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Baptism of Our Lord

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Pope on Baptism

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

On this Sunday following the solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which ends the liturgical time of Christmas.

Today we contemplate Jesus who, at the age of about 30, had John baptize him in the Jordan River. It was a baptism of penance, which used the symbol of water to express the purification of heart and life.

John, called the "Baptist," that is, he who baptizes, preached this baptism to Israel to prepare for the imminent coming of the Messiah; and he told all that after him another would come, greater than he, who would not baptize with water but with the Holy Spirit (cf. Mark 1:7-8). When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended, rested on him with the corporal appearance of a dove, and John the Baptist recognized that he was the Christ, the "Lamb of God," who came to take away the sins of the world (cf. John 1:29).

Therefore, the baptism in the Jordan is also an "epiphany," a manifestation of the messianic identity of the Lord and of his redeeming work, which will culminate with another "baptism," that of his death and resurrection, through which the whole world will be purified in the fire of divine mercy (cf. Luke 12:49-50).

Pope Benedict XVI, Jan 9, 2006

GK's Message

My Brothers All:

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I am writing this Grand Knights on a quiet Christmas night after a beautiful and eventful Christmas Day. My Christmas day started with lecturing at the Midnight

Mass at St. Raphael's. This was followed by a few hours of sleep, a few hours of opening Christmas presents, and a few hours of Christmas dinner and dessert. A few days later, Carla and I flew out to Boise to watch the Maryland Terrapins play the Nevada Wolfpack in the Humanitarian Bowl on the famous blue field in Boise.

January is a quiet month in terms of actual Mater Dei Council events. This is a very big event in January that every Knight should be involved with. That is the annual March for Life on January 22nd. Both St. Raphael's and Our Lady of Mercy parishes will host March for Life events. Please check your church bulletin on these upcoming events and how you can get involved.

January is a big month to prepare for upcoming events in February, March, and April. Starting off in the first weekend in February is our Tootsie Roll Dinner in the Trumpet Room on February 7th. Mater Dei Council once again collected the most money during the 2008 Tootsie Roll Campaign. When the final

receipts were counted, Mater Dei Council collected over \$12,000. That's about 25% of the total \$48,000 collected by all 19 Councils in Montgomery County. The next highest amount collected by a Montgomery County Council was about \$5000. Congratulations once again goes out to Chairman Don Novotny, co-organizers Jack Wohlhieter and Ted Tate, and the over 100 Mater Dei Knights who collected for the 2008 Tootsie Roll Campaign.

The 2nd week of February is our 2009 Garage-to-Attic Sale on Saturday, February 14th. This year's Chairman, DGK Don Titzman, already had the kickoff meeting for the Garage-to-Attic Sale, and he will have at least a couple more before we start setting up on Thursday, February 12th. If you have any questions about this year's sale, or if you would like to help out, please contact DGK Don Titzman.

If you are a 1st Degree Knight, and you would like to get your 2nd Degree, Rock Creek Council

will host a 2nd Degree Exemplification on Friday, January 9th, starting (Continued on next page) at 7:30PM. Rock Creek Council will also host a 3rd Degree Exemplification on Friday, January 16th, starting at 7:00PM. For more details on these exemplifications, please contact our Chancellor Federico Sologuren, or visit the degree web site at <http://www.kofc->

[md.org/docs/degrees.xls](http://www.kofc-md.org/docs/degrees.xls).

Speaking of Degrees, the annual 4th Degree Exemplification will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at the University of Maryland University College on Adelphi Road in College Park, MD. The 4th Degree Exemplification takes a lot of commitment and preparation, but it is well worth the effort. I will ask the Faithful Navigator of the Sullivan Brothers

Assembly, Joseph Murphy, to speak with us at the January 8th Business Meeting about the 4th Degree. Hope you can make that presentation.

Don't forget to pay your annual dues this month to John Frey if you haven't already done so.

Fraternally,
Bob McCaffrey, GK
Mater Dei Council 9774

DD's Report



By E. Roberto Ibáñez,
DD #18

My brothers all,

When you read this, we will probably still be within the "12 days of Christmas." As you know, some of our Holy Days are so important that a single day is not sufficient to celebrate them properly. Easter, for example, takes 40 days... as it should be. We celebrate Christmas for 12 days, from Christmas proper, all the way to January 6, the Epiphany; from the day Our Savior was born, until the three Wise Men visited Him, thus proclaiming that His birth was Good News for all nations. It is my wish that all of you and your families are celebrating Christmas and that His peace and love will enfold you and your entire families throughout the New Year 2009.

The State Council Mid-Term meeting is taking place on January 3, and all Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are expected to attend. We will assess the last six months, and look ahead to the next six. DGKs will be encouraged to start planning so that when July 1st comes, they will be ready to "hit the floor running."

As far as the District is concerned, I am pleased to say we have managed to have a successful first-half of our term. All four councils added several new members to their ranks, held many programs, and have many others in the works. One program, the Tootsie Roll Campaign, will officially close with the distribution of the proceeds from all councils in Montgomery County. This will take place at St Raphael's Trumpet Room on Saturday, February 7, 2009. All four councils should have no problem with their Second Quarter Reports, due on January 15.

In January we will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees exemplified in our District. By coincidence, all three degrees will take place at Rock Creek Council on January 8th, 9th and 16th respectively. Based on the number of new 1st Degree members in the District, these exemplifications will be magnificent. Members of all four councils, especially those who proposed these candidates, should make a special effort to attend and offer these men our support and encouragement. And, as I have often mentioned, YOU should witness all three degrees other than the when you took them. There are wonderful lessons to be learned at these exemplifications, and they are well worthy hearing more than once. I really hope to see many of you at all three of these functions.

Let me also remind you that on Thursday, January 22, we all should attend the March for Life in Washington, DC, hopefully beginning with the Youth Rally and Mass. If at all possible, let's try to gather together with the State Council flag and banner, so instead of being a few men here and there lost amidst throngs of people, the Knights of Columbus from the area will be a sizable group marching together. Since we already live in the area it is almost a sin not to attend. Try to wear something distinctive, with the K of C logo, and bring your council's banner if possible. We must stand and protect Life, because without it nothing else is possible. The millions of unborn babies destroyed every year have never had a chance to have liberty or to pursue any happiness.

In closing, my wife Mary Jo and I would like to offer our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year to each and every one of you; praying that our Lord and His Blessed Mother will always be there to guide and protect you.

Fraternally,

E. Roberto Ibáñez, PDK

District Deputy No. 18

"We are Called to Serve"

Officers needed for 2009-2010 fraternal year

Each Spring, the Mater Dei Nominating Committee struggles to find candidates for positions on the Mater Dei Council Executive Board. This year, the Nominating Committee is starting today to accept nominations for Officer, Board Member, and Program Director positions for Fraternal Year 2009-2010. We are accepting nominations for:

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chancellor
Warden
Recorder
Treasurer
Advocate
Lecturer

Guards

Council Program Director
Church Program Director
Community Program Director
Family Program Director
Youth Program Director

If you are a Board Member who would like to retain your position or move up to another position for next year, or if you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow Knight for one of the above positions, please contact the Nominating Committee (Bob McCaffrey, Bill Shaffer, Wilsie Adams, or Pat DeGraba) with your nomination.

Thank you,
 Bob McCaffrey, GK
 Mater Dei Council 9774

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Fellow Knights. Join us on Wednesday January 14 at The Heights School for the Mater Dei Council 2009 basketball competition. From 8:30 am that morning, be prepared to exercise your mental and physical talents at scoring the student body's free throws and engaging in some roughhouse "old men's" basketball! Please call Youth Director John Li at 301-309-2654 for additional details.

KNIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

Thank you all who attended the Christmas Party. It took a number of your fellow knights and a good deal of effort to make this event the success it was. PGK Tony Cammarota activated the calling tree to get the word out and was a great help in making it a well attended event. We are indebted to Marty Piper and Elizabeth Myracle who worked as cashiers. Don Titzman put a lot of effort into cooking six turkeys to feed our guests. He was assisted by John Daly, Frank Della Penna, Ray Gasper, Dick Jasinski, Tom Luxner, Nick Nylec, Hans Schierling, Ted Tate, and Pete Zaudtke. Tom Schneider led the beverage staff. He was assisted by Ray Gasper & Terry Harrington. Wilsie Adams was responsible for the decorating. Joe Do-

ane was our Santa. Dorothy Novotny provided the music for caroling. Deserving special mention were the crew who hung in there to clean the place up following the celebration - including Tom Luxner, John Daly, Tom Schneider, Pete Zaudtke, Dick Jasinski. Thank you all who worked to make this event the success that it was.

Breakfast with Santa

Our Knights did it again. They were in the St Raphael kitchen at 6:30 AM to cook the breakfast for over 300 Raphaelites, young and old.

Over 900 pancakes were cooked -the pancake grill was working from 6:30 through near 10:00 AM. Thank you Brendan Combs, Joe Doane, Mike Donahue, Terry Harrington, Dick Jasinski, Don Novotny, Mike Ryon, and Don Titzman. Great work! Ru-

mor also has it that Hans Schierling also made an appearance as Santa for the gathering.

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION

Thank you all who contributed to the Seminarian Collection at our Christmas party. You have been very generous. Over \$1900 has been collected so far. To those of you who missed the opportunity and would like to donate, you may make your checks payable to M.D.C.C. or Mater Dei Council and John Frey, Financial Secretary, 37 Orchard Way South, Rockville, MD 20854. Mater Dei has, in the past, supported as many as seven seminarians with stipends of \$500. Thank you again for your support.

In Memoriam Kenneth Francis Sullivan

Brother Ken Sullivan was taken to the Lord on December 9, 2008. Our sympathy to his wife Terry and to his family. The Mass of Christian burial was held at St Raphael on December 12, 2008. The following words were abstracted from those of his brother, Senior Federal Judge Eugene R. Sullivan, at his funeral Mass .

Ken and Terry had over four decades of marriage and their union produced two terrific children, Jeanie Marie and John Patrick.

Ken was a man of many accomplishments. He was always an active member of our Knights. Some of you may have seen the picture of Ken working in the kitchen as we prepared the Christmas dinner in 2007. Ken helped organize and was president of the Ancient Order of Hybernians which also made it's home at St Raphael. At St. Raphael Ken served as usher, lector, and Basketball coach.

In his professional career Ken worked for the US Government at the Department of the Navy, the Department of Energy, and at FEMA. Ken was also a political

figure and was an elected Council Member of the City of Rockville when Rockville was designated as an "All American" city.

Those of you who knew Ken will know that when told by the doctors that they could not operate on his rare cancer, Ken accepted his fate with rare dignity. He proceed to do the things he wanted to do and visited Lourdes and Fatima with Terry as well as gathered his family for a week at Hilton Head in the Fall.

Ken, our prayers go with you as you join your brother Bill and your parents in Heaven.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12)

If I had pick one word to define Ken Sullivan's life, it would be *LOVE*: for his love for Terry, his love of family, his love of service, his love of music and his love of God.

Love for Terry. Ken met his soul mate and the love of his life Terry in college. In 1961, they were assigned to sing the duet "Sixteen going to seventeen" from the Sound of Music. The director, a Jesuit now 91 years old, told them to get together and practice often. This was a prophetic advice as Ken & Terry enjoyed each other so much that they decided to stay together for the rest of their lives. This past June, Ken & Terry recently celebrated 45 years of marriage with an Anniversary Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Love for his family. Ken always kept a strong bond with his family including his two brothers Eugene and Bill. He had much love and pride

for his two children Jeanne Marie Falcon and John Patrick Sullivan, and his three grandchildren. This love was also for his extended family, the Mystical Body of Christ.

Love of service. Ken served the community as a one term Rockville city councilman from April 1978 to April 1980. Ken also loved to serve Christ through his Church. He was a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church since 1973. He served as an usher for approximately 25 years, as a lector and CYO Basketball coach. He also sang in St. Raphael's Family Folk Choir. This group sang for Pope John Paul in the late 70s. Ken was a brother knight of Mater Dei for 22 years since 1986.

Love of music. Music defined Ken's life; through music he met Terry. Ken shared his love of music by being a chorister in the Family folk Choir and the Hometown USA Barbershop Chorus. Ken liked to entertain: at Montgomery Hospice's Casey House, where he spent his final days on earth, Ken was singing for visitors and nurses. Two of the last

songs he sang were two of his favorites. "Blue Skies" and "True Love". What a better way to prepare to enter heaven by singing hymns of Joy and Thanksgiving!

Love of God. Ken's faith was very strong. In college, Ken & Terry would go to daily mass and meet Jesus in the *Sacrament of Love*. After Ken retired, they tried to attend as many Masses during the week .

After he was diagnosed with terminal cancer, Ken did his best to prepare to meet God by undertaking religious pilgrimages. He thus fulfilled his lifelong dream to visit Lourdes and Fatima in an experience that strengthened his spiritual life.

Famous last words. On Sunday 7, Ken woke up and asked: "I'm still here?" He was ready to meet God. The next day when Ken woke up, Terry told him that we all loved him. He said: "I love you." He was at peace. Ken did not wake up on Tuesday 9. He was ready to enter the Eternal Kingdom of Love.

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Message Board

- Articles are due on the 25th by noon. Whenever possible, please submit early.



PGK Bill Hunter, PKG Dick Jasinski & Ken Sullivan
at last year Mater Dei Christmas Dinner.

Schedule of Events: January — February 2009

Thu Jan 1 Mary, Mother of God, Obligation

Tue Jan 6 Executive Meeting, 7:30pm-10pm, U

Thu Jan 8 Bus. Meeting, 8-10pm, Youth

Wed Jan 14 Free Throw, Heights School

Thu Jan 22 Annual March for Life, DC

Thu Jan 22 Social w/ speaker, 8-10pm, DC4&6

Tue Feb 3 Executive Meeting, 7:30pm-10pm, U Room

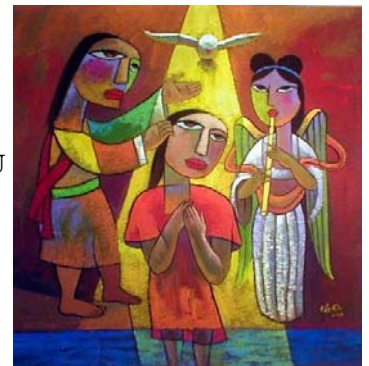
Sat Feb 7 Tootsie Roll Dinner, 6-10pm, Trumpet

Sat Feb 7 Blood Drive, 9am-1pm

Thu Feb 12 Business Meeting, 8-10pm, Youth

Wed Feb 25 Ash Wednesday, Fast & Abstinence

Thu Feb 26 Social, 8-10pm, DC4&6



Baptism of Jesus

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