



# Knights of Columbus St. Martha Council



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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

**Greetings Brothers!**

October is a month with great significance for our Church and the Knights of Columbus. Respect Life Sunday, was October 7. That day also honors Our Lady of the Rosary and the victory of the Christian fleets over the Turks at Lepanto. On October 8, we honored the great explorer and namesake of our Order, Christopher Columbus, who brought the Light of Christ to the New World. Saturday October 13 is the 90th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun there.

Thanks to PGK John Gazis for running the PGK Dinner for PGK Morris. It was a most memorable night and a most appropriate way for us to show our appreciation to PGK Bob for his dedicated service to our Council these last two years.

Thanks to PGK Bob Morris for running our annual Birthright Carnation Sale and to everyone who helped out with the sale.

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**8 P.M.**  
**November 8, 2007**  
**December 13, 2007**  
**January 10, 2008**

**One Nation Under God**

**GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT (cont)**

**The November 11th Breakfast will be held in honor of veterans, who will be our guests at the event and will enjoy a free breakfast. In addition, we will be collecting donations for the Wounded Warriors program at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. I visited the program this past July and was greatly impressed at how the Marine Corps is taking care of those who have been wounded defending our country in Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**Lastly I ask for your prayers for PGK Rick Mastronardi and his family. Unfortunately, Rick's business suffered a major fire in September. I offer my thanks to God for making sure that Rick is still with us today. Rick is exactly the type of Catholic gentleman that Father McGivney had in mind when he founded the Knights of Columbus. His contributions to our Council and our Church are immeasurable.**

**Vivat Jesus!  
Bryan**

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## **Fundraising Cruise**

*My name is Anthony Verile and I would like to introduce myself and my business to you. I am the owner of the local Cruise Planners franchise. I am a Cruise Specialist, licensed, bonded and insured. As a Cruise Planner owner, I am also a member of the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), National Association of Cruise Oriented Agencies (NACOA), Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau (BBB).*

*Cruise Planners is a nationally recognized company that has achieved "Top Producer" status with all the major cruise lines.*

*What does this mean to you? It means that when you choose to work with Cruise Planners, you get better pricing and more perks than you do with most other travel agencies.*

*Sometimes Cruise Lines offer "Residents Specials" for certain cities and/or states...military discounts...senior specials (55+)...Union members...and past passenger specials just to name a few.*

*I would like to have a fundraising cruise for the St Martha's Knight of Columbus. A donation for each cabin sailed will be given to the Knights of Columbus based on the cruise rate of the selected cruise.*

*If a total of 12 or more cabins are sold that the donation will increase.*

*Royal Caribbean and Celebrity depart from Bayonne. Norwegian, Carnival and Princess just to name a few depart from New York.*

*Each cruise line has destinations to the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada and the Caribbean. The rates below are based on sailing during the months of July and August. I can provide cruise rates for any month you wish.*

*The Royal Caribbean cruise cabin prices range from \$1,000.00 p.p. for an inside cabin up to \$2,100.00 p.p. for a Balcony cabin.*

*The Norwegian, Carnival and Princess cruise cabin rates range from \$600.00 p.p. for an inside cabin up to \$1,700.00 p.p. for a balcony cabin.*

*These packages are available to everyone, not only the members of the St. Martha Council. The Group is being sponsored by the Council. This program will be discussed at the next business meeting on November 8, 2007. Please contact Grand Knight Bryan Dickerson at home (732) 295-4574.*

*Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you.*

*Sincerely,  
Anthony Verile  
Cruise Specialist*

## **Membership Committee Message**

**This is the first newsletter from the membership committee, therefore, let me introduce the committee; myself, William Wright; Worthy Chancellor Richard Stanton, and Worthy Program Director Carl Apgar.**

**We have been very busy since taking over these roles in June. Our first project to attract members, we piggy-backed on the Knights flea market, by manning an information table that included data on K of C membership and activities. We also offered a ticket for a free breakfast for a potential member and his family at the next communion breakfast in July. We netted one person who unfortunately did not show up. Our next attempt at attracting new members was to sit with Worthy PKG Michael Tuohy during the July breakfast where we offered the free tickets to non-Knights and their families as long as they agreed to sit through a short presentation on the K of C after the breakfast. We were able to attract 4 potential members. We showed them the tapes and talked to them about the Knights and about all the activities we have, however, none of them were interested. We did enter at least three of them on our list of call-backs. The fourth was definitely not interested. We did not replicate the free breakfast idea for the communion breakfast in August because the profits would be going to our seminarian and we wanted that gift to be as much as possible. We did however, start this again at the September breakfast.**

**Look at this space next month for the announcement of a contest for all current Knights at St. Martha's council. I believe that the best way to recruit a Knight is to have a Knight put his arm around his best Catholic friend and ask him to join in the most wonderful experience he will have in his lifetime. Therefore, we will offer an opportunity for you to do this for your friends and also have an opportunity to win a very nice prize. In addition, I was in touch with Worthy PKG Pardo Spedaliere who is a K of C insurance agent in another district and I asked him if he and some of his fellow agents would be willing to come and make a presentation to Knights and candidates during one of our social meetings in the future. He said he would and he has conducted such meetings in the past. Again, stay tuned to this piece of the newsletter for further announcements. I received a communication from the Office of the State Deputy covering our councils' membership data as of October 1, 2007. The statement shows that we are currently at 170 members, that is down one for the year. We still have all of our insured people and the loss of one occurred in the associate ranks. We will have to get busy, make up this one, and add at least nine others for our quota this year. If you would like to join us in this goal, please call me at 732-920-2420 or email me at [huggies34@comcast.net](mailto:huggies34@comcast.net) .**

**God is with us in all things that we do in His name, and he will help us cast this net for successful memberships.**

**Deputy Grand Knight, William Wright**

## District Deputy Comments

**Brothers,**

***I hope the change of season finds you and your family happy and healthy. The children are back in school, seeing old friends and making new ones. This would be a good time for you to also be making new friends, and re-acquainting yourself with old ones.***

***Coming to meetings would be a great way to do this. You could see your old friends, guys you haven't seen in a while, and meet some of the new members of the Council. This Council is doing some new and wonderful things, come find out about them. To the members that have been attending meetings, call a friend you haven't seen in a while. See if he needs a ride to a meeting.***

***A great way to help the Council, and make new friends, would be to bring in a new member. New members are what helps a Council grow and prosper. They bring new ideas and outlooks to a Council. Think about it, by bringing in a new member, you could be sponsoring a future Grand Knight. Wouldn't that make you proud?***

***I am sure you are proud of your Council. I know I am proud to have the Council in District 31.***

**John A. Gazis  
District Deputy**

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**TWO MEN ARE OUT ICE FISHING AT THEIR FAVORITE FISHING HOLE, JUST FISHING QUIETLY AND DRINKING BEER.**

**ALMOST SILENTLY, SO AS NOT TO SCARE THE FISH, MEL SAYS, "I THINK I'M GOING TO DIVORCE MY WIFE - SHE HASN'T SPOKEN TO ME IN OVER 2 MONTHS."**

**EARL CONTINUES SLOWLY SIPPING HIS BEER, THEN THOUGHTFULLY SAYS, "YOU BETTER THINK IT OVER - WOMEN LIKE THAT ARE HARD TO FIND."**