

The Handout



April-June 2010

Good Samaritan Council 6175

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From the Desk of the Grand Knight:

Hello Brother Knights, Families, and Friends of Good Samaritan Council. The past quarter was a busy one. We held a Super Bowl Raffle that raised \$2,000 and a Polish Dinner Dance raised \$3,000 for our scholarship program. Our activities included three successful ceremonials. In February we hosted a Third Degree for 82 Knights, including 18 from our council:

Steve Anderson
Fr. Jim Angert, TOR
John Bischof
William Clair
Cary Cusumano
Joe D'Angelo

Steve DeBenedittis
Rob Gonella
Josh Kelly
John McLaine
William McLaine
Jim Nash

Bill Plunkert
Jose Salazar
Steven Schultz
William Sonak
Antonio Sossa
Chris Whipple

We extend our congratulations to these gentlemen. Thanks to everyone who participated or volunteered to help with our events. Our monthly council awards were presented to the following Knights (see www.goodsams.org):

| Month | Knight of the Month | Family of The Month |
|--------------|----------------------------|---|
| January | Ed Linek | John, Stephanie, Caitlin, Matthew, & Emily Dumm |
| February | Eric Moorehead | Jay and Margie McCarthy |
| March | Wayne Winters | Bobby, Noreen, Jonathan, and Callie Gannon |

We also mourned the passing of 4 senior Brother Knights: John Bretschneider, Sr., Ernest "Bud" Lester, John "Jack" Pyle, and Jim Robbins. All were long-time members of the council. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

A major focus of the next quarter is our annual KOVAR Drive to benefit those with intellectual disabilities in Virginia. We distribute free Tootsie Rolls and accept donations after Masses at our three parishes the weekend of April 10-11. Donations are collected at Safeway and Giant stores the weekend of April 17-18. Please see our website to sign up for an open time slot. This drive is our largest project of the year and we hope to raise at least \$10,000. Detailed information on KOVAR is available at www.kovarva.org. Contact the Grand Knight if you have any questions.

Our Father-Daughter Dinner Dance was postponed in February due to snow. The new date is Friday, April 9 from 7-10 PM. PGK Bobby Gannon is the event Chair (gannonclan@verizon.net). Admission is \$20 per couple (\$25 per family max). Please watch your e-mail for more details.

On Thursday, June 3 the council will elect officers for the new fraternal year starting in July. You must be at least a Third Degree member to run for an office. If you're interested contact one of the PGKs on our nominating committee by the end of April (Steve Rogers, John Reaser, or Don Harris). The committee's recommended slate of officers will be announced on May 6. Nominations are also accepted from the floor on the day of the elections. We need more good men to step forward into leadership positions.

In May we will award 3 scholarships of \$1,000 each to deserving high school seniors. The application deadline is April 15. See our website for application and eligibility requirements.

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Good Samaritan Council Calendar for April – May 2010

(Please see our website www.goodsams.org for weekly updates.)

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | 1 APRIL HOLY THURSDAY No meeting | 2 GOOD FRIDAY No Dinner | 3 |
| 4 HAPPY EASTER ! | 5 | 6 Bingo 7:30 TEAM B | 7 Seniors Group Lunch C&A Board Meeting 7:30 | 8 Council Business Meeting 8:00 (Rosary 7:30) | 9 Father-Daughter Dance and Friday Dinner 6:30 | 10 KOVAR at Churches after Masses |
| 11 KOVAR at Churches Breakfast at The Barn | 12 | 13 Bingo 7:30 TEAM C | 14 Sepcial Free Concert at the Barn 7:30 PM – See Note Below | 15 First Degree 8:00 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE | 16 KOVAR at Stores 3-7 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 | 17 KOVAR at Stores 10-6 |
| 18 KOVAR at Stores 10-6 | 19 | 20 Bingo 7:30 TEAM D | 21 Seniors Group Lunch | 22 | 23 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Bingo 7:30 TEAM A | 28 4 th Degree dinner and meeting | 29 | 30 STEAK NIGHT 6:30 | 1 MAY |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Bingo 7:30 TEAM B | 5 Seniors Group Lunch | 6 Council Business Meeting 8:00 (Rosary 7:30) | 7 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 | 8 |
| 9 Mother's Day Breakfast at Barn 8:00-11:30 | 10 | 11 Bingo 7:30 TEAM C | 12 | 13 C&A Board Meeting 7:30 | 14 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 | 15 State Council Meeting in Richmond |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Bingo 7:30 TEAM D | 19 Seniors Group Lunch | 20 Second Degree 8:00 | 21 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Bingo 7:30 TEAM A | 26 4 th Degree dinner and meeting | 27 | 28 STEAK NIGHT 6:30 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 MEMORIAL DAY | | | | | |

EVENT NOTES:

Join us almost every Friday for attitude adjustment bar prices, great food, and fraternity. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner orders are taken from 6:30 to 7:30. Tuesday is Bingo Night. We need more players and staff to serve our guests. Contact Bingo Manager Everett Barnes (703) 450-5736.

On Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 PM The Barn will host an evening of beautiful and virtuosic music presented by Fr. Pat Kelly's niece from Ireland, Aisling Agnew, and her touring partner Matthew McAllister. They are a flute and guitar duo who have given concerts around the world. There is no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted. We hope you can join us for this event.

We host a special Mother's Day Breakfast upstairs at the Barn, including treats for Mom and family photos. This will be the final breakfast prior to our summer break.

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| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|
| | | 1 Bingo 7:30 TEAM B | 2 Seniors Group Lunch | 3 Business Meeting and Officer Elections 8:00 (Rosary 7:30) | 4 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Bingo 7:30 TEAM C | 9 | 10 C&A Board Meeting 7:30 | 11 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 | 12 |
| 13 No Breakfast this month | 14 | 15 Bingo 7:30 TEAM D | 16 Seniors Group Lunch | 17 Mass of Thanksgiving at Barn 8:00 | 18 Friday Night Dinner 6:30 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Bingo 7:30 TEAM A | 23 4 th Degree dinner and meeting | 24 | 25 STEAK NIGHT 6:30 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Bingo 7:30 TEAM B | 30 | | | |

MAJOR EVENTS COMING UP IN JULY AND AUGUST:

Pass the Gavel / Past Grand Knights Dinner (date and details to be announced).

Redskins Ticket Raffle

GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1:

Council business meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM after the Rosary at 7:30. We try to finish by 9:30 and enjoy fraternalism with our Brother Knights. (Note: In April the meeting is rescheduled to the second Thursday due to Holy Week.)

If you're planning a special event, contact the Compass and Anchor Club rental agent Antonio Sossa at (703) 547-7870 or kcreceptions@yahoo.com. The C&A has a variety of catering packages to accommodate your needs and budget. Referral fees of \$100 per event and special discounts for upstairs rentals are available to Good Samaritan Council members. If you're interested in learning how you can help with our catering operations and facility management, please attend the monthly C&A board meeting which is normally held on the second Thursday. Several of the board positions are currently vacant.

Thanks to our webmaster Emerito Credo for some recent updates and improvements, including easier navigation. We encourage members to visit our site weekly for the most current information on our events.

Fraternally,

Len Grus
Grand Knight

Chaplain's Corner: An Easter Message from Fr. Pat Kelly

“Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; *and they were amazed*” (Mk.16:5). “The other disciple...bent down and saw *the linen cloths lying flat*.... Then Simon Peter...entered [and] saw *the linen cloths lying flat. The napkin, which had been around his head was not lying flat like the other linen cloths but lay rolled up in its place*” (Jn. 20:3-7). Perhaps the disciples were not so much “amazed” that the tomb was empty (Mary Magdalene had already told them) but by the fact that ***everything inside the tomb was so neat and tidy!*** The cloths were neatly placed. The bandage-like cloth that had been wound around Jesus’ head had been re-rolled and was in its proper place. The other linen cloths were ***lying flat*** (the Hebrew verb here includes the sense of being ***set*** or ***placed properly***). The cloths in the empty tomb were not simply discarded and thrown around. This indicates that the body of Jesus had not been stolen (cf. Mt. 28:13) or quickly removed by robbers or anyone else. The disciples were amazed at the *orderliness* of the tomb. Whatever had occurred here was planned. The neatly placed linens indicate that the one who was using them had finished with them and had purposely left them aside. Jesus had indeed risen from the dead as he promised and had entered a new realm where his *glorified* body no longer needed *earthly* cloths. Finished with them, he left them neatly in the tomb. When Lazarus was raised from the dead he brought his *tomb cloths* with him: “*The dead man came out... his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with cloth*” (Jn.11:44). Lazarus had not entered this new realm; he had simply re-entered the earthly realm and would die again. He still needed his *earthly cloths*. The earthly cloths here symbolise the earthly body that we are all dressed in. As soon as Jesus was born and took on a human body – his mother wrapped him in ***swaddling cloths***(Luke 2:7). The dictionary says: “Swaddling - *to swathe (bind) in bandages. Swaddling cloths – in which infants were formerly wrapped to restrain them.*” When God became man He agreed to allow Himself to be “bound” by the earthly cloths of human flesh. It is not simply a coincidence that Jesus was wrapped in these earthly cloths when He was born, and that He neatly left the linen cloths aside when He rose from the dead. The earthly binding cloths feature at the beginning and at the end of the earthly life of Jesus. This is surely intentional – another sign that Jesus did indeed rise from the dead - and helps us understand the mystery of this profound, amazing and awesome event that we celebrate every Easter. Alleluia!

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