



# The Blue Mantle



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## Knights of Columbus Mater Dei Council

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### Pope on Lent

What does "entering Lent" mean? It means we enter a season of special commitment in the spiritual battle to oppose the evil present in the world, in each one of us, and around us. It means looking evil in the face and being ready to fight its effects and especially its causes, even its primary cause which is Satan. It means not off-loading the problem of evil on to others, on to society, or on to God but rather recognizing one's own responsibility and assuming it with awareness. In this regard Jesus' invitation to each one of us Christians to take up our "cross" and follow him with humility and trust (see Mt 16: 24) is particularly pressing. Although the "cross" may be heavy it is not synonymous with misfortune, with disgrace, to be avoided on all accounts; rather it is an opportunity to follow Jesus and thereby to acquire strength in the fight against sin and evil. Thus, entering Lent means renewing the personal and community decision to face evil together with Christ. The way of the cross is in fact the only way that leads to the victory of love over hatred, of sharing over selfishness, of peace over violence. Seen in this light, Lent is truly an opportunity for a strong ascetic and spiritual commitment based on Christ's grace.

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, February 10, 2008

### GK's Message

My Brothers All:

February was a very busy and exciting month for Mater Dei Council. We started off with an Inova Blood Drive on February 7th. We registered 35 donors for this blood drive, and nearly all of them gave positive feedback on the quickness and efficiency of their blood do-

nation. On the evening of February 7th, we hosted the Tootsie Roll Awards dinner. Just about all of the Montgomery County Knights of Columbus Councils were in attendance and most of the State Officials from Montgomery County were also there. We hosted 17 different charities, all based in Montgomery County, and we award about \$48,000 in donations to these charities. All of these charities expressed their sincere thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus through the Tootsie Roll Campaign.

On February 14th, Mater Dei Council had its biggest one-day event of the year, the Garage-to-Attic Sale. Many thanks go out the Knights and volunteers who spend all day Friday the 13th receiving, organizing, and setting up donated items. We started bright and early Saturday morning at 8:00AM, and by the time we finished our sale, we grossed over \$15,000. Not only did we gross \$15,000, our cleanup

crew got the Trumpet Room and all the classrooms cleaned up and reorganized by 4:30 that afternoon. If you get a chance, don't forget to thank DGK Don Titzman for doing a fantastic job running the Garage-to-Attic Sale this year.

The month of March proves to be a busy month as well. The Maryland State Council starts us off with the Maryland Candlelight March for Life on Monday, March 9th at 6:00PM at St. Mary's Church in Annapolis. On March 18th, Mater Dei Council hosts the Bishop McNamara Chapter Meeting at 8:00PM in the Trumpet Room. All Knights are encouraged to attend. On March 19th, we will have a movie night with a movie honoring the conversion of St. Paul during the year of St. Paul.

March 21st is the night of the Mater Dei Council 21st Anniversary Dinner. Festivities start

up at 6:00 PM. This year we will honor all Past Grand Knights and Charter Members of our Council. Please make every effort to attend this event.

On March 22nd, the annual 4th Degree Exemplification will take place at the University of Maryland University College. If you are interested in receiving your 4th Degree, please contact the Faithful Comptroller John Durbin [jndurbin@att.net](mailto:jndurbin@att.net) at (301) 762-4448. For more information about the 4th Degree, go to <http://www.adwdistrict.com/id9.html>. The deadline for registering for the 4th Degree is March 15th.

Instead on meeting at St. Raphael's for our March 26th meeting, Mater Dei Council will host an Open House for interested parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy. We will meet and greet potential new Knights, and we will have a movie night.

Finally, on March 29th, the Knights of Columbus will celebrate its 127th Anniversary by hosting the Annual Founders' Day Mass and Reception at St. John's Church in Severna Park. The mass will begin at 3:00 PM and the Reception at Holy Trinity Council in Severna Park will follow immediately after.

Congratulations to Mike Donahue for being the Knight of the Month for February. Mike has been a member of this Council for only a year, but he has already taken over the organizing and hosting the Blood Drives. Mike has worked out an agreement with Inova to run the Blood Drives. As a result, the Inova Blood Drives has been more efficient, friendly, and fast for those who donate blood.

Fraternally,

Bob McCaffrey, GK  
Mater Dei Council 9774

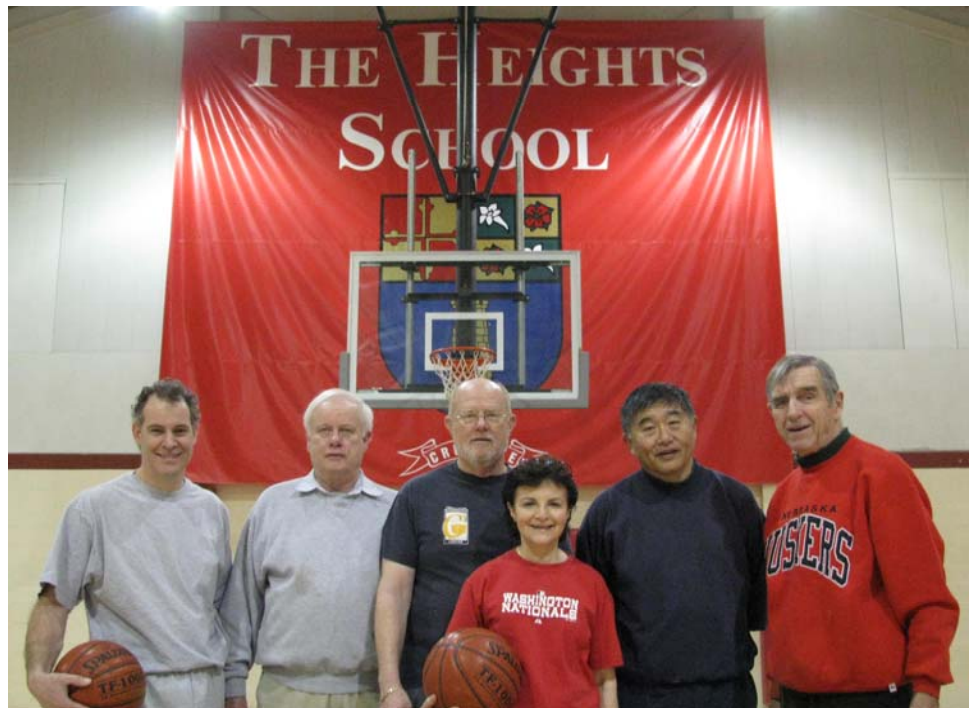
## Free Throw

On Wednesday February 4, the Council successfully conducted its 13th consecutive annual Free Throw competition at The Heights School in Potomac. Since the rules only permit "shooters" between the ages of 10 -14, 177 boys were counted as the official number. However, another 45 eight to nine year olds were scored, due to the school's requirement that all students participate.

The total of 222 competitors was an all time high figure. Winners were declared in all five age brackets and they should represent well in the District 18 and Maryland State finals.

In addition to the Brother Knights & Lady pictured above, we are grateful to GK Bob McCaffrey, PGK Dick Jasinski, & Brothers Ray Gasper, Tom Sherman, Tom & Luxner for their score-keeping assistance.

From the left: Dave Minarich, Ted Tate, Mike McClimens, Terry Sullivan (Lady of Deceased Knight Ken Sullivan), John Li, and Don Novotny.



Respectfully Submitted,

John Li,  
Youth Programs

## DD's Report



By E. Roberto Ibáñez,  
DD #18

My brothers all,

The entire month of March is part of the Lenten season. Quite a lot of us will be giving up this or that as a way of doing some penance and donating the money to alms. I would like to suggest that instead of giving up something, we try to do some giving extra as well, or instead. Don't just give up candy, or meat... try giving your time and your talents. Don't forget that this is the charity that gladdens the heart of the giver. Your parish, your council and your community can use you. And of course you can always spend some more time with your family or our youth. We are Knights of Columbus! We don't say "somebody should do something." We roll up our sleeves and actually DO them! And, I must say, all that work never interfered with our praying, so let's all DO something for others this Lent season.

Even though I did mention it last month, it is well worth repeating that the Tootsie Roll Distribution Dinner took place at St. Raphael's Trumpet Room. Mater Dei Council, led by Grand Knight Bob McCaffrey, did an excellent job with the organization and execution of a rather complicated affair.

Everything went as planned; almost \$50,000 dollars was distributed to many institutions dedicated to helping, serving, and instructing our citizens with developmental disabilities, "God's Special Children." If you take in consideration the economic situation we are all going through, it was a great accomplishment! If you would list what makes you proud to be a Knight of Columbus, certainly this would be one of my top items.

This month also ends the third quarter of the fraternal year when we again assess our progress toward the goals set last July. It is also time to plan for the last Quarterly Reports which are due April 1st. Each council has a chance of winning at the State Convention in May, but it will only happen if you present your reports, and if you do it on time!

March 22 is the annual Fourth Degree Exemplification for the Archdiocese of Washington District at the University of Maryland University College. Depending when you read this you may still have time to take the degree and join either the Cardinal O'Boyle or Sullivan Brothers Assemblies, provided you joined us at least one year ago and are a 3rd Degree member in good standing. Ask your Grand Knight for details.

Another highlight of March is the annual Founder's Day Mass and Dinner on March 13. The State Council will present its awards for Citizen, Police Officer, Firefighter,

and Emergency Medical Technician, and Catholic Teacher of the Year. This dinner is open to all Knights. See your Grand Knight for more details on how to register.

So, spring is just around the corner and the end of this fraternal year is on the horizon. Each council has accomplished quite a lot within your parishes and communities. I thank you for your sacrifice and service. However, you know there's still much yet to do. I ask you to support your Council officers, as much as you possibly can, in all your activities for church, community, family, youth and council.

In closing, let me encourage each of you to reach out to a Catholic man, 18 years old or older, in good standing with the Holy See, and invite him to become a member of the Order. We have an obligation to share the Experience of a Lifetime will all our Catholic men.

Fraternally,

*E. Roberto Ibáñez, PGK*

*District Deputy No. 18*

*"We are Called to Serve"*

## Maryland March For Life

The Maryland Candlelight March for Life will be held on Monday, March 9, in Annapolis. At 6:00 PM, there will be a Mass celebrated by Baltimore Archbishop O'Brien at St. Mary's Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester Street. The march will begin at 7:00 PM. The march will start at St. Mary's Church and proceed through downtown Annapolis to the Statehouse for a rally in support of life. Many Knights and their families throughout the state of Maryland will participate in this event and show the Maryland State Legislators that Pro-Life issues are very important to us. (Additional

information and flyers can be found at:  
[www.marylandmarchforlife.org](http://www.marylandmarchforlife.org).)

Because the Knights of Columbus are relied on heavily for both financial and physical support of this event, Knights are asked to make a monetary donation to offset the cost of the march. Donations should be made payable to the Maryland March for Life and sent to Pro-Life Chairman John Eure (10225 Frederick Avenue #208, Kensington, MD 20895).

In the past, Knights have also served as marshals for this event. The duties for this are simple - guard key intersections, make sure participants are on course, etc. If

you are willing to assist in this, please contact GK Bob McCaffrey.

We must give our State Delegates and Senators a clear and strong message that we as citizens of the State of Maryland demand that innocent life must be respected and protected from conception to natural death. Your donation and participation in the march will let them know that the Knights of Columbus are now actively engaged in the effort to oppose current State laws and legislators that promote the Culture of Death and strongly support lawmakers & legislation that promotes Life.

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

### TAX TIME AGAIN

This month, I chose to pass up the opportunity to use the old cliché about two things we must do, although the timing should certainly bring it to mind.

This season, in most homes, is financial accounting time. I'd like to wager that, at some point in the process, someone will ask (probably you!) "Where did all our money go?" Surely all of the money we earn finds a home somewhere the grocer, the mortgage, the tax man. Very little, if any, is left over for a personal bank account or other investments. Most of us consider ourselves fortunate if we've managed to pay our bills! Folks usually save what's leftover and for most

folks, that's nothing.

The point is, whatever the amount earned, chances are good that it is spent providing for and rearing a family. Think about that for a minute. The needs of that family continue to need food, shelter, clothing... Even if the breadwinner suffers an untimely death.

So what does income tax have to do with insurance? Simply this...it can serve as a reminder that protection for dependents should include an estimate of the current needs for money. While it may be convenient to say "I can't afford it," that's probably not accurate. Especially, when you consider that your family will be without **any income** should you die.

With this in mind, your Order has designed a plan which guarantees to

continue income to your family for as long as they will need it. What's more, this plan will enable you to systematically save some of those dollars so difficult to account for at tax time.

Call me today for an appointment.

Fraternally,  
Rick Morin, FICF  
**301.384.7627**

## The Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

Provides financial assistance to individuals in **Temporary Urgent Need**. Started with the idea of "a penny a day from each member" the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund has the potential to raise almost \$100,000 a year with even that modest gift from each member. **\$3.65 a year per member!**

Larger gifts can make greater assistance possible.

The Charity Fund is a source of support after Councils have assisted with charitable requests. All applications should come through a Council, reviewed by the Grand Knight and District Deputy Brother Knights:

Please help the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund with your annual tax-deductible gift.

### Annual Founders' Day Mass and Reception - Sunday, March 29

On Sunday, March 29, the Maryland State Council will celebrate the 127th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. The celebration begins with the Founders' Day Mass at 3:00 PM at St. John's Church located at 689 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146.

The Mass will be followed by an Awards Dinner at Holy Trinity Council 3413 on 335 North Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146. Dinner tickets will cost \$18.50 per person. The tickets may be obtained from Peter O'Sullivan, Founders' Day Mass Chairman, until March 21, 2009. He can be contacted by telephone at (443) 340-1204 or by email at [lnfpro@verizon.net](mailto:lnfpro@verizon.net). All checks must be payable to the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus.

Following the dinner, we will honor the Maryland State Council's Citizen of the Year, Catholic

Teacher of the Year, Family of the Year, Police Officer, Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Technician of the Year. Dress for the Mass and Dinner is business suit with jewel of office.

All Knights, their wives, and children are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend both functions, please try to attend one or the other as your schedule permits.

Directions to St. John's Church - 689 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146:

From the Beltway, take Exit 19 (U.S. 50) eastbound.

From U.S. 50, take Exit 27 (Rt. 2) north.

Stay on Rt. 2 for 4.9 miles to destination on right.

Directions to Holy Trinity Council 3413 - 385 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD 21146:

- From the Beltway, take Exit 19 (U.S. 50) eastbound.

- From U.S. 50, take Exit 27 (Rt. 2) north.

- Stay on Rt. 2 for 6.3 miles to destination on right.

**The need for support has never been greater.**

Complete details and application are available on the State Council website ([www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org))

Inquiries may also be made to the Directors:

Johnny Norman, 301-645-3967 or Pat Corcoran, 410-588-5880.

Utilize the pre-addressed envelopes provided by your Council or Send checks (made to the **Maryland State Council Charity Fund**):

c/o Johnny Norman, 2517 Ryce Drive, Waldorf, MD 20601.

**Charity** -the First Principle!

**WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE**

### February Blood Drive

Thank you to all who participated in the February Blood Drive in the Trumpet Room at St. Raphael's. We registered a total of 35 donors who donated 26 pints of blood. This was the first of several Saturday blood drives we will hold this year with Inova. Once again, donor feedback on the donation process was nearly all positive. The Inova staff was efficient, professional, and friendly. Most donors were out in less than an hour.

Our next blood drive will be April 18th. Please check your Blue Mantle for the date, time, location, and other details.

Mike Donahue

## Garage to Attic Sale

The 19th Annual Garage Attic Sale was a success. This year's sales were \$15,336, an amount just under the record high for sales. Our success is directly attributed to everyone's hard work and flexibility. It is greatly appreciated, Thank You.

The long list below of over 130 volunteers demonstrates the incredible effort that goes into the six hour sale. We started the setup Thursday night in lieu of our business meeting. Early Friday morning, we began accepting donations at both St. Raphael and Our Lady of Mercy. This year, we positioned a large truck at Our Lady of Mercy to collect donations. The effort provided us a truckload of merchandise. Working at St. Raphael, volunteers spent the day collecting, organizing

and pricing items. Throughout Friday's effort, everyone enjoyed good fellowship, hotdog and sandwich lunch and a fajita dinner. Saturday was just as busy. We had great weather and a big crowd of purchasers. The Manna Food drive collected over \$350. The sale was a success with the new layout. The cleanup process just as big of a success and worked very well. We met our 5 pm cleanup deadline. We donated one truck of unsold clothing to the Interfaith Clothing Center. We delivered one truckload of furniture to Goodwill and only had to fill about one full dumpster of unusable items.

This year, "Change" was in the air. We experimented with a collection truck at Our Lady of Mercy. We tested the concept of a specialty room. We had to adapt the layout

of the departments to adjust for the school's new classroom configuration. After hours and hours of discussions, email upon email of drafts and comments, we successfully accommodated everyone's ideas. And then we changed it during the setup. God love us. Actually, the last minute adjustment was a painless process and improved on our plan. Thanks for everyone's flexibility.

I thank everyone that attended the planning meetings, your contributions to the process provided very valuable insight into the operations of the Garage Attic Sale. I also want to extend a special appreciation to Dick Jasinski and Don Novotny for their guidance and endless hours of help.

Deputy Grand Knight

Don J. Titzman

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## Nominations sought for GAS distributions

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the 2009 Garage-to-Attic sale a success. Now that the Garage to Attic Sale is complete, it is time to determine which charities will receive awards. All those who participated in the GAS are

encouraged to send in nominations to GAS chairman DGK Don Titzman. Each nomination should include a description of the work done by the charity, a proposed funding amount and complete contact info for each charity (to include the name of the person at the charity to be invited and a complete mailing address).

Nominations are due to Don by March 27th. The awardees will be decided upon during the Executive Board meeting in April (Tuesday, April 7th @ 7:30 pm). All are welcome to attend and participate in the process. The awards are scheduled to be given out at a GAS Awards Reception to be held in the Trumpet Room on Thursday, June 25th.



Richard Burns and Frank Della Penna examine a piece of furniture prior to selling it.



The Garage-to-Attic Sale at its busiest.



Carla McCaffrey (L) helps out a customer in the Book Room.



Ted Tate helps out a customer in the Clothing Section.

## McNamara Chapter Meeting - March 18th

Mater Dei Council will host the Bishop McNamara Chapter Meeting on March 18th at 8:00PM in the Trumpet Room. The McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights is composed of all the Councils in Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties. Many of the Grand Knights and District Deputies are expected to attend this meeting.

Many officers from the Maryland State Council also attend the McNamara Chapter meetings. This month, the new Supreme Regional Program Consultant J.J. McCusker will be the Guest of Honor. Admission to this meeting is free, but Mater Dei Council is expected to cater this event. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tom Schneider (301) 279-0291 or Bob McCaffrey (301) 251-5225.

## Mercy Open House 3/25

The second meeting of March *will not be* on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at St. Raphael's. Rather we will meet on *Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy.*

For this meeting we want to have a family open house with an early start for children, a movie, refreshments appropriate for children, as well as the opportunity to get some men introduced to our organization. Please plan to attend and bring your family.

## A FAMILY MOVIE - "THE STORY OF PAUL THE APOSTLE" - 3/19

THURS, MAR 19 @ 7:30 PM RMS 4 & 6 DUFFY COMMUNITY CENTER

The Year of St. Paul has arrived! Pope Benedict XVI has declared the Church would observe a celebration in honor of St. Paul the Apostle, from June 28, 2008, to June 29, 2009. The Book of Acts tells how Jesus apprehended Paul on the road to Damascus and shows just how critical that event was to the Church's beginnings.

As we begin the Lenten Season and our Lenten practices you might want to consider bringing your entire family to the movie offered by the Knights of Columbus. The film explores the life and legacy of the greatest missionary of the early church. You will follow in the footsteps of Paul or Tarsus and will see the history which surrounded his travels and writings. Your entire family will come away with a much better appreciation and understanding of Paul's importance in spreading the Word as well as his impact on the formation of our early church. It can also serve as a starting point for a good family discussion of Paul and his writings.

## Anniversary Dinner 3/21

Mater Dei Council's annual Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 21 starting at 6 pm in the Trumpet Room. In honor of the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Mater Dei Council all Past Grand Knights, Charter Members, and widows will be admitted for free. The admission price for others will be \$15 per person, \$25 per couple, or \$30 for family. As always members are encouraged to bring their friends (as part of their family) interested in joining the council.

Advance reservations are required. Please contact Grand Knight Bob McCaffrey by March 14th.

## Bereavement Group

When a person important to you dies, family and friends must deal with a wide variety of emotions including sadness, fear, stress, loneliness and guilt. Although these feelings are natural responses to death, they can be devastating and overwhelming at times. Death and loss change life's journey.

Saint Raphael's Parish has a wonderful program to deal with this bereavement. It is called "*Living with Loss.*" *Living with Loss* is a seven week program that offers personal support, practical ideas and a spiritual perspective to help move one through the bereavement process. It is open to all 18 years and older from any parish. There is no fee, just a commitment to attend all sessions.

Several series of sessions have been held over the past two years and have received rave reviews by many individuals who have participated.

**Advanced registration is required; however, group size is limited. The weekly Spring Sessions start 12 March 2009 at 7:30 pm at Saint Raphael Catholic Church. To register call Ursula Boesch at 301-762-7134.**

A Fall session will also be offered. Sessions are held every Spring and Fall.

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## Message Board

- Articles are due on the 25<sup>th</sup> by noon. Whenever possible, please submit early.
- **Officers Needed from 2009-2010 fraternal year:** Please submit your nominations to Bob McCaffrey, Bill Shaffer, Wilsie Adams or Pat DeGraba. 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, and Youth Program Director.

## Schedule of Events: March — April 2009

Tue Mar 3, Executive Board, 7:30-10pm, Upper Rooms  
Mon Mar 9, March for Life, 6pm, St. Mary's Church in Annapolis  
Thu Mar 12, Business Meeting, 8-10pm, Youth  
Wed Mar 18, McNamara Chapter Meeting, 8-10pm, Mater Dei Council  
Thu Mar 19, St Paul Movie, 7:30-10pm, DC4 &6  
Sat Mar 21, Anniversary Dinner, 6-10pm, DC4 &6  
Sun Mar 22, 4th Degree Exemplification, UMUC  
Wed Mar 25, Our Lady of Mercy Open House, 7-10pm, OLOM  
Sun Mar 29, Founder's Day Mass, 3pm, Holy Trinity Council

Tue Apr 7, Executive Board, 7:30-10pm, Upper Rooms  
**Sun Apr 12, Easter**  
Wed Apr 15, McNamara Chapter Meeting, 8-10pm, St Columcille Council  
Sat Apr 18, Blood Drive  
Sun Apr 19, Coffee & Donuts, 8am-1pm, Trumpet  
**Sun Apr 19, Divine Mercy Sunday, 3pm, Church**  
Tue Apr 21, Open House, 7:30-10pm, DC 4&6  
Thu Apr 23, 1st Degree, 7:30-10pm, DC 4&6

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