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# THE 4011 NEWS

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*Home of the Maryland State Chaplain, Msgr. Jeremiah F. Kenney, KCMS*

## Grand Knight's Corner

Merry Christmas,

Season's greetings and best wishes to all of the Fr. O'Neill Family, I hope that everyone has a fulfilling and joyous Christmas holiday season and a happy and healthy new year! We have much to be thankful for at the council and we ask for continued blessings of fraternal cooperation and new membership to further enhance our efforts. I look forward to the many gatherings over the month of December as we spread good tidings and joy to the community and to ourselves. Remember to always "Keep Christ in Christmas" and let others know how important this is to you and your families.

This is a very special month for our own version of Santa Claus, Bill Myers. Please offer a prayer that Bill can fulfill all his duties and obligations as one of Santa's helpers. We hope that Bill's health returns to the usual robust status, so he can put forth his usual enthusiastic and heartfelt rendition of old St. Nick! I look forward to seeing Bill at the Breakfast with Santa and the visit to Catered Living facility, as well as the council parties.

The Supreme Council has requested

## Chaplain's Counsel

Once again, we are in the sacred season of Advent, preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord & Master, Jesus Christ. How quickly time moves! It's hard to believe that another year is almost gone. Thanksgiving is over, the turkey and stuffing all eaten, the shopping adventures are in full swing, families and friends are planning parties, and life quickens as we approach the feast of Christmas.

But, my fellow Knights and Ladies, there are many among us who will not be celebrating much this year for they have nothing. No family to love them and care for them, no friends to be with, they are alone, homeless, without resources.

We are their resource, my brothers and sisters, we are their friends and family; it is up to us to feed them and care for them and love them. Is that not why our Master came into this world? To show us how to live.....how to love. To give of our time, our gifts, our talents and our treasure so that all may be one in the Lord Jesus.

I urge you my friends, I plead with you to be especially generous this year. I know that it's tougher this year than last....I know that all of us are feeling the eco-

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## District Deputy's Note

Christmas is around the corner, everybody is busy doing shopping and preparing gifts for loved ones. During this time, we must also think of and help families in need so their holiday is as joyous as ours. Councils start thinking about adopting a family and use this time of the year of giving, to establish a food drive to gather gifts and / or food for these special families. Once items have been collected, arrange a time to present the donations to the family so they can enjoy the holiday spirit.

Scholarship may be submitted till March 1, 2008. All completed applications with attachments must be mailed to, Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, 10815 Stang Road, Owings Mills, Md. 21117. These scholarship are open to Knights of Columbus, wives of members, sons, daughters, grandchildren and Catholic Children in general.

An applicant either high school or college, may not receive more than one award.

Brochures and information on Supreme Council Scholarship can be obtained by calling 203-772-2130.

There is a new Grand Knight quarterly incentive. For councils that recruit 5 new members between October 1 and December 31, 2007, the Grand Knight of record will be entered

## **FR. O'NEILL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT**

**THE FATHER O'NEILL COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF CATHOLIC MEN DEDICATED TO THE CHURCH. WE WILL EXPEND OUR ENERGIES TOWARD PRESERVING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY VIA SERVICE AND CHARITY. IN PURSUIT OF THESE OBJECTIVES WE PROMOTE FAMILY., DEVELOP FRIENDSHIPS, ENJOY FRATERNALISM AND GROW IN FAITH.**

## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES

We had an excellent month of service in November with a Memorial Mass, a Friday Night Social and the conclusion of our Christmas Card program. Thanks especially to Ed Bollinger and Bob Woolley for their work on the Memorial Mass, to Tim Connelly for his work on the Friday Night Social, and to Dick Vandenberg for his work on the Christmas Card Program. Also belated thanks to Rob Welling (Tootsie-Roll Drive Chairman), Al Ducharme (Halloween Party Chairman) and Joe Marcellino (Halloween Party Co-Chairman).

December will be one of our finest months of the year. December activities include Breakfast with Santa (12/15 - Immaculate Conception), the Council Christmas Party (12/19 - adults only), the Children's Christmas Party (12/21), and our 5th Sunday Breakfast (12/30).

Please volunteer to help with the Breakfast with Santa at the Immaculate Conception Church. We had a great time last year while sweating it out in the kitchen. I plan on flipping pancakes with brother Westcott, while admiring the deft skills of expert pancake batter mixologist, brother Bob Kane. It's a terrific event and the children enjoy it thoroughly.

Both of the Christmas parties have traditionally been great events. The Adult Christmas Party was my personal favorite from last year. Rumor has that if we have been good Jolly Old St. Nick may even attend these parties.

Finally, let's all gather for Mass and breakfast on the 30th to make our new year's resolutions and to end the year and begin anew on the right note. Any volunteers to cook???

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### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

We recently held our annual Memorial Mass at Dulaney Memorial Gardens on Sunday afternoon, November 4th. This Mass is for our deceased Brother Knights and their wives, who have passed away during the preceding 12 months. Over 110 persons attended. I know that the many grieving families in attendance had their spirits raised by this show of support by fellow Knights, their wives and families.

Personal thanks are due to Amy Shimp, General Manager, Pat Bridge, Superintendent, Robert and Arthur. These folks placed our sign about the Mass, set up seating for 100 and supplied cider and cookies for the light fare. Father Roque Lim was the Mass Celebrant. Ms. Laura Breidigam assisted Fr. Lim. The Knights 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Guard was most impressive. Additional thanks are due to Mike Breidigam, Pat Coyle, Juanita & Clarence Fowler, Drew Hilbinger, Ken LaMacchia, Carl Lenhoff, Richard Lewandowski, Bill Santo and Bob Woolley. Pat Coyle and Bob Woolley also stayed to help with putting things away.

Make plans now for our next event which will be our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass with breakfast following at the Council home. The date is December 30, 2007. The Mass is at 8:30 AM at Immaculate Conception. Please sit together. Bring a perspective member to Mass and to breakfast.

Breakfast will be served from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. Chef John Volpe and his gang will duplicate the terrific breakfast they prepared on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$6.00 per person with children under 12 free. If your time permits, plan to help with cleanup as this makes everything so much easier on everyone.

Please call Ed Bollinger at 410-252-8130 or e-mail [JEBollinger@comcast.net](mailto:JEBollinger@comcast.net) concerning attendance so that enough food and supplies can be purchased.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

4011 Bike program for the year has done an outstanding job with over 200 bikes being delivered, 30 bikes just in October alone. The bikes have been coming in from all over, church collection drives, local police stations, anonymous contributors, The Bike Connection at Warren and York, even the land fill. The following Brothers have donated their time and energy to make this program something to be proud of around the state; regulars are Bill Santo, Bob Woolley and Amedee Dean, part-time Don Cora & Jim Youngblood Jr., Ken La Macchia who takes care of setting up the church collections, and John Gramling who arranges the distributions. For the coming year we look forward to more brothers joining in.

*Bob Woolley, Community Director*

# Come One, Come All!

Santa will be visiting the

**Catered Living of  
Cockeysville  
10881 York Rd,  
Cockeysville, MD 21030**

(410) 683-1600

**Tuesday, December 18th  
11am**

**Bring the entire family to  
visit with these wonderful  
seniors!**

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Salutations one and all!

The holiday season is upon us. We have many things to be thankful for--our loving families, wonderful friends, being part of the best council in the state of Maryland, and for our dedicated patriarch Andy Gleeson. This is a busy time of year for the council.

First of all, we had a very successful turnout for the Beer and Wine Tasting Social that took place on November 16th. All who attended had a wonderful time feasting on a wide variety of hearty foods while mingling with our fellow Brothers, wives, and friends. And let's not forget the purpose of this event- the beer and wine. We had a selection of beers and wines that only connoisseurs could appreciate.

Next, on the agenda, is our annual Council 4011 Christmas Party scheduled to take place on Wed., Dec. 19th. Contact Dick Vandenberg to

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### **Grand Knight's Corner**

that all councils host a First Degree on December 9<sup>th</sup> to add as many new members to the order before the Christmas holiday. We at Fr. O'Neill will be participating in this program called a "Knight before Christmas," the degree will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. We will be hosting an admissions meeting on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of Dec3ember at 7:30 PM for all interested candidates. Let us continue our practice of opening our doors to new men with great new ideas and see what great things we can achieve. We would appreciate your support and presence on that evening to welcome all the new members.

Finally, I am entering the final six months of my term as grand knight and I have enjoyed just about every minute of it. We have made great

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Season's Greetings,

The Ducharme family would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Congratulations to the Connelly family for being named Family of the Month for November. We look forward to the new year and all the family activities for all to participate in.

*Al Ducharme  
Family Director*

strides the past year and a half and I know that it will continue. I look forward to helping Joe Stout form his team and when he comes calling, I hope that you will fully support him as well as your council. We have said goodbye to some dear members and a few have slowed down considerably, due to health reasons. It is now time for the next wave to step up and move the council into the new era. I have every confidence in Joe that he will continue to move things forward and he knows that I will help any way that I can and I hope that you will do the same. It has been my pleasure to serve you and the fraternal bonds and friendships that I have formed over the past three years have been priceless gifts to me. Let us all continue to build on to the greatness that is Fr. O'Neill Council!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Andy Gleeson GK

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### **District Deputy's Note**

into a drawing for one of **10 Business Man's Sets**. If the Grand Knight qualifies in each of the quarterly contests during 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, he will be eligible fro a grand prize drawing to be announced in the last week of the current quarter.

Our **Lady of Charity's icon** will be in our district from **April 22 to May 9, 2008**. I urge each council to

schedule an hour of adoration. Contact me to schedule a date for your council . It will be a first come first serve request basis.

### Upcoming Events

December 1, 2007 Christmas Party for God's Special Children at Villa Maria/ Gallagher/ St Vincent Center at Pot Spring Road, Baltimore, Md.

Contact Dick Gordes 410-644-7453, if you can help

December 8, 2007 State Christmas Party at St Pius X Council # 4076 3611 Steward Road, Forestville, Md. 20747

January 5, 2008 Mid Term Meeting at Cardinal Gibbons Council, Deputy Grand Knight and his wife are invited

January 7-18,2008 11 Night Ultimate Caribbean Cruise

January 22,2008 March for Life, Washington, D.C.

### Degree Dates

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Degree:**

Tuesday, December 4,2007 Notre Dame Council # 2901 Baltimore, District 4

Thursday, December 6,2007 Santo Nino Council # 9462 Baltimore, District # 19

Wednesday, December 19,2007 Patapsco Council # 1960 Catonsville, District # 17

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Degree:**

Monday, December 10,2007 Bel Air Council # 4714 Forest Hill, District # 16

Sunday, January 16,2008 Patapsco Council # 1960 Catonsville, District # 17

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree:**

Friday, January 11,2008 St Andrew by the Bay Council # 11552 Annapolis, District # 24

Happy Holidays  
Peace and Unity

Rafael M. Nicolas  
District Deputy # 19



# Fr. O'Neill Council Christmas Party

**Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007  
at 7:00 PM**

**Admission \$5.00  
plus an appetizer or  
dessert**

Reservations care of  
Dick Vandenberg (410) 828-6155



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Father O'Neill Council had its first Columbian Squires meeting last month. A group of interested candidates attended the meeting where they learned about the Squires as well as ate pizza and played darts. A second meeting is being planned to occur in early December. Please spread the word and refer any interested candidates. The Children's Christmas party will be held on December 21st. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

*Chuck Cooper, Youth Director*

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### Director's Notes

In the spirit of Christmas, my wife Gabriella and I want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas. May the blessing of the Christ Child fill all of our hearts so we can live according to His will.

*Glenn Thuman  
Program Director*

*The Perfect Gift  
for that hard to please person*



*A*  
**4011 INVESTMENT CLUB**  
*Ticket!*

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Perhaps by the time you read The 4011 we will be celebrating the Twelve Days of Christmas. Christmas will be a memory as well for the Council Brothers who accompany the council holiday activities of Breakfast With Santa; Santa and family council members and children visiting as in the past children patients at Johns Hopkins... appreciative residents of assisted living as photos are taken with Santa, all joining with the good cheer. . .

When the occasion arises Santa is able to share personally good tidings that the Good Lord loves each one of them and so do we. That is the reason we are there with them. When appropriate, as in the case of the council Christmas parties, Santa brings along the family statue of 'Kneeling Santa at the Christ Child's crib, a faithful reminder of Christmas.

Happy memories, blessed Christmas and New Year.

*Bill Myers, Public Relations*

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### Council Activities

reserve your spot at this always enjoyable gathering. This is the final event of the calendar year to give thanks to all who bless our lives with their acquaintance. With all the current members of this council, hopefully we will all be able to satisfy our palates with different traditional holiday foods from different ethnic origins. I am definitely looking forward to this mouthwatering event!

Merry Christmas and God Bless to all,

*Michael Hipolito  
Council Activities Director*



## MEMBERSHIP

### A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

A Knight before Christmas, when all thru the home,  
Not a brother was stirring 'cause they were warming the loam.

When all of a sudden, a bell would ring.  
The Grand Knight shouted, "More Brothers we'll bring."

All were excited to welcome these strangers.  
They were young and strong and so looked like Rangers.

Then they said, "Yes we do!"  
And before they knew it, thru the degrees they flew!

After their senses were sharpened and quick,  
They all proclaimed, "Man, this is slick."

All the brothers were in deep regard  
because they had learned that this was not hard!

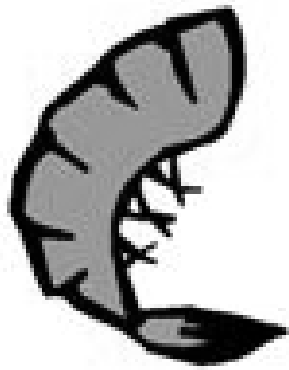
They all soon found candidates galore!  
And then the Star Council seemed certain once more!

The Grand Knight whistled for his guards to appear.  
They ushered the Deacon who assured, "Not to fear".

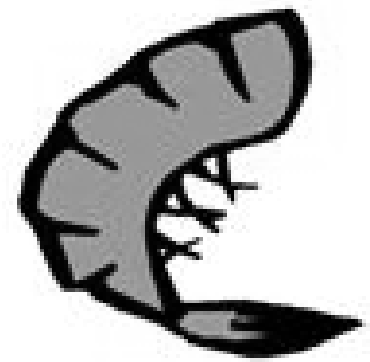
"Now is the time for my blessing to heed,  
And to ask God's help for all those in need.

Merry Christmas!!

*Dick Vandenberg PGK  
Membership Chairman*



**2007**



**ANNUAL SHRIMP  
FEAST!**

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**Sunday, January 27, 2008  
From 1 PM to 6 PM  
Columbus Gardens,  
4301 Klosterman Ave.**

Please reserve your place with Tim Bankard (410)828-9395  
or e-mail at [bankard4@verizon.net](mailto:bankard4@verizon.net)

## **PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES**

Father O'Neill Council 4011 has responded to a request by the state to lead in the effort to pass a state legislation authorizing sorely needed money for women who choose life over the terrible alternative. The Council of Catholic Bishops requested the Knights of Columbus to take the lead in opening a letter writing campaign in support of an upcoming legislation in March 2008 affecting agencies such pregnancy centers to serve women in need. The request is very modest - less than 1/6 of what is already being given to abortion directed groups such as NOW. The aim is to have each parish hold a letter writing weekend for their parishioners. The letters will urge that our representaives in the State House and Senate heed the will of the people and move this authorization forward.

The Maryland Council gathered together the Right to Life representatives from all of the KofC Councils throughout the state. The program was presented and the knights were urged to respond. Father O'Neill actively represents three parishes - Immaculate Conception, St Joseph Texas and St Francis Xavier. We were asked to spearhead the effort at each parish by contacting the Right to Life Committee, requesting the set aside of a weekend from the pastor and then by directing the participation. This effort is urgent if we are to fulfill the Archbishop's pledge to leave no reason to reject life and have an abortion. Financial problems are one of the leading reasons for choosing the death of the newborn over having a baby. Active support on an individual level is vital and the funds involved will be well spent.



## **LADIES' AUXILIARY**

Grand Knight Andrew Gleeson and Deacon John Gramling O'Neill Club President, spoke at our November meeting. The ladies truly enjoyed hearing about the Council events for the coming year and the plans for the council home. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules to be with us.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on Thurs. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm. If you have not signed up yet, call Anne Marie Beahn 410-828-1779 to let her know that you are coming & what dish you will be bringing.

The K Club will be sponsoring a family for Christmas & will be collecting pantry items the night of our dinner. For info contact Dolores Waters 410-823-4539.

Also we will be collecting layette items for the Pregnancy Center North.

Thank you for saving the tabs from aluminum cans for the "Pop Tab Collection Program" which benefits the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore City. These tabs can be from soda & beer cans, vegetable & soup cans and also pet food cans. Also please save Box Tops for Education for local schools.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS make a great Christmas gift for that hard to shop for person. Cost \$25.00 Call LaRue Oster 410-494-9198.

Christmas Cards are still available. Call Jane Amy 410-828-6314 to order.

May the Peace & Joy of this Holiday season remain with you throughout the New Year. Merry Christmas!

*Anne Hilbinger, President*

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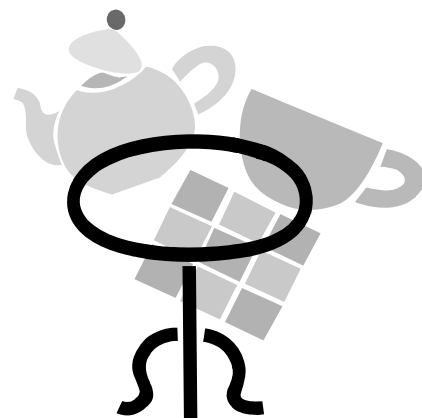
### **Chaplain's Counsel**

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From our house to your house, may you have a most blessed Christmas. May you be joined by family and friends and may the Babe of Bethlehem, He who came into this world that we might live forever, watch over you and keep you from all harm.

Deacon John

# **Tables**



The O'Neill Club is in the process of replacing the tables used in various events and functions. At the moment, there are 6 5ft. diameter round tables in fair condition that are available for the asking. All that you need do is haul them away. These tables are being offered in an "as is" condition.

Please Call Deacon John Gramling at 410-823-0694 for further details.

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***Blessed Christmas!***

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Dec		Jan	
5	Council Business Meeting	1	Solemnity of the Lord
12	Darts	2	Council Business Meeting
13	K Ladies Christmas Pot Luck Supper	3	4th Degree - Renewal of Vows
15	Breakfast with Santa - Immaculate Conception	9	Darts
18	Santa Visit to Catered Living Center	10	K Ladies
19	Adult Christmas Party	10	Baltimore Chapter
21	Children's Christmas Party	11	New Member Social
25	Christmas	16	Council Social Meeting
27	Bridge	24	Bridge
30	5th Sunday Mass & Communion Breakfast	27	Shrimp Feast