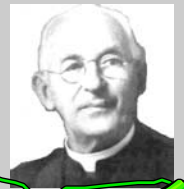


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GRAND KNIGHT'S STATION

Floyd L. Jarboe

As we prepare for Christ's coming let us reflect on what our founder Fr. Michael McGivney worked so hard to create. Christmas is a time for Charity, our first principle. We give food bags at Thanksgiving and just before Christmas. Each year Br. Tom Murphy and Br. Tony Horner do a great job of preparation and dispersal of the food. They accumulate what is purchased and donated into one hundred and fifty bags for the needy. We add a food gift certificate for ten dollars for each bag. At this time we have a great need for the donated items. When you come to the Council please bring a can good or a non-perishable food item for the poor before December 23rd.



Christmas is a time for Unity, our second principle. As Knights we should stand together, to help each other, our widows, and the families of deceased members. Visiting our sick or infirmed members lets them know that as Knights we still care. Let us help our Brothers, Sisters and Families in need.

Above all Christmas is a time for Fraternity, our third principle. We begin this month with our annual Anniversary Dance, the eighty-first. The music will be special, the food delicious, the drinks plentiful and each participant gets a special gift. This is all set-up by our Warden Pete and Jerri Bonin. The Seniors Christmas Party chaired by the award winning Ralph Vallone Family on December 9th follows the dance. Our Children's Christmas Party again chaired by the Vallones is on the sixteenth. We have a special Social Meeting on the eighteenth, with a guest speaker, the Honorable Douglas Gansler, States Attorney for Montgomery County. At this meeting, the member's wives are also invited and we will have food and refreshments.

After the month of September, every month

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NEW YEARS EVE GALA PARTY

Monday, December 31, 2001
Doors open at 8 PM
Music by "Arrow"
Cost - \$25 per person
Reservations: GK Floyd Jarboe
301-681-3886

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Tin Cao

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

We are at the half way mark for this Fraternal Year. And so, I would like to take this opportunity to direct your attention to several tasks awaiting us during the months ahead.

Congratulations all new members who have joined the Knight of Columbus during the past six months, and to all current members of District #2. Brothers, you have chosen to join the best organization that dedicates itself to the service of our Holy Mother Church, Community, Family, Council, and Youth. I would like to congratulate all brother Knights who recruited new brothers and to Fr. Rosensteel, Msgr. wells and Fr. Mahr Council for hosting the First, Second and Third Degree respectively. But brothers, our works have not completed. I ask you again to go out and recruit new members for our Order. December is a good time to recruit. When friends or family members get together to enjoy the holiday festivities, we can always ask them to join our Order. To put it plainly, our Order cannot survive without new members. Brothers, I need your

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Rev. Brian McCarthy

There is an advertisement for diamond rings that points out that the best gifts often come in small packages. When I was a small boy, I'm not sure that I would have seen the wisdom in this advertisement. I mean, it's hard to fit a bicycle or air rifle into a small gift box. In fact maybe it was because I was small that I had the idea that bigger was better. Smaller seemed to mean less expensive. Bigger meant more costly and better.



I'm not completely sure but sometimes I think that it might be a "guy thing". Often when we want to impress others we choose extravagance. We are easily convinced that the size or cost of a gift reflects its value to the receiver. Yet, often those around us are more impressed by the little things. I know that many of the young women on my campus are more swayed by a young man helping them on with their coat or opening a door, or not interrupting than they are by flowers. Of course, it's not a case of one or the other. Flowers and thoughtfulness are

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The 12th Annual
PRO-LIFE KICKOFF RALLY
 Sunday, January 13th, 2002

Keynote Speaker
Tony Melendez
(Musician - Composer)
Cardinal McCarrick
Washington Archdiocese
Nellie Grey
(President - March for Life)

Doors open at 1 PM
Program begins at 2 PM
Refreshments afterwards

ALL ARE INVITED!

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Please, remember in your prayers..

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Ralph Capristo
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Ruth Ahearn, friend of Warden Peter Bonin
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CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
1-4PM

FOOD, BEVERAGES, GINGER BREAD
HOUSE, CAROLING, VISIT FROM ST.
NICK, MUCH, MUCH MORE...
ALL ARE INVITED!

KNIGHTS CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE NOW

Br. Gene Rich has started selling Knights of Columbus Christmas cards. These cards have religious themes to remind people that Jesus is the reason for the season. These cards may be purchased on Friday evenings in the Knights Room or after Council meetings. If you are interested and have questions, please call Br. Gene Rich (301) 933-6078.



ANNUAL SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Fr. Rosensteel annual Seniors Christmas Party will be held, Sunday, December 9th, 2001 from 1:30-4:30PM for eligible senior citizens, 55 years of age or older, who are indigent, shut-ins, or widows of Fr. Rosensteel members. Individuals who use appliances such as wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, or canes are very welcome.

Admission to the party is by ticket only. If you know of any senior citizen that meets the above criteria, submit their names to Ralph Vallone (301)946-8633 and he will furnish you with the appropriate amount of tickets.

If you know of any facility that might be interested (nursing homes, retired senior centers, churches, etc.) please forward the name of the individual in charge, phone number and address so they can be contacted.

Volunteers are also needed to act as servers, waiters, waitresses, escorts, bartenders, door attendants, and food handlers and any other duty that may arise. In the past, we have had 50-60 volunteers for this party.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, call Ralph Vallone (301) 946-8633



NEWS FROM SUPREME

Patriotic Programs Honored in Knights of Columbus Awards Program

New Haven, CT — Honoring veterans living and deceased was a common theme in the programs recognized by the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus in its annual "To Be A Patriot" awards. The awards are for a single outstanding program conducted by a Fourth Degree assembly. A panel of judges overseen by Supreme Master Nestor V. Barber reviewed the entries, and winners received an engraved trophy. A synopsis of each assembly's award-winning program follows:

* Father Francisco Atanasio Dominguez Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, set up a nonprofit organization to help homeless veterans; Randy Cote Assembly in Del Rio, Texas, held a banquet for World War II veterans; and Msgr. P.J. Carey Assembly in Pascagoula, Miss., remembered victims of the terrorist attack on the USS Cole.

* The Salt Lake City assembly joined with the Disabled Veterans of America and other local and national organizations to host "Operation Stand Down" for homeless veterans and other former soldiers in need. The event included an information fair at which representatives of veterans organizations explained their benefits and assistance programs. To help veterans on a long-term basis, a nonprofit corporation was established with help from Knights and others.

* A World War II Veterans Appreciation Banquet was held by the Del Rio assembly. The banquet, held with San Felipe K of C Council 2687 in Del Rio, hosted 70 veterans and their guests who were served by Knights and area armed services recruiters. Speakers included a retired Air Force general and a Vietnam veteran who directs a family support center at a nearby military base.

The Fourth Degree is the patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus. Nearly 300,000 of the Knights 1.6 million members are Fourth Degree Knights. They promote the virtue of patriotism through their programs and provide honor guards for Church and civic functions. Last year, Fourth Degree Knights raised more than \$500,000 for the planned National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship applications are now available. Please check the bulletin board in the Knights Room. There will be four \$500 grants for students attending Catholic schools, grade 1-8 and three \$1,000 grants for students attending Catholic High Schools, grade 9-12. Only one scholarship will be awarded per family.

Applications must be received by mail at the address specified on the application before March 15, 2002.

Only children and grandchildren of Rosensteel Knights in good standing are eligible. Awards will be based on involvement in church and community.

For further information, contact Br. Steve Clarke (301)593-0047.

81st Anniversary Dance



December 1, 2001
Dance to the Starlite Oetette
5 PM Open Bar
6 PM Dinner
7 PM Dancing til 11 PM
Cost 20 per person
Call Warden Peter Bonin
301 585 2185

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

**Harry Dunkle
Vice-Commander**

The Color Corps will meet December 10, 2000 at Montgomery Council #2323 at 8:00 p.m. There will be drill practice following the meeting.

A memorial mass for Sir Knights who passed away during the fiscal year 2000/2001 was held on November 15, 2001. Twelve past Sir Knights were remembered at the mass; many of the family members attended the mass and reception that followed the mass. Our Faithful Friar Fr. Robert V. Zylla presented the chalice with the names of the twelve Sir Knights to a deserving seminarian.

A Christmas social will be part of our December 20, 2001 meeting. A short meeting will precede the social event. Ladies and families of all Sir Knights are invited. Let's have a good turn out for this affair.

GOD BLESS AMERICA !!!



NEWS FROM MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

The Maryland State Council Trip to the new Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven CT, scheduled for March 1,2,3, 2001 has extended the deposit deadline to November 15, 2001 due to the overwhelming response of interested members desiring to attend – presently we have two buses filled (108 guests). After contacting the hotel and requesting additional rooms we have until November 19, 2001 to decide if we need additional rooms. This trip is designed for the dedicated Knight of Columbus to visit the new museum and also help the State Council Scholarship Fund. This trip includes all meals and transportation costs along with transfers to the Museum and a Saturday night dinner at Council #2 – Silver City Council.

Also attend Mass at St. Mary's Church where Fr. McGivney founded the Order.

Go to the State Council web site (<http://www.kofc-md.org>) and click under calendar 2002 and double click the trip flyer. You can also contact Pat Ruckles (Psrbelair@aol.com).

Price is \$630 per couple or \$400 for a single occupancy. A deposit is required. For more info, contact Pat Ruckles (410)515-1213 or Richard Bumstead (410)665-3924.

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best of all. During this Christmas season, we have many opportunities to give the small gift which is much appreciated. Family gatherings are too often an opportunity for us to bring up conflicts and criticism. The season could, on the other hand, become a wonderful chance to say a kind word, to do a small kindness. Even our Christmas cards can be an opportunity to write a line or two about how an individual or their friendship is a gift that we appreciate in our lives. It may take a moment or two longer but I believe that the effect can be large.

As we reflect on the birth of Christ, let us see the wisdom of God's plan. The salvation of the entire world arrives in the smallest of human packages, the Infant Jesus.

PRO-LIFE IS RESPECT LIFE

Charles X. Suraci

Q – A young single black woman finds herself pregnant. The father, not wanting any part of the child's life, abandons her. The woman is poverty stricken and living in an environment of severe racial tension. Knowing that she may be ostracized from her community, thrown deeper into poverty, and knowing that her child would experience poverty, racial segregation and the stigma of being "illegitimate" what would you suggest?

A – If you said abortion, you would have chosen to kill Jesse Jackson. Jackson was once a great civil rights leader and protector of the pre-born. Although his civil rights work is now questionable and he promotes abortion on demand, his life is valuable, and he has been made in the image of God! Please join us in praying that he will return to the truth and realize that his mother chose life for him in the worst of circumstances.

THE PRO-LIFE TEAM WISHES EVERYONE HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**KICKOFF RALLY – JANUARY 13TH,
2002 2PM**

(Continued from page 1) Grand Knight's Report

is Patriotic, our fourth principle. As Knights we support our country and the Fourth Degree. Remember our Pledge of Allegiance, one nation under God. Contrary to the atheists, we as Christians know that we exist at God's pleasure. Support our Country and the Color Corps and anyone interested in joining please see any of the Fourth Degree members.

My compliments to PGK Joe Marks and all of those who made the Thanksgiving Smoker a huge success. It would be great to see all of those Brother Knights who came to the Smoker and the November Social Meeting at the December Business Meeting. Our New Year starts with the annual New Years Eve Dance. Tickets are Fifty Dollars per couple and the band will again be Arrow. January 13th is the March for Life Kick-Off Rally at the Council from 2 P.M. until 5 P.M. with Tony Melendez again and some excellent speakers.

From the Jarboes, Floyd, Alicia and Lauren, we wish all of you a very merry and peaceful Christmas, a happy and prosperous New Year and may our Council exemplify the wishes and ideals of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney.

(Continued from page 1) District Deputy's Report help.

In January, you will be asked to provide input to the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities. This survey is very important for our Order to maintain its Federal tax status. The Order needs to know how much time and money donated by its members. So I ask that every member in this District respond to this survey. Your council will send that survey form out to you shortly. Please fill it out and send back. Thank you in advance for your help.

Charity is the most important element of our Order. During the past month, your council mailed out the Maryland State Council Charity Fund envelope – if you do not have one, please get one from your Grand Knight, I would like to ask that you participate in this wonderful State program. Any thing counts. It is not how much that you give it is the intention when you give. So many people in the State of Maryland have benefited from this fund in time of need. Brothers, please think about the unfortunates during this Holy Season. I am happy to report that last year that every council in our district participated in this wonderful program.

The March For Life will be held in Washington DC in January 2001. Brothers, let's march and pray and voice our opposition to abortion, and continue to pray for its end. Please mark your calendar to take a day off from work to join us and pray for the unborn. You can start now to get a group of people together in preparation for that day. On behalf of our District Warden Kevin Jeffords, his wife Shirley, Mary and I wish you all a most joyous and holy Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year. Please remember our soldiers, policemen, and firemen who might be away from their family during this Holiday Season to protect our country and our freedom. Will you pray for them and their family?



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our December Knight of the Month is a tireless worker for our Council and for the American Legion. Last year when I initiated the fundraiser for the Kenny Royster Family he took the lead along with Tony Horner in making this one of the best Member Charity Functions our Council has had. He began working Bingo's with his Dad at the ripe young age of seven. The training has paid off. When no one else would chair the Bingo Committee this year, he stepped up and was counted. The results have been dramatic and overwhelming. In less than five months under his leadership, the Bingo Committee has turned over \$17,500.00 to the Council. We had hoped to get \$20,000.00 for the whole year. With this Knight's effort and every one else who works the Wednesday Night Bingo's we are able to keep having the kinds of Fraternal Activities that make Fr. Rosensteel Council Knights of Columbus the Flagship Council for the State of Maryland. When you see Brother Mike Robertson at the Council, buy him a shot of Jim Beam and thank him for the wonderful, time consuming job he has done this year along with the entire Bingo Committee.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Family of the Month hails from St. Catherine's. They are one of the Families which this Council depends on month in and month out. He is a Fourth Degree Knight who spends much of his time with the Color Corps. He cooks for our Council on bingo Knights preparing the pizza pies. He also has cooked many times for the Clubhouse functions and for many of our Fraternal events. His wife recently chaired the MaryKnight Charity Fundraiser on November 16th and did a splendid job. I know the Gabriel Project will be astonished at the amount raised for them. They are a family who breathe and live Knights of Columbus. He not only cooks at the Council but has chaired many activities with the Clubhouse and the Building Association. He is now serving as our Council Chancellor and she is the Vice-President of the MaryKnights. Join me in congratulating Bill and Arlene Draize for being our December Family of the Month.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Robert J. Ward

The children's Christmas party will be held on December 16 from 1-4PM. An exciting day is planned for our children including games, piñatas, music, and a visitor from the North. This year's chairman, Brother Ralph Vallone and his lovely wife Annette have also put together a very special treat; a live nativity which Annette will narrate. This party should prove to be a great time for children of all ages. Please plan to join us. The entire Youth Activities team would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Warden Peter Bonin

The months of November and December have and will be quite busy for a great number of members who support council affairs listed: Motown dance, memorial mass & breakfast, needy food baskets, 81st Council anniversary dance, senior Christmas party, new years eve dance, council blood drive, KC kick off dinner for the cardinals charity ball, and Kennedy institute. To show you how well these affairs were attended, we will elaborate on some such as the needy family program, Tom Murphy chaired, ably assisted by brother knights Tim Morse, Tony Horner, Tim Sullivan and his son, Bob McDermott, Bob Mabie, Bob Hubbard, GK Floyd Jarboe, PGK Celso Barrientos, Diane Lynch, Mike Audet & Jerri Bonin. A total of 120 families received food baskets.

The kick off dinner at the Kennedy institute-- his eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick spoke, Thanking the knights for their caring and continued interest and support of the Kennedy institute. As info, our council has supported this appeal at the request of Cardinal O'Boyle and have continued to do so for 42 years. Everyone enjoyed the evening of good food, entertainment, many gifts were received for the wish list needed at the homes and the auction brought in enough money to purchase the much needed wheelchair. Everyone went home with some kind of remembrance to (think spring, April 26, 2002) reserve this date for the Cardinal Ball. don't forget Red Smith & George Gallaghers "blood & breakfast" on Saturday, December 8, 2001. call Red at 301-942-0926 or George 301-762-6617 to give blood.

SURGE WITH SERVICE!

GENERAL PROGRAMS

DGK Frank J. Marchone

The Christmas season is upon us. It's not too late to purchase Knights of Columbus Christmas cards from Brother Gene Rich. Our annual Seniors Christmas Party will be December 9th. This is a fun project and the seniors are very appreciative. Call Brother Ralph Vallone if you can help. We also need help with food basket distribution on Saturday, December 22. Call Brother Tom Murphy to volunteer for this project. The Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 23rd. I'm sure Santa will get a more boisterous reception from the children than he did from the seniors. Then on December 31st we have a party for ourselves. Come ring in the New Year with your council family.

The month of December is always filled with activity. But please remember to Keep Christ is Christmas. I wish all of you a happy and spiritual Holy Season!



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Chancellor William Draize

Here's hoping that everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday to the fullest, with the gathering of family and friends to give thanks to our Creator for everything he has provided for us. We are extremely fortunate.

We are preparing for the Anniversary Dance December 1st in hopes that you will be able to attend, and enjoy the fellowship of friends along with your brother knights. Our Warden Pete Bonin has gone all out in providing you with a tremendous evening of big band music for your dancing pleasure. Don't forget the Seniors Christmas party Dec. 9th. Ralph Vallone has gone all out to give the attendees an unforgettable evening. Maybe you might want to help out, give Brother Ralph a call and volunteer your services for this charitable cause.

I want to wish each and every brother and their families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Wally Horner

MEMORIAL MASS-COMMUNION

BREAKFAST – The Communion breakfast was a great success again this year. One hundred and forty nine attended this delicious breakfast, that consisted of orange juice, fruit cocktail, coffee, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, french toast, rolls, ham and sausage. Fred Horner and his crew made sure that everything in the kitchen and in the serving line was ready and served on time. Thanks to the following volunteers for a job well done; namely Pat Bowles and Tony Horner for setting up the Emerald Room the night before, Ross Baccanari Pete and Gerri Bonin, Steve Caffi, Wally and Elie Horner, Rose MacGillivray, Diane Lynch, Timmy Morse, and Carl Spelacy.

ADVENT WREATH (KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS) Just a reminder, it is not too late to set up your Advent Wreath, which is especially recommended for families with children. Advent begins on the first Sunday of December 2nd.

SUPPORT VOCATION We have received donations in the amount of \$500 which were turned over to the Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará. These funds will be used to help defray the cost of Novices who have entered the religious life.

PAROCHIAL SERVICE PROGRAM (PARISH ROUNDTABLE) To date, our committee has raised \$2,000 for St. Catherine Labouré grade school. These funds were turned over to the Principal.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS During the holidays let us KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS by volunteering in many ways; 1) to work in a soup kitchen in your community 2) by buying Christmas cards with religious themes from our Council, and 3) by visiting hospitals and nursing homes and presenting patients with a religious theme Christmas card. Bring a supply of cards with you for the patient to send to family and friends. Also, offer to helpwrite and mail the cards.

WE WISH ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

RETIRED MENS CLUB OFFICERS 2001-2002

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 Secretary.....George Gadbois(585-6993)
 Treasurer.....Tony Camarano(460-5789)

The RMC celebrated Thanksgiving a little early this year by having our annual Thanksgiving Turkey door prizes at the October Luncheon. Just to be sure the "birds" didn't spoil while they were waiting for the oven, the winners received a stuffed toy turkey and enough cash to buy the real thing at the right time.

Since it was October, Joe Rosick and his energetic kitchen crew and servers provided an Octoberfest that's hard to beat this side of Bavaria, with knockwurst, sauerkraut, potatoes, mixed veggies, rolls, butter and ice cream. The only thing missing was the Oom-Pah Band. Oh well- maybe next year, Joe. I'm not sure the beer came from Germany, but the bartending team of Bonin, Dell Anno and Koski kept it flowing, as well as any other liquid refreshment anyone requested.

Our Travel Chairman, Frank Marchone and his chief assistant, Nancy, say they won't be collecting any money in December - use it to buy Christmas Presents - but we do have a full bus of RMC travelers going to Williamsburg on DEC 6-7, and the June trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan - with stops along the way - is also filled. Call Frank or Nancy at (301) 774-2393 if you want to get on the waiting list.

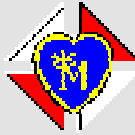
As expected, all the tickets for the Christmas luncheon on Dec. 18th have been sold. We're hoping that an early visit from Santa can be arranged to help us reward the good/lucky people with some nice door prizes. For the good/unlucky ones, Santa usually has a candy cane, at least.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Bob Brown, President

HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Due to the urgent need for blood around the Christmas holidays, Fr. Rosensteel Council will be having a Holiday Blood Drive. On Saturday, December 8th, starting at 9 AM until 1 PM, the Council will be having another Blood and Breakfast. If possible, please sign up in advance (we will take walk-ins though). This is not limited to Council members only, so if you have some friends or neighbors, please spread the good word. For reservations, please contact Red Smith at (301)942-0926 or George Gallagher at (301)762-6617



MARYKNIGHTS NEWS OFFICERS 2001-2002

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 Treasurer.....Kathy Arvedlund(681-5436)
 Historian.....Pat Koski(942-5784)

Fr. Trancones' reflections were inspiring-our lives have changed in the past few months, and we ask, "Why does this happen?" Perhaps to increase our faith and to ponder where our faiths leads us. God loves us, and remember, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. Begin your day with that phrase.

Our speaker was Pat Brown of the 100 yr. old Christ Child Society. There are 38 chapters in the U.S., her chapter gives 4,000 crocheted or knitted layettes away each year. They need people to HELP make these items, if anyone is interested call CARMELA PLUNKETT 301-598-1718, she is willing to show you how to knit or crochet IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN, materials are provided, this can be an on-going charity project for the Maryknights .

Our membership is 118 paid members, 4 lifetime and 2 deceased, new member is Gloria Poulos and Virginia Scuderi was made a lifetime member.

Ways and Means for October was \$159 .Total to date \$338.75.

Bernie Kacvinski won the 50/50.

23 gifts were donated to the Kennedy Inst. Wish List at the kick-off dinner.

Lights for Love at Holy Cross Hosp. We will purchase 5 lights for the tree in memory of our deceased members . The ceremony is Sunday, Dec.2 at 4:30 pm.

Slips were drawn for childrens gifts for the Needy Christmas basket.

There were 57 ladies present at the Retreat with Fr. Kevin Kennedy his theme was very inspiring "What Is Jesus and Who Am I?" Transition from your young days to old age can be accomplished by returning to traits of children.

Decembers' meeting will have the Old St. John Choir for a concert, PLEASE JOIN US for a good evening.

A review of the By-laws for the Maryknights was done by a committee and it was decided some revisions were needed. Please read the suggested changes and be ready to vote at the December meeting. If you do not have a copy of the By-laws, call Alicia Jarboe 301-681-3886. Keep up bringing in soaps, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS: January- Speaker on type 2 diabetes - Anniversary Dance - Mini Retreat.\ The Charity Ball/Silent Auction was a great success, we do not have all the figures in to make a complete report. It will be published in January.

Have a Very Holy Christmas and Happy New Year.

Arlene Draize

MARY'S WIDOWS

The most recent meeting of Mary's Widows was held on Monday, November 5th, 2001 at the China Gourmet Restaurant in Kensington. Forty two members were present. Hostesses for the luncheon were Rose Emig and Dot Furnary. Louise Githens and Marian Rusk were in charge of the 50/50 which was won by Betty Molloy.

We look forward to seeing many of our members at the Christmas luncheon which will be held at Fr. Rosensteel Council on Monday, December 3rd at 11:30 AM Our Chairlady Ruth Ferraro and our Past Chairlady Louise Githens are planning some pleasant surprises for all who attend. Members of the telephone committee will be contacting all of the ladies. Remember, any lady whose husband, at the time of his death, was a member in good standing of Fr. Rosensteel Council is eligible for membership in Mary's Widows and is cordially invited to join us at our monthly meetings.

On the first Christmas Eve the choir of angels sang Christ's promise of peace on earth to men and women of good will. May the Infant Babe of Bethlehem bring His Blessings of peace, health, and happiness to you and yours on this Christmas Day and throughout the year.

William E. Fenton, Sr. PFN
Coordinator