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**“At the end of our life, we shall all be judged by charity.”  
- St. John of the Cross**

**CHAPLAIN’S REPORT**

Father David McGuigan

No report.

**GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT**

Michael Murphy

Dear Brother Knights,

Thank you for your confidence in my ability to lead this Council and serve you as your Grand Knight. I will not let you down. I only ask for your prayers and support going forward.

My outlook for my year is to (1) increase the number of members attending our business meetings and socials, (2) build the number of volunteers supporting our charitable events, (3) establish a strong partnership with our Parish, and (4) re-look at how we get things done to see how we may be better serve our members. I believe that last point will make a big difference in our success.

My first task will be to bring our Council into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The new UKnight-hosted web page will make our communications much more interactive. Secondly, over the next few weeks, we will be establishing a dial-in number to participate in conference calls with a number of our non-Business meetings (such as the Directors Meetings, Home Corp Meetings, committee meetings, etc.). Many of us already

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use this type of tool with our regular jobs and it will be a great convenience to those who wish to participate but are otherwise unable to participate (sick family member, babysitting, travel, etc.). I will still prefer that physical attendance be the norm, but in certain circumstances I would rather have them participate remotely than not at all.

Another item will be establishing our Bi-Annual Council Climate Survey. This will be an anonymous web-based survey (with printed copies available for those who do not have internet access) that will take the pulse of our membership. What do we do well, and what do

we not do well? Are our meeting dates and times convenient? Too long or too short? Many other things that will help us moving forward to build a better Council for everyone.

We will also establish a By-Laws Review Committee to look at updating our Council By-laws. We've had many major changes to our organizational structure and physical location since our last by-laws were published.

Finally, I would like to build a better mentoring program for our new Knights. They come for their First Degree, and then sometimes we never see them again. (I think that that first meeting running until 10:00 for them scares a lot away.) I will work to develop a program where the Sponsors support the new Knights for the first 6 months including bringing them to meetings, charitable events, and socials, encouraging their advancement in the degrees, and helping them develop as strong Knights and our future leaders.

Thank you all again for your prayerful support. I look forward to serving you and building on the great work of my predecessors.

Vivat Jesu,  
Michael Murphy  
Grand Knight

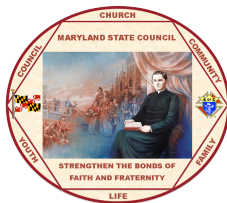
## SUPREME COUNCIL REPORT

[www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org)

Please check out the webpage for a variety of informative and enlightening articles and news about recent events for the KofC around the world.

## STATE COUNCIL REPORT

<http://www.kofc-md.org/>



Please check out the State webpage ([www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)) for information on upcoming State events and programs.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Bill Adams, District Deputy

No report.



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## COUNCIL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Mike Hurley

We can minimize taxes with whole life insurance. Proper tax planning should do two things: reduce your taxes while you are alive, as well as after you die. Permanent life insurance does both. Public television's tax guru Ed Slott calls cash accumulating, permanent life insurance THE most important exemption in the tax code, and this specific financial product is the primary focus of your Knights of Columbus fraternal benefits program. It is what we do best.

If we die.....I should say.....when we die, no matter how big the life insurance death benefit is- \$50,000 or \$50 million- our beneficiaries won't pay a single cent Of income tax on the money they get. Not so with our IRA or tax deferred annuities. The IRS could take up to 35 cents of every dollar we leave them as income tax.

Permanent, cash accumulating life insurance also helps us during our lifetime. The mounting federal deficit and the long term health care crisis have put impossible strains on Medicare and Social Security. That won't improve in our lifetime. But tax deferred growth of cash inside a life insurance policy is not vulnerable to the whims of the people who run Social Security and Medicare. It is safe, tax advantaged money that we can use to supplement retirement income. Furthermore, younger folks should remember

that you don't have to wait until you are age 59 and a half to access your life insurance cash value. Call my cell #410-913-7835 or send me an email at [michael.hurley@kofc.org](mailto:michael.hurley@kofc.org).

Vivat Jesu,  
Michael Hurley, FIC  
Council Benefits Advisor

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Annual Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus Council #7612 will be hosting its 23rd annual Golf Tournament again at Oakmont Green Golf Club. This year's tournament will take place on Friday, September 9th at 1:00pm. Drinks and dinner will again be provided.

Please contact Bernie Zaworski with questions.

The Golf Tournament flier and sponsorship information can be found at the end of the Communiqué.

### Council Web Page Upgrade

FROM THE WEBMASTER:

Brothers All, our [kofc7612.org](http://kofc7612.org) webpage is being updated. The first change is placing the Council Minutes in a secured file with User Name and Pass word protection. Please contact our Webmaster, Brother Ray Miles if you wish to access the Council Business Meeting Minutes.

We are moving the webpage from a commercial web hosting service to a service provided by the Supreme Council. The transition will be, for the most part, transparent to Council Members. The move to the UKnight hosting service will give more flexibility to the Council Officers and members in utilizing the on-line tools and communication links. Once the transition is complete, Webmaster Ray will publish instructions on how to gain access to the Business Meeting minutes and other secured files.

If you have any questions, please contact Ray.

Contact Recorder Ray Miles for additional information at [raymiles6743@yahoo.com](mailto:raymiles6743@yahoo.com)

## LECTURER'S REPORT

No report.

Lecturer position is currently vacant. Anyone interested, please see the Grand Knight.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Ryder

No report.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ray Miles, Recorder

The Good of the Order Door Prize of \$149 would have been won by Brother John Cullerton, if he had been present at the June Business Meeting. Since John did not attend the meeting, the Door Prize for the July Good Of the Order drawing will be \$175.....you must be present at the Business Meeting to win the Good Of the Order Prize!!!

## ACTIVITY REPORTS

### CHURCH

Peter O'Sullivan

### Tuesday Rosary

This tradition began following the 9/11 tragedy and has continued without interruption. In addition to the victims of 9/11, we remember our service and law enforcement men and women and other intentions as they arise. Everyone is invited to come to the Cassidy Center at 7:30 p.m. whenever you have an hour to spare on a Tuesday night.

### Adoration

Our Council has committed to have members present from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. every Sunday morning. All Knights, their families, and friends

are invited and encouraged to participate in this beautiful activity.

## COMMUNITY

George Snediker

No report.

## MEMBERSHIP

We welcome our new members, those re-activated and transferred! Join in with what interests you have and provide us with your feedback and inputs. Looking at what we do from a different perspective helps to keep us grounded and is the life-blood of any Council.

***We have a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man.***

Please reach out to Catholic men you meet or know at church to see if they may be interested in joining our brotherhood. If you are not sure what to say or do, don't hesitate to contact me or any Past Grand Knight of our Council. Also, remember that there are materials at our Bulletin Board area which is behind the steps to the new Hall. You are welcome to hand out any of the information on the Knights to a prospective candidate. We will add more Form 100's to the drawer for recruitment use. Let me know if we need more materials to be stored there.

Greg Lofton, PGK, Membership Director

## COUNCIL

No report.

## PIT BEEF

David Love

Well, It is that time of the year to start working the Pit Beef Events. This year we are signed up for three events so far. The first one is coming in one month, The Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks at the Farm Museum. The Date, July Fourth of course, Event opens at 2 PM runs until about 7pm, we normally are

around until about 8pm then we clean up and wait for the fireworks to go off.

The next event is the Single largest event for the council, The Maryland Wine Festival in Westminster and the Farm Museum. It is a 2 day event Saturday and Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> (10-6) and 18<sup>th</sup> (11-6). The Final event Scheduled will be the Fall Harvest Days October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, more details to come.

We need your help, Please sign up to help at any or all the events, Being so close come up for a couple of hours or stay all day. Like in the past we will have a set up crew,(weather pending the night before), The early Risers to help set up or finish setting up the site and start the fire. The Lunch shift 11-2:30 the afternoon shift 2-5:30 the clean up/ break down 5 to the end. Times are flexible. The more the merrier, come early or plan on staying late to see all the activities at each event and share in the Fraternity and Fellowship.

These are some of our largest fundraising events of the year, and it helps make the money we can donate to the various Charities and to the Church.

Contact me at earliest, or any time, to let me know you are interested to help out and when you can .

David Love

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240-417-4288 (Cell or text)

## CONCESSION STAND PROJECT

Tony Gioio

No report

## FAMILY

Jarvis Abellana

## Family of the Month

This month we selected a model family to represent our Council. They are very active in church, family activities, and supporting the Pro-Life awareness. Congratulations to Al and Linda, along with daughter Catherine and son Matthew.

This family is in our Tuesday Rosary group, and on Sundays, Al is a teacher for the St. Joseph's Youth Ministry, and also our Council's Culture of Life Director. Linda volunteered her time for Children's Liturgy and as a Greeter for our parishioners. Catherine is an Altar Server. Matthew is an active Scout, and be seen helping the family during our Dinner and Movie Nights. Most of all, the Grasleys coordinated this year's Annual Baby Bottle Drive to support our local Pregnancy Center.

### **Record on Charity**

Number for donations and service hours;  
\$175,079,192.00 and 73.5 million hours. .

## **CULTURE OF LIFE**

Al Grasley

### **6th annual Baby Bottle drive**

Current total for baby bottle drive is: \$8100.

Thank you to all that helped and all who have contributed. That is a heft check for tender Care Pregnancy center. We will be presenting the check in July and will post pictures.

### **Presumptive Republican Nominee is Pro-life**

I realize Trump brings out strong feels from people, but he is promising to appoint Pro-Life judges, and defund Planned Parenthood.

### **Reported on LifeNews.com :**

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/06/23/pro-life-group-backs-donald-trump-he-will-appoint-pro-life-judges-and-defund-planned-parenthood/>

“Another state pro-life group has issued a statement supporting Donald Trump. The New York State Right to Life Committee PAC is supporting Donald Trump for President of the United States in the 2016 election. The endorsement comes after a pro-life group from Pennsylvania;vania backed Trump.

*The pro-life organization says it appreciates Trump's advocacy for good judges — especially for the Supreme Court — and his willingness to*

### **sign legislation to defund the Planned Parenthood abortion business.**

“Mr. Trump has met the criteria of the PAC on the life issues and he is running a serious campaign,” the group told LifeNews.com in a statement. “He has also said he will appoint pro-life judges to the Supreme Court and will not approve funding for Planned Parenthood as long as they are in the abortion business.”

The group said it appreciated how, in an article that appeared in the Washington Examiner a few months ago, Donald Trump said,“The next president must follow those principles that work best and that reinforce the reverence Americans hold for life.....it is by preserving our culture of life that we will Make America Great Again.”

Stay Strong, God is on our side!

Al Grasley  
“Pro-Life Guy”

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Position vacant.

The council is need of both a Youth Activities Director. Worthy volunteers should contact the Grand Knight or Program Director. For either position or both. It does not need to be the same person.

## **C.U.F.P., INC. (HOME CORPORATION)**

Harold Bernadzikowski, President  
Ray Miles, Treasurer

No report.

## **WARDEN'S REPORT**

No report.

## **ASSEMBLY REPORT**

Greg Lofton

No report.

## Operation Welcome Home

The calendar of OWHMD events for August and September can be found at:

[www.operationwelcomehomemd.org](http://www.operationwelcomehomemd.org)

Please consider attending one of these events – it's a wonderful feeling to show our returning troops how much support they have.

## BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GK'S

Gregory McClain– President

<http://www.mdkofc.org/baltimore/default.htm>

Chapter meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Council home of one of our affiliates.

## SHEEN'S COLLEENS CORNER

Brenda Watson-Ransdell

No report.



## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Tony Gioio

If you know of a member who is sick or is recently deceased, please email or call the Chancellor as soon as possible. (Tony Gioio@comcast.net or [chancellor@kofc7612.org](mailto:chancellor@kofc7612.org) )

### **Please pray for our recently deceased Brothers, family members', and friends:**

Paul Yasuda—Deceased 6/13/2016—requested by David Love

### **Please pray for our sick and injured:**

Sarah Mandella—wife of Mike Mandella  
Carol Herrura—relative Mike Hurley  
Sammie Needham—requested by David Love  
Carmella Gioio—sister of Tony Gioio  
Thomas Ryder—brother of Chris Ryder  
Brother Knight Dave Smith  
Pam Murphy—wife of Mike Murphy  
Jennifer SanFellipo—daughter of Frank SanFellip  
Carolyn Nacewicz—Wife of Mark Nacewicz  
Wesley Hohl—son of Ray Hohl  
Thomas Martin—father of Chris Martin

### **Please pray for our special intentions:**

Seminarians: Robert Katafiasz and Lee Benson, both at St Mary's Seminary .

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## UPCOMING CHARITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### CONCESSION STAND AT M&T STADIUM

Contact: Tony Gioio—[tonygioio@comcast.net](mailto:tonygioio@comcast.net) or 443-798-5671

#### **2016 Baltimore Ravens Home Schedule**

Thursday, Aug. 11 at 7:30 pm vs. Carolina Panthers  
Saturday, Aug. 27 at 7:00 pm vs. Detroit Lions  
Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1:00 vs. Buffalo Bills  
Sunday, Oct. 02 at 1:00 vs. Oakland Raiders  
Sunday, Oct. 09 at 1:00 vs. Washington Redskins  
Sunday, Nov. 06 at 1:00 vs. Pittsburgh Steelers  
Thursday, Nov. 10 at 8:25 vs. Cleveland Browns  
Sunday, Nov. 27 at 1:00 vs. Cincinnati Bengals  
Sunday, Dec. 04 at 1:00 vs. Miami Dolphins  
Sunday, Dec. 18 at 1:00 vs. Philadelphia Eagles

### CAR RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Contact: Jarvis Abellana—[jarabe1981@yahoo.com](mailto:jarabe1981@yahoo.com) or 410-549-0664

#### **Sykesville-Freedom District VFD Carnival**

June 18–24, 5:30–9:30 pm daily

#### **Winfield VFD Carnival**

July 11–16, 5:30–9:30 pm daily

#### **Eldersburg Walmart**

Saturday, August 13, 11:00–4:00  
Saturday, August 27, 11:00–4:00  
Saturday, September 10, 11:00–4:00  
Saturday, September 24, 11:00–4:00

#### **Outside St. Joseph's Catholic Church**

After All Masses—TBD





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OF COLUMBUS**  
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**ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN COUNCIL # 7612**  
**23rd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

You're invited to join us and play a fun round of golf to support

**The Robert H. Clark Memorial Scholarship**

In memory of Robert H. Clark, a longtime educator in Maryland public schools and a member of Council 7612, this Scholarship was established to provide assistance to 4 local high school students entering College. Each year the Knights of Columbus, Council 7612 awards \$10,000 in scholarships for payment of tuition and fees.

**Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016**

**1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start**

**@**

**Oakmont Green Golf Club  
2290 Golf View Lane, Hampstead, Md.  
Captain's Choice Scramble**

**\$100 per person  
\$360 per foursome**

**There will be a steak dinner at the course following the event.  
Chilled beverages will be available on the course.**

**Trophy awarded to Top 3 Teams  
Putting Competition  
Longest Drive (Men, Women, Senior)  
Closest to the Pin**

**Closest to the Pin (50/50)  
Betting Hole  
Mulligans available**

**\*\*Range Balls included before round**

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**Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus #7612 or KOC #7612**

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer #4: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Registration**

Please list sponsor name as you want it to appear on the signage

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exclusive Sponsorship Selection: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hole Sponsorship Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* In order to guarantee your spot please complete the entry form and return with payment to:

Knights of Columbus #7612  
P.O. Box 256, Eldersburg, MD 21784

**If you cannot join us or sponsor a hole, consider helping by sending a donation to the above address.**

Questions call:

Bernie Zaworski 443.350.0265

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

## Exclusive Sponsorships

<p><b>Awards Dinner Sponsor</b></p> <p><b>\$600</b></p> <p>4 Golfers</p> <p>2 large Signs w/ Logo Displayed</p> <p>4 Mulligans</p> <p>Special Mention at Awards Dinner</p>	<p><b>Golf Cart Sponsor</b></p> <p><b>\$600</b></p> <p>4 Golfers</p> <p>Sponsored logo on Every Cart</p> <p>4 Mulligans</p> <p>Special Mention at Awards Dinner</p>	<p><b>Beverage Cart Sponsor</b></p> <p><b>\$600</b></p> <p>4 Golfers</p> <p>Sponsored logo on 2 Beverage Carts</p> <p>4 Mulligans</p> <p>Special Mention at Awards Dinner</p>	<p><b>Photo Sponsor</b></p> <p><b>\$550</b></p> <p>4 Golfers</p> <p>Sign w/ Logo in Every Group Photo</p> <p>4 Mulligans</p>
<p><b>Check-In Sponsor</b></p> <p><b>\$550</b></p> <p>4 Golfers</p> <p>Large sign w/ Logo at Check-In</p> <p>4 Mulligans</p>	<p><b>Driving Range Sponsor</b></p> <p><b>\$550</b></p> <p>4 Golfers</p> <p>2 Signs w/ Logo on Driving Range</p> <p>4 Mulligans</p>	<p><b>Putting Contest Sponsor</b></p> <p><b>\$550</b></p> <p>4 Golfers</p> <p>2 Signs w/ Logo on Putting Green</p> <p>4 Mulligans</p>	

## **St. Joseph the Worker**

*Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori*

### **THE HOLY FAMILY TEACHES US A BALANCED APPROACH TO WORK BASED ON SELF-GIVING LOVE AND OUR CALL TO HOLINESS**

We spend most of our waking hours on our way to work, at work and coming home from work. However, some studies suggest that though people are working more, they are enjoying it less. The conclusions vary, but one thing seems clear: Many people do not find much meaning in their daily work.

Moreover, long hours spent at work can cause discord in the home — arguments between husbands and wives, a feeling of neglect on the part of children. Conversely, families experience financial insecurity when parents are unemployed, underemployed or forced to work several part-time jobs to make ends meet. No doubt about it, getting the relationship between work and home right is no easy feat.

The month of May is not only a special time that the Church honors Mary, but it also begins with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He is an appealing role model as we seek to balance the demands of the workplace with the vocation of establishing a secure, peaceful, joyous and faith-filled home — a true “domestic church.”

#### **PROTECTOR AND PROVIDER**

It was St. Joseph’s unique vocation to be the husband of Mary and the adoptive father of Jesus. He was appointed by God to be the protector and guardian of the Holy Family and to provide for them through his work as a carpenter. What can this man, whose words go unrecorded in Scripture, teach fathers about their vocation?

On March 19, 2013, Pope Francis asked in his inaugural homily, “How does Joseph exercise his role as protector? Discreetly, humbly and silently, but with an unfailing presence and utter fidelity, even when it is hard to understand.” He added that Joseph “is there at every moment with loving care — on the journey to Bethlehem for the census, in the anxious and joyful hours when [Mary] gave birth; amid the drama of the flight into Egypt and during the frantic search for their child in the Temple; and later in the day-to-day life of the home of Nazareth, in the workshop where he taught his trade to Jesus.”

As a child and as a young man, Jesus witnessed the arduous labors of Mary and Joseph, and he also shared in their work. Or, as St. John Paul II put it in his apostolic exhortation on St. Joseph, “Having learned the work of his presumed father, [Jesus] was known as ‘the carpenter’s son.’ If the Family of Nazareth is an example and model for human families, in the order of salvation

and holiness, so too, by analogy, is Jesus’ work at the side of Joseph the carpenter.”

The pope continued, “Along with the humanity of the Son of God, work too has been taken up in the mystery of the Incarnation, and has also been redeemed in a special way. At the workbench where he plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of the Redemption” (Redemptoris Custos, 22).

What do we see in the example of St. Joseph and the Holy Family? The work of Joseph and Mary was long and difficult, but it was not all-consuming. On the contrary, Joseph and Mary engaged in their work with a sense of mission, namely, to do God’s will in creating a secure and loving home for themselves and for their child, Jesus. They worked hard not merely to survive but also as an expression of service to God and to one another. And far from working in isolation, they shared their labors; they worked in harmony, and included their son, Jesus, in their household and in their workshop.

#### **AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE**

Further reflecting on St. Joseph’s role as protector of the Holy Family, Pope Francis challenged us to be protectors of our own families, which “means caring for one another in our families: husbands and wives first protect one another, and then as parents, they care for their children; and children, in time, protect their parents. It means building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect and goodness.”

What a different way to approach our daily work! In the family, work must become part of that continual and mutual self-gift of spouses for their own sake and for the sake of their children. It’s not just about getting ahead, not just about survival, but rather an expression of love, care, protection and gratitude to God. Ultimately, our daily work must be directed toward holiness and salvation.

If our families are to be true domestic churches, then we must examine the question of how well we approach daily work — whether outside employment, work in the home, care for children, or even daily chores.

Is our work an expression of love? Is it done truly for the sake of one’s spouse and children, or is it a way of escaping an unhappy home life? Is there a proper balance between time spent at work and time spent with one’s family? Do husbands and wives share in the household tasks and set expectations that their children will help with those chores? Do families work only for their own well-being or are they also reaching out to others in need? Does our work contribute to or detract from our sanctification?

Let us lovingly turn to St. Joseph and to the holy Mother of God and ask them to guide us, in our work and our families, closer to Christ.

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### **Council Business Meeting**

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30pm in the lower hall at Saint Joseph's campus.

### **Council Officers & Program Directors Mtg.**

Monday before Business Meeting, 7:30-9:30pm in Room 11 at Saint Joseph's campus.  
All Council Officers and Program Directors.

### **CUFP, Inc. (Home Corporation) Meeting**

Third Monday of the Month, 7:30pm in Room 11 at Saint Joseph's campus.  
Meetings are open to all members.

### **Sheen's Colleens Meeting**

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 7:00pm, St. Joseph's Cassidy Center

### **Council Social Meeting**

4th Wednesday of the Month, 6:30pm at Saint Joseph's campus  
— or as otherwise published in this Communiqué

### **Communiqué Deadline for Articles**

15<sup>th</sup> Day of each Month