

# The Handout



July-September 2009 Good Samaritan Council 6175 WWW.GOODSAMS.ORG

From the Desk of the Grand Knight:

Hello Brother Knights, Families, and Friends of Good Samaritan Council. My name is Len Grus and I am honored to be your new Grand Knight for the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year. Thanks to John Reaser, PGK for his outstanding leadership during the past year. I have been a Knight and member of this Council since 2001. I'm an active parishioner of St. Joseph Church, and served 4 years as Council Treasurer before being elected Deputy Grand Knight last year. I am confident that we have a dedicated team of officers who will work together and try to do what is best for the Council. They include:

Grand Knight	Len Grus	Inside Guard	Dan Cahill
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Cahillane	Outside Guard	Dave Uhl
Chancellor	Joe Belzile	3-Year Trustee	John Reaser, PGK
Warden	Herb DuVall	2-Year Trustee	Steve Rogers, PGK
Recorder	Ray Bradish	1-Year Trustee	Bob Klaiss
Treasurer	Rob Henry	Chaplain	Fr. Pat Kelly, SMA
Advocate	John Thomas, PGK	Lecturer	Brian Kuhn

Special thanks to Fr. Pat Kelly who has agreed to serve as our Chaplain for a second year, even though he maintains a busy schedule. Fr. Pat heads the International Development Office for the Society of African Missions (SMA). We look forward to his spiritual guidance and visits to the Barn.

Your Council has a busy calendar, including Tuesday Bingo, Friday Dinners, many charity projects, and other events during the year. Each of these events must be planned, promoted, staffed, and accounted for, so we need plenty of help. One of my goals is to get a higher percentage of our members involved with our meetings and activities. We are grateful to the Knights and their families who give so much time and effort to keep the Council going. But I've noticed that a small group has often carried most of the load. This must change if the Council is to remain a strong and vital organization in our Church and community. I realize some people have busy schedules and cannot participate in many of our activities. If you're one of our "Silent Knights", please seriously consider what you ARE able to do. When more people contribute a few hours of service or attend events, it makes a big difference in the results we are able to achieve. We also have opportunities for teenagers to earn service hours. Or consider making a monetary donation to help pay the bills (our dues have remained at \$45 for many years). I encourage you to contact me at (703) 300-7297 or lengrus@verizon.net if you have questions about Council events or how to volunteer. Contact information for all officers is on the back cover of this Handout.

In January we suspended monthly mailing of the Handout to save money. For a few months it was posted on our Council website ([www.goodsams.org](http://www.goodsams.org)). However, we found that some members do not check the website or prefer to receive a printed reminder of our events. Therefore, we have designed a new "leaner" edition of the Handout that will be mailed quarterly. It will have the tentative calendar of events for the next 3 months and a message from the Grand Knight. We still ask members to check our website in case events or dates change. We'll try to update the site every week and add some new features, such as Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. Also, we will continue to use phone messages and the Yahoo mailing list to remind members about major events and schedule changes. Let me know if you currently don't receive our phone or e-mail messages and would like to be included.

We need your participation in one of our major fund raisers: The Redskins Ticket Raffle. We give away a pair of prime club level seats with parking passes at the stadium, valued at \$6,500. This year we slightly modified the format. On Friday, July 31 (Steak Night) we'll draw a winner for the 2 pre-season games vs. the Steelers on August 22 and the Patriots on August 28. These tickets are \$5 each. On Friday, August 28 (also Steak Night) we'll draw a winner for the 8 regular season games. These tickets are \$10 each. You should receive an envelope in the mail with 5 of the regular season raffle tickets and 2 for the pre-season games. Please do your best to help make the raffle a big success this year. Let me know if you need more tickets. (Continued on Page 3)

## Good Samaritan Council Calendar for July – August 2009

(Please see our website [www.goodsams.org](http://www.goodsams.org) for weekly updates.)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 JULY Seniors Group Lunch	2 Council Business Meeting 8:00 (Rosary 7:30)	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6	7 Bingo 7:30 TEAM C	8	9 C&A Club Business Meeting 7:30	10	11
12	13	14 Bingo 7:30 TEAM D	15 Seniors Group Lunch	16 Second Degree 8:00	17 Friday Knight Dinner 6:30	18
19	20	21 Bingo 7:30 TEAM A	22	23	24	25
26 Pass-The- Gavel Dinner 6:00	27	28 Bingo 7:30 TEAM B	29	30	31 STEAK NIGHT & DRAWING REDSKINS PRE-SEASON TICKETS	1 AUGUST
2	3	4 Bingo 7:30 TEAM C	5 Seniors Group Lunch	6 Council Business Meeting 8:00 (Rosary 7:30)	7	8
9	10	11 Bingo 7:30 TEAM D	12	13 C&A Club Business Meeting 7:30	14 Friday Knight Dinner 6:30	15
16	17	18 Bingo 7:30 TEAM A	19 Seniors Group Lunch	20	21	22
23	24	25 Bingo 7:30 TEAM B	26	27	28 STEAK NIGHT & DRAWING REDSKINS REGULAR SEASON TIX	29
30	31					

### EVENT NOTES:

Friday Knight Dinners are on a less frequent summer schedule, with 2 each month in July and August. They should return weekly in September. Also, there are no monthly breakfasts in July and August.

Members and families are invited to join us for the annual Pass-The-Gavel Dinner on Sunday, July 26. Admission cost and other details will be provided via e-mail and phone calls.

The District 18 Fall Fun Fest will be held on Sunday, September 27 at Bluemont Farm. This is always a great event for families, with a pig roast and outdoor activities. Details will be provided in September.

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		1 Bingo 7:30 TEAM C	2 Seniors Group Lunch	3 Council Business Meeting 8:00 (Rosary 7:30)	4 Friday Knight Dinner 6:30	5
6	7 LABOR DAY	8 Bingo 7:30 TEAM D	9	10 C&A Club Business Meeting 7:30	11 Friday Knight Dinner 6:30	12 St. Joseph Church Picnic 2:00 – 6:00
13 Breakfast at the Barn 8-11	14	15 Bingo 7:30 TEAM A	16 Seniors Group Lunch	17 Second Degree 8:00	18 Friday Knight Dinner 6:30	19
20	21	22 Bingo 7:30 TEAM B	23	24	25 STEAK NIGHT 6:30	26
27 District 18 Fall Fest Noon-5:00 Bluemont Farm	28	29 Bingo 7:30 TEAM C	30			

### MAJOR EVENTS COMING UP IN OCTOBER:

**Sunday, October 4:** Fr. Jim Angert, Pastor of St. Joseph Church, will hold a Parishioner Appreciation Breakfast in the parish hall to celebrate the repayment of debt that was incurred to expand the facility. Our Council will provide manpower to make the event run smoothly.

**Saturday, October 10:** Columbus Day Parade in Sterling. We need lots of help for this major project, and your ideas for new participants in the parade.

**Sunday, October 25:** Treasurer Rob Henry competes in the Marine Corps Marathon to benefit the "Run for Vocations" fund for seminarians in the Archdiocese of Washington (you can donate on their website: <http://www.adw.org/vocations/runforvocations.asp> or you may write a check to "Run for Vocations" and leave it in the treasurer's mailbox at the Barn. Please support Rob's effort to promote vocations!

### GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1:

Council business meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:30. Please try to attend at least a few meetings this year to find out how the Council is run. Maybe you'll be inspired to become an officer!

The Compass and Anchor Club (C&A) holds its business meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. The C&A owns the Barn and manages the bar and catering operations. Come and learn how you can help. If you're planning a special event, contact the rental agent Tony Sossa at (571) 230-0149 or [kcreceptions@yahoo.com](mailto:kcreceptions@yahoo.com). We have a variety of packages with attractive prices.

Fraternally,

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