



# Father Rizer Council #6828



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**October 2016**

**Business Meeting** – Thurs Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM at PC  
**Membership Blitz** – Oct 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – After Masses  
**W&M Football Concessions** – 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> (Saturdays)  
**BINGO** – Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Harris Teeter at 5PM  
**Program Meeting** – Thurs Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 7 PM - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree

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**Grand Knight’s Comments**

**Oct 2016**

Greetings,

We are saddened by the sudden loss of two Sir Knights that were dear to us, **Giancarlo diFazio** and **Cecil Campbell**. We have posted on our website the news of the memorials and honors for these Catholic Gentlemen. Please pray for the repose of their souls and comfort for their families during these difficult times.

The council has been very busy over the past two months, and I appreciate all those Knights who continue our charitable works to the parish and community. August activity highlights included the Officers’ Installation and Dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Bingo on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and a Program Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. In September there were two football concession fundraisers at the new W&M Zable Stadium, our monthly Bingo fundraiser, a District Second (Formation) Degree Exemplifications, and the dedication of the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham.

The August program meeting at Ascension Byzantine Catholic Church was a great success. Brothers **Don Merkley** and **John Labanish** hosted an Iconography presentation and dessert social that was well attended. Thanks to Don and John for all their hard work. There are many pictures in the gallery on our website, and two videographers were present. Gathering at Ascension, learning about the traditions of the Byzantine Rite, and showing our solidarity with our Catholic brothers and sisters expands our reach and leads to a greater understanding of our faith history. In fact, I received several positive comments and requests for another activity with Ascension and the Byzantine Rite, so I’m pleased to report that our January 25, 2017, Program Meeting will again bring our two parishes together, this time at St. Bede.

In the near term, October has several activities for the council, including our Membership Blitz at all Masses on 15/16 Oct, W&M Concessions on 15 and 29 Oct, Bingo on 16 Oct, and a First (Admissions) Degree on 27 Oct.

We will start KCIC card sales in the first weekend in November, are planning a bus Pilgrimage to the JP II Shrine on November 19<sup>th</sup>, and are expecting to hear shortly from the parish staff regarding the details of an anticipated November move to the new Rizer Room.

Vivat Jesus!  
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## **Knight of the Month (Aug)**

“He’s not heavy, he’s my brother”

The August Knight of the month is our local Iconographer, **Don Merkley** for his stellar work in preparing for the Program Meeting and presenting a thorough history of the role of icons and explaining the meaning and use of the icons. Don remains active in the Ascension parish and is featured in the Williamsburg Neighbor magazine at the center fold article. Please let Don know you appreciate all his hard work to make that a great event.

## **Knight of the Month (Sep)**

The September Knight of the Month is our Worthy Treasurer and W&M Concession Coordinator **Mike Griffin**. Mike has been very busy assembling and leading the W&M Football Concessions in the new Zable Stadium. This has been well coordinated and fruitful to date, and Mike’s leadership and guidance have led to substantial fundraising in support of Council activities. Thanks to Mike and all our Knights and family members who have supported this effort.

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## **Family of the Month (Aug)**

“As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live” Pope John Paul II

The August Family of the Month is the **Labanish Family**. John and Betta were the driving force behind the second half of the program meeting, namely, the Dessert Social and Fellowship in the St. Peter Fellowship Hall at Ascension. This second half of the meeting served to increase the camaraderie and cohesion between our two parishes, and sparked several comments from visitors that they hoped we would do this again. The success of the fellowship was due to John’s coordination with our Warden and Deputy to ensure they had the Hall well-prepared. He and Betta were there

well in advance and had the fellowship standing tall! Thanks, John and Betta.

## **Family of the Month (Sep)**

The September Family of the Month is the **Vadas Family**. Not only was George working on both Degree Exemplification Teams, both he and Tima could be found at the W&M Concessions Stand during our two fundraisers in September. He and Tina are have been constants in the Bingo fundraiser for many years and are great participants in council and parish activities. They were also up in Richmond for Giancarlo's Wake, Rosary, and Funeral. Please make sure you say thanks to both George and Tina for their continued support to our council.

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## **MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

### ***Membership Blitz – 15/16 Oct*** **At all Masses**

Please be sure to wear nameplates and join your Council brothers after Mass this weekend at our Table in the Commons. In addition to materials provided by Supreme, we will provide concise, one-page sheets to hand to prospective Knights and wives.

Please also look over the “Ten Keys to Recruiting Success” handouts that provide recruiting tips and list Fraternal Benefits.

We congratulate our newest 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Knights -- **Fr. Alex Muddu** and **Leo O. Ruiz**, and our newest 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight - **Fr. Alex Muddu**.

#### **Next closest Degrees:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree** – 6828 Fr Rizer, Thur Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm at PC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree** – #8816 West Pt, Mon Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree** – #8816 West Pt, Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree** – Sat Nov 5<sup>th</sup> in Richmond 10 am

**V/J Barry Sadler, Membership Director**



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## FUNDRAISING CORNER

### NEW - GRAND 50/50 DRAWING



A GRAND 50/50 DRAWING SPONSORED BY FR. JAMES LEE RIZER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6828 IS BEING HELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF THE COUNCIL TO INCLUDE; VETERANS SUPPORT, HOMELESS SUPPORT AND ST. BEDE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SUPPORT.

#### How to buy a ticket:

Send an email to Barry Holland at [fholland@cox.net](mailto:fholland@cox.net) indicating name, contact info and number of tickets wanted.

Or you can mail the request in the attached form for tickets to the Council mail box: Fr. James Lee Rizer Council #6828, Knights of Columbus, PO Box 6394, Williamsburg, VA 23188-5222.

Pay for your ticket(s) [donation is \$50.00 per ticket] and pick up same at council meetings until the business meeting in December or at selected weekends at the administrative area at the St. Bede Church. Please make out donations to Fr. Rizer KofC Council #6828. Note that the payment is for the "50/50 Grand Drawing." Checks only please!

#### The fine print:

- 1 This 50/50 is open only to members in good standing of the Fr. James Lee Rizer Council #6828 residing in the state of Virginia.

- 2 The requested donation is \$50.00 per ticket. A maximum of 5 tickets to any one member please.
- 3 Members can request a ticket without a donation. To get the ticket without a donation you must be present at the Business Meeting of the council on November 10, 2016.
- 4 A maximum of 110 tickets will be issued.
- 5 Drawing will be held at the December business meeting after the close of the Council meeting. Council Trustees will draw winning ticket numbers. You do not have to be present to win.
- 6 The 50/50 prize will be computed as follows: 1st prize is 35% of the net proceeds [gross receipts minus expenses estimated to be approximately \$300] received by the end of the December business meeting. 2nd prize will be 10% of the net proceeds and 3rd prize will be 5% of the net proceeds.

*Tickets will be tallied by the Council and must be picked up in person as described above.*



We need new blood in helping with our largest fundraiser. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.

### Next BINGO – Sunday, Oct 16<sup>st</sup>

Please thank Brothers **Jack and Bert Tier, Jon Martinez, Jim Kendall, and Ed Doyas** for working the bingo on Sunday Sep 18<sup>th</sup>. The team sold 9 instant and 7 money ball games for a total of 10,790 tickets. Please consider joining this vital fund raising effort in the future.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,

**George G Vadas and Barry Holland**



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## **W&M Football Concessions**

A big shout out with appreciation to our volunteers at the Norfolk State game on Saturday, 17 Sept and Elon game on Saturday, 24 Sep.: **Peter and Marie Andrews, Bob Burke, Kevin Elliott, Zach Favret, Bob Garcia, Kevin Harper, Ron and Mary Jolda, Jack McAvoy, Mike McDermott, Jim Murtha, Rocky Natchus, Mark Reardon, Gary Sadler, George and Tina Vadas.** Thank you so much for your participation. These were busy events, with two or three concession areas, and of course our learning curve at the newly renovated (\$28 million) Zable Stadium facility. Even though hectic at times, I know that we bonded well and believe a good evening was had by all.

## **October Games:**

**Saturday, 15 Oct – Homecoming (vs Delaware)**

**Saturday, 29 Oct – vs Maine**

Please contact **Michael Paul Griffin**, to volunteer at [griffin67siena@yahoo.com](mailto:griffin67siena@yahoo.com)

## **In Memoriam -**

**SK Giancarlo diFazio**

**SK Cecil Campbell**

*Eternal Rest grant unto Cecil and Giancarlo O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

Worthy Brothers All, A special thanks to all brothers and their ladies who participated at the wake of brother Giancarlo in Richmond with the recitation of the rosary and the reading of the Office of the Dead. We were honored to have our parochial vicar Fr. Alex Muddu with us to lead us in the prayers.  
Barry Holland, DGK

*May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen*

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please keep our sick Brothers and their Families and friends in your prayers.

- Br John Plifka
- Br Deacon Greg Valentine
- Cindy Martinez (Br J Martinez’s Mother)
- Patricia Griffin ( Wife of Br Michael)
- Br Ed Doyas
- District Deputy SK William "Bill" Garber
- SK Tom Barr
- Father John French
- Br Walter Rivera
- Br John Gignac
- BR Fran McRickard
- Br Bob Baron
- Hannah, (friend of Br Natchus)
- Fr Patrick McMahon
- Carol Law (friend of Br Harper)
- Br Steve Martini
- Br Ed Conway
- Br Bob Dickinson
- Br Kenny Derenthal
- Br John Slemietkowski
- CL Trentham (Mother of FS J Trentham)
- Br Harry Zackrison
- Michael Smith (Mike Griffin’s Br in law)
- Fr Pat McMahon
- Sis Ratkus (Br Ted’s wife)
- SK Bob Hinger
- Mark May (SK Elmer’s son)
- SK Robert Brandveen
- Margarite Dwyer (Br Frank’s wife)
- Isabelle (Br PJ McQuade’s granddtr)
- Janice Martinez (friend of the Council)
- Christine (neighbor of DGK)
- Patty Ryan’s (GK Jack Ryan’s (D) widow)
- Elizabeth Sweeney (widow of Jack)

And all our family and friends who are in need of God’s healing Grace.

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## *Rizer’s Rollers*

Your Knights of Columbus bowling team, Rizer's Rollers, has a need for another bowler. Our league meets on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. at the AMF Williamsburg Lanes on Olde Town Road. In addition to good fellowship and fun (while getting away from the house for a while), league members are eligible

for awards, CASH prizes, discount cards, etc... In addition, a 5th Regular Bowler helps to provide the support that our team needs. For more information, please contact myself at the number listed below.

**SK James Kendall**  
**Captain, Rizer's Rollers**  
[757-561-7365](tel:757-561-7365)



## **PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II IN WASHINGTON D.C.**

Fr. James Lee Rizer Council is sponsoring a pilgrimage trip to the National Shrine of Saint John Paul II in Washington, D.C.

A guided tour by our fellow Brothers of the Shrine and Exhibits of Saint John Paul II. The relics and memorabilia of St. Thomas Moore will also be on display.

Depart St. Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188 Parking Lot on **Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 8:00 AM** traveling to Washington, D.C.

Visit the Shrine by guided tour from approximately 11:00 AM with Mass at Noon

and lunch at your own expense at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (down the street) at approximately 1:30 PM then more time at the Shrine

Depart for St. Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg at 4:00 PM.

Cost is **\$40.00 per person** and includes drinks and snacks on bus. (The cost is based on having a full bus.)

Limit is 45 seats

If you want to reserve seats please notify Barry Holland at [fholland@cox.net](mailto:fholland@cox.net) via email and mail a check for \$40.00 per person *made payable to Fr. Rizer Council 6828* to Barry Holland, 6 Downing Ct, Williamsburg, VA 23185 **prior to October 12, 2016.**

The reservations will be on a first-come basis.

## **Celebrating our Name Sake – Christopher Columbus** **Columbus Day – Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Columbus was regarded as one of the most heroic and significant figures of his or any age. The “Admiral of the Ocean Seas” was celebrated throughout the Americas as a visionary who braved the unknown on a mission of discovery that created a new world.

Columbus has been honored in the United States for nearly as long as the country has existed. The word “Columbia” (land of Columbus) was coined in 1738, perhaps by Samuel Johnson, and was soon adopted in the colonies. Starting during the Revolution, Columbia was revered as the goddess of freedom, as Lady Liberty. The song “Hail Columbia,” the music for which was composed for George Washington’s inauguration in 1789, was the unofficial national anthem for over a century, and the seat of government for the new country was named the District of Columbia. Columbia became synonymous with America.

**For more info see: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04140a.htm> the Catholic Encyclopedia. *Rely on Catholic information... there is too much ignorant and false information about our name-sake on the internet. If you need support answering critics and myths about Christopher Columbus please see the editor. Vivat Jesu, Bob Hinger***



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## PROGRAMS, MEETINGS, EVENTS

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### Nov 2016

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**Mass for Deceased Knights** – Sat Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 9 am Mass at CCM (Shrine OLW)

**Pilgrimage to Shrine of St JP !!** – Sat Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – Depart 8 am Return 6:30 pm

### W&M Concessions

**Sat, 19 Nov – vs Richmond**

**BINGO** – Sun Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Harris Teeter at 5PM

**Program Meeting** – Thurs Nov 24<sup>th</sup> CNX  
Have a Happy Thanksgiving

**Send write-ups, content, pictures to editor by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to**

## MONTHLY KNIGHT'S LUNCHEON

On the last Wednesday of the month we have an informal dutch treat luncheon at Noon. Join us for food and fraternity. The only topics of discussion that are off-limits are Knight's business and politics.

Anyone wishing to join us is asked to call Don Seger at 565-23348, [dseg62@gmail.com](mailto:dseg62@gmail.com), or Hal O'Connor at 880-7077, [hal@haloconnor.com](mailto:hal@haloconnor.com)

Note: Calendar of Events can be found on our Council's Website: [WWW.KOFC6828.ORG](http://WWW.KOFC6828.ORG)

[www.fatherrizercouncil6828.org/calendar.htm](http://www.fatherrizercouncil6828.org/calendar.htm)

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**Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was this August 19<sup>th</sup>. We plan on a big celebration later in the year when the new parish annex is complete. Details to follow in the coming months**