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Issue 1, by Ryan Mudd

# The Knight Life

## Officers:

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Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup> year

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## Breakfast with Santa



On Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, #2279 will be hosting our annual Breakfast with Santa in

the Friendship Room at Sacred Heart Church. This is always a great time to get into the holiday spirit, enjoy some fellowship and a tasty breakfast.

Setup and decorating will be at 6 pm on Saturday evening. We will begin cooking on Sunday at 6:15 am. Help will be needed in all areas from cooks and servers to the dreaded cleanup duty. If you can assist at all,

please contact Br. Pete Czupryna at 301-934-2975.

As usual, the meal will consist of pancakes, sausage, eggs, hot apples, juice, milk and coffee. Donations will be accepted at the door, but there is no specific charge to attend. Santa Bowling, I mean, Claus, will arrive at 8 am for all kids, young and old alike. Hope to see everyone there as we usher in the Christmas

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament

### Fore!!!!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament took place on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Potomac Ridge Golf Course in Waldorf. Through a joint effort with the JFK Council, #5482 in Accokeek, we were able to raise \$6560.00 (\$3280 each) for our charitable endeavors.

The weather was a bit warm for an October day, but the competition

was intense and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. The winning team, with a "disputed because it was so low" score of 57, was Ryan Mudd, Tim Mudd, David Winkler and Raymond Michael. A short awards ceremony followed the tournament while everyone feasted on a lunch of BBQ with all the fixins'.

Of the monies earned, portions have been earmarked as follows:

\$1000 to Archbishop Neale School for the establishment of a scholarship fund; \$500 to purchase flat screen televisions for 4 rooms at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; \$750 to purchase diapers and Pack and Play cribs for the Catherine Foundation in Waldorf.

Special thanks to the golf committee of John Bruculeiri, Pete Czupryna, Denis Sullivan, Humphrey Ridgely and George Grooms for a job well done!

## Chaplain's Message



Council Chaplain  
Fr. John Reutemann

Dear Brother Knights,

As we approach the liturgical season of Advent, the beginning of which marks the Church's New Year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on its purpose. Although Advent is meant to be, among other things, the preparatory season for Christmas, it's important to remember that the season of Advent has its own purpose, distinct from

that of Christmas and its proper season. Of course, we're not helped by the perpetual impatience of society, resulting in the premature celebration of holidays. Right after Thanksgiving, some radio stations will begin playing only Christmas music, shopping centers will be decorated, and people everywhere will go to "Christmas" parties, all

during the season of Advent. And then, as it that weren't bad enough, come the 26<sup>th</sup>, all of that ends, and society returns to "Ordinary Time," while we, the remnant few, are only beginning to celebrate the actual Christmas season. So, then, what do we do? Aside from wishing people "Happy Advent" instead of "Merry Christmas" (which I recommend), **"cont. pg 3"**

## Grand Knight's Message **Ryan Mudd**

It's hard to believe that I am almost 6 months into my second year as Grand Knight. Where has the time gone? Let me first begin by thanking everyone for your continued support over this time, but mostly, for your active participation that has helped earn us the label as the most successful Council in Charles County. Without the "whole" we never

would be this successful!

But achieving so much does not allow us time to rest on our laurels. We must continue to support our local parishes and priests, the pope, our fellow brothers and the community as a whole. Our vision to create better men to lead healthier families starts with ourselves.

I would like to

welcome our newest members: Michael Pavan, Michael Mohler, Kenneth Cornet and Stephen Stiles, to our Order. Please make them feel welcome.

I wish all of you a healthy and happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas. May all of us recognize the joy of this time and appreciate all that God has bestowed upon us. God Bless.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification

**From George Cronin, Faithful Navigator of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree...**

The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> degree member, please contact George Cronin via email; [geo.cronin@verizon.net](mailto:geo.cronin@verizon.net).



Symbol of the  
4<sup>th</sup> degree

## Chaplain's Message (continued)

let's educate ourselves and those around us on the true purpose of Advent, respecting it as a season in its own right.

During this Advent season, may each of us be open to the coming of Christ into our hearts, recognizing how much Christ depends on us to prepare the way for His coming to others. Come Lord Jesus!

In the Word made flesh,  
Fr. John.

include the entire message as prepared by Fr. John. For the entire version, please consult the Council Website at [kofc2279.com](http://kofc2279.com).



Note: Due to space issues, I was unable to

## Council Activities

On Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Br. Mark Shutters and his wife Theresa hosted our 2nd



Annual Council Flag Football game at their beautiful home in Dentsville. Many brothers knights were in attendance along with their spouses and

children.

It was a fantastic day for a game and the weather was absolutely perfect. The teams led by Captains Ryan Mudd and Matt Laidley were quite even, but in the end, Team Mudd prevailed. Members of the winning team were: Ryan Mudd, Chris Hume, Candi Hume, George Grooms, Justin Grooms, Mark Shutters, Marcy Santos and Jennifer "the sack machine" Santos. Thankfully, there were no

major injuries suffered by either team, except maybe some embarrassed pride in a couple of instances. Our "impartial" referee's for the game were Phyllis Laidley and Theresa Shutters.

After the game, everyone enjoyed a fabulous potluck meal of chili, wings, salad, and dessert. What a great time full of fellowship, competition and fun.

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

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## Odds and Ends

**Tootsie Rolls** – Through our collection campaign at Safeway, Sacred Heart, St. Ignatius, Hill Top and St. Catherine's, #2279 collected \$2051.18 for the handicapped. Of this money, the proceeds, after payment for the candy, is being split between 2 deserving groups: The Charles

County Special Olympics and Bambino Buddy Baseball.

**Charlotte Hall Veterans Home** – Keep some time open later this month to join us in a visit to the Veterans Home. Due to scheduling conflicts, we were unable to visit on Veterans Day. It is

important for us to remember to honor those that help provide the freedom we recognize as Americans. Date and time TBD.

**Football Pool** – Through week 10, the leader is John Brucceleiri with 8 wins. 4 others trail by one with 7 wins. Good luck.

## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, 11/17** – Monthly business meeting at ANS. Rosary at 7:10, meeting at 7:30.

**Tuesday, 11/23** – Courage Line Program presentation at Civista Hospital at 10 am. Look for email reminder and more info. on the event.

**Sunday, 11/27** – Pancake Breakfast with Santa.

**Wednesday, 12/22** - Monthly business meeting at ANS. Rosary at 7:10, meeting at 7:30. Possible 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremony.

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