

The Knight Life

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Ryan Mudd –
Grand Knight

George Grooms
II – Deputy Grand
Knight

Marcy Santos –
Chancellor

Mark Shutters –
Recorder

Jim Ondrish –
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Financial Sect.

Brad Howard –
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Inside Guard

Anthony Perino
– Outside Guard

Chris Hume –
Advocate

Matt Laidley –
Lecturer

Pete Czupryna –
Trustee 3rd year

Keith Vogel –
Trustee 2nd year

Joe Haggerty –
Trustee 3rd year

Fr. John
Reutemann –
Chaplin

Deacon Al
Graham –
Assistant to the
Chaplin

Archbishop Neale Council # 2279
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Knights' Pride Roars into CIVISTA by Mark Shutters



In August of 2009, #2279 learned of the Courage Lion Program, which was developed by the KofC to provide therapeutic solutions to critically ill, traumatized, abused and grieving

children in crisis. With the blessing of Fr. Ron Potts, #2279 solicited donations at Sacred Heart Church. Through those and other private donations, \$1,000 was collected!

On Tuesday, the 23rd of November, Ryan Mudd, George Grooms, Mark Shutters, Bob Seith, Fr. John and Deacon Al joined John Ramming, President of Courage Unlimited, at Civista Medical Center, where 25

CLP kits were presented to the staff. Civista is the 87th medical facility to have adopted the CLP, which has assisted over 26,000 children with the program.

The Council keeps numerous kits on hand. If you know of a child/family that could use the assistance of a CLP kit, please contact Br. Mark Shutters.

Assorted Pictures

Below are assorted pictures from some of our recent events.

Breakfast with
Santa 11/27/10



Courage Lion
Presentation. 11/23/10



First Degree, 12/22/10.
New members Jack
Mister, Henry Frakes, (not
pictured, Michael Barnas)



Chaplain's Message



Council Chaplain
Fr. John Reutemann

Due to time constraints, Fr. John was unable to submit a Chaplain's Message for this issue of the newsletter.

Grand Knight's Message **Ryan Mudd**

Are you guys tired of the cold yet? I'm all for seasonal temperatures, especially in the winter, but this has been ridiculous. Let us please continue to pray for bright sunshine and healthy bodies, amongst all of our other daily offerings.

I recently attended the District meeting, as hosted by our Worthy DD, Phil Tabbita. Membership and retention

was a main topic of conversation, as it normally is at the beginning of each calendar year. I was shocked to learn that as a whole, the KofC State membership listing currently in the negative; a -34. This is hard to believe, especially since the State has 32 active districts. This just goes to show that it takes a joint effort to recruit new

members and ensure that the Order continues to thrive. Carry those Form 100's with you, and please let me or Matt Laidley know of any interested candidates.

Lastly, congrats to Donnie Mister and Rob Barnas for drafting their young sons Jack and Michael into our Order, as well as Henry Frakes. We are glad to have you. Until next issue. VJ



4th Degree Exemplification (2nd Notice)

From George Cronin, Faithful Navigator of the 4th degree...

The 4th degree exemplification is being held at Colony South in Clinton, MD on March 12, 2011. It is quite exciting that the District is holding

its exemplification here in Southern Maryland. If you have any interest in becoming a 4th degree member, please contact George Cronin via email; geo.cronin@verizon.net .



Symbol of the
4th degree

Deputy Grand Knight's Message

As DGK, I serve as Director of the Service Committees. This is my report for the 2nd qtr of 2010-2011.

Youth (Mark Shutters) – Courage Lion Program presentation at Civista. 35 kits for the initial kickoff of the program.

Family (John Bruculeiri) – Family of Month nominees for the past 3 months were: Jim Ondrish (Oct.), Jim and Mary Anderson (Nov.) and Dick and Brenda Mudd (Dec.)

Flag Football at the home of Br. Mark Shutters with

potluck meal, fun and fellowship.

Pro-Life (TBD) – Dinner and Fund Raiser for the Catherine Foundation. Charitable donations of diapers and cribs to the Foundation.

Council (Ryan Mudd) – Visit to Charlotte Hall Vets. Home in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day.

Monetary donations to the Hospice of Charles County and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Church (Matt Laidley) – Continued sponsorship of the Elijah Cup. Currently

taking place at the 7 am mass.

Community (Pete Czupryna) – Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Approximately 180 families were fed. Santa Claus arrived and posed for pictures and heard wish lists of the children.

Note that our Service Committee reports were submitted on time to the State. Keep up the **MOMENTUM!!!** We look forward to continuing these works of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.



Recent Council Activities

The recent breakfast with Santa was a huge success. As usual, brothers turned out in force for cooking, cleaning and setup. Thanks to all who participated and especially to Joe Bowling for playing Santa and Pete Czupryna for coordinating the event.



On December 8th, 2010, in remembrance and recognition of Pearl Harbor Day, members visited with residents of the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home. We visited with 40 veterans and expressed our gratitude and appreciation for their service. Residents shared stories as well as their years and branch in service. A gift of 4 flat screen televisions were presented during our visit. Special thanks to George Grooms for coordinating our visit.

On November 20th, #2279 donated 15 cases of diapers, sizes 4-6, along with 3 Pack and Play cribs, totaling \$750 to the Catherine Foundation Pregnancy Center in Waldorf. The Foundation is committed to providing information and assistance to women who are pregnant, and encouraging them to Choose Life.



*Please continue to pray
for those brothers and
their families that are
sick or distressed.*

Odds and Ends

Free Throw Competition
– Friday, January 7th,
#2279 hosted our annual
Free Throw Competition.
Attendance wasn't the
greatest, but all involved
seemed to enjoy
themselves. Our winner
were: 10-11, Brandi
Glascoe and Nicholas
Shutters; 12-14, Kimberly
Spadafora and Andrew

Malherek. All winners
received a gift card from
Target and Ledo's.
Thanks to Donnie Mister
for the donation.

Football Pool – Congrats
to Dylan Santos, son of
Br. Marcy Santos for
winning the Council
Football Pool and \$300.

Semi Annual Audit - The

audit is being performed
by the Trustees' and GK
in cooperation with the FS
and Treasurer. It will be
submitted by February
15th in accordance with
the KofC Supreme Office
calendar. Report will
follow in the next issue.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 1/26 –
Monthly business meeting
at ANS. Rosary at 7:10,
meeting at 7:30.

Friday, 1/28 – 3rd degree
ceremony at St. John's in
Hollywood, MD. Contact
Matt Laidley if you are a
2nd degree member
wishing to progress further

on you path to full
knighthood.

**Friday, 2/11 – St. Peters
Winter Dance.** \$75,
Hosted by the Waldorf
Jaycee's. From 7 -11 pm.
Come support Br. JR
West, Principal, and St.
Peters Catholic School.
Contact Matt Laidley or JR

West, at
[schoolprincipal@stpeters
waldorf.org](mailto:schoolprincipal@stpeterswaldorf.org) for
information.

Wednesday, 2/23 -
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