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Bishop McNamara Council #1622
Frederick, MD
David B. Satterfield - Grand Knight

Meet 1st and 3rd Monday, each month, 7:30 pm, St. John's Literary Institute at Prospect Hall, Frederick, MD

On July 11, the officers of Bishop McNamara Council were installed after Mass co-celebrated by Chaplain Father Marvin Archuleta and Father Paul Iaia at St. John the Evangelist Church. The installation was exemplified by District Deputy Robert Jack and District Warden William Jack. A dinner followed. State Treasurer Romeo Gauthier and his wife Pat were among the dignitaries. The officers were Rev. Marvin Archuleta - Chaplain, David Satterfield - GK, E. Allen Harris - DGK, William Kinsella - Chancellor, Michael Smith - Warden, Thomas Defibaugh - Advocate, William Schenkel - Financial Secretary, John Mazzaresse - Treasurer, David Wilson - Recorder, Inside Guard - Lewis Cox, Matthew Meadows - Outside Guard, William Brown - Delegate, George Williams - Trustee, Joseph Brashears - Trustee, Robert Weedon - Trustee. Office changes during the year included Neil Durso - Outside Guard, Eugene McCarty - Second Outside Guard and Ernest Musser Sr - Trustee and Lecturer.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES - E.Allen Harris

Each meeting a decade of the rosary is recited. In October 97, we conducted a special ceremony to rededicate our Council to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our 1997 seminarian RSVP recipient, Br. Paul Brezenski, was ordained in the diaconate in May 97 and is his preparing for his ordination as a priest in May 98. We are currently supporting a new seminarian at Mount Saint Mary's College, Mr. Collin Poston. The Council and Assembly had the misfortune of losing 13 Knights to death during the year. A joint Memorial Mass with Bishop McNamara Assembly was co-celebrated in November by Chaplain Father Marvin Archuleta and Father Paul Iaia St. John's Literary Institute at Prospect Hall, followed by a gourmet meal prepared by Worthy Recorder David Wilson. Beginning in September 1997, our Council ran a Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday of every month to benefit the Council and the scholarship fund at St. Johns Institute at Prospect Hall. The council made a special donation to the Baltimore Diocese's priest's retirement fund. The St. Johns Round Table helped decorated St. John the Evangelist Church for Christmas 97 and Easter 98.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - George Williams, PGK

In May 1997, we conducted a Bingo as part of the St. John Regional School Fair with all proceeds going to the school. In June 1997, our annual letters and cash awards were presented to the Outstanding Graduating Male Student at St. Johns Regional (primary) School and St. Johns Literary Institute, in conjunction with a Catholic Daughter's award to girls. We also made a cash award to the Valedictorian of St. Johns Literary Institute. We instituted a Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund for deserving Catholic Students at St. Johns Literary Institute and will be building the fund with proceeds from our monthly pancake breakfasts and other fundraising events. In October 1997, we raised almost \$3000.00 for ARC of Frederick in our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. On the fourth Saturday of every month, our Council sponsored two "Share of Baltimore" food cooperative sites in the Frederick area to assist residents in obtaining food at reduced cost. We built shelves and installed storeroom lighting for the sports department at St. John's Literary Institute at Prospect Hall.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - Ernest Musser, Sr., PGK, PFN, FDD, PCP

A pro-life Christmas party was held where guests were asked to donate a newborn item, which was presented to Birthright of Frederick. The Christmas party included tree decoration painting for the children. The Council continued to encourage participation through our newsletter mailing, council internet webpage, and phone news message recording. In August 1997, the council held a joint picnic with the Bishop McNamara Assembly. Our First Degree team conducted a six degrees for our council and in May 97 conducted a First Degree as part of the chartering of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council #11975 in Thurmont, Maryland. Approximately 20 knights, ladies and friends acted as Preakness ushers in May 97 as a Council fundraiser. In January 98, Br. Bernie Litchfield Sr. coordinated a very successful bus tour of Washington DC sites, including historic St. Patrick's Church, St. Aloyius Church, the Monastery and tour and Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Ernest Musser , Sr., PGK, PFN, FDD, PCP

Our council conducted a Family of the Month Program and one family was selected by Supreme to receive a statue of Mary. Our Council held a special picnic for families in July 1997 where the children got a special treat in a highly successful pond fishing event.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - William Kinsella

Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest was chaired by Julius Pellegrino and drew almost 200 entries from local Parishes and Catholic Schools. The Council winners of the Poster Contest were awarded cash prizes and their posters are displayed on the Council's internet webpage. Our annual Youth Basketball Freethrow was chaired by Neil Durso and conducted in January 98 at the St. John's Literary Institute. Freethrow winners were presented with plaques and their picture was placed in the Frederick Post Newspaper and is displayed on the Council's webpage.

MEMBERSHIP - William Brown, PGK, PFN

The Council held some very successful membership drives which permitted us in meeting our membership quota. We also had five knights receive Honorary Membership and one Knight receive Honorary Life membership.