues.

Finally, Willis corrects Sullivan's inaccurate description of FOCA.

The bill would make unlimited abortions throughout pregnancy for any reason the national law and overturn hundreds of pro-life laws in every state across the country.

The latest version of FOCA creates a "fundamental right" to abortion, which no government (federal, state, or local) can "deny" or "interfere with."

"It thus endangers a broad range of laws enacted over the last 35 years and upheld under Roe. At risk are laws on informed consent, parental involvement in a minor daughter's abortion decision, taxpayer funding, clinic licensing, clinic safety, and partial-birth abortion," Willis says.

"According to its sponsors, FOCA would (among many other things) make sure that every state funds abortions through Medicaid," she added.

Ultimately, Willis says pro-life advocates should be concerned about abortion, even in a tough economic times.

"A nation that elevates the destruction of innocent human life to the status of a "fundamental right" and government-funded priority risks losing its basic commitment to the intrinsic rights and dignity of people in general," she concludes. "Our fundamental obligation to help those who are poor, marginalized, and stigmatized by society can only erode if we convince ourselves that it's okay for the government to help kill our young."



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