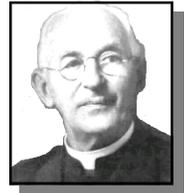




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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Fr. José Cortes

### Smartphones



It is a characteristic of our times that we live surrounded by technology. In general it makes our lives so much easier! However, questions arise about the place that we give to technology in our daily lives. In particular, our use of the so-called "smart" phones poses important questions for our reflection.

The smartphone is becoming the most used type of cellphone. When we go out, we see people staring at the screen of their smartphones. As a result, people do not pay attention to reality. When we take the metro and we look around, we see almost everyone looking at his or her devices. It seems that the smartphone has become like an extension of the body! At a certain point, you need it all the time. I used an iPhone for almost 2 years. I quit using it because I understood that it was creating a sort of addiction. In the morning, the first thing that I was doing was checking emails, checking the weather, taking a look at the news, etc. I was not even realizing anymore that the sun was rising!

With a smartphone we can be receiving information all the time and we are in touch with people all the time. As result, we waste a lot of time just reacting. As a consequence, reflection decreases in our daily routine. I think that a smartphone with all its apps is like a sort of anesthesia. Your attention is concentrated on it and at the end you ultimately lose the capacity to judge things. A couple of weeks ago, I was speaking with a group of young people about this theme. They were saying that the time that they waste chatting and texting could be better used spending time with people or reading a book.

In conclusion, for the sake of our judgment and of our critical thinking, we should use technological instruments with moderation. At least, during the day, we should have some periods when we detach completely from the "smart" phones.

Fr. José

## Council PICNIC

Sunday  
August 24th  
12-5



Grab a lawn chair, bring your appetite and join us here at the council for family fun all afternoon!!  
Water balloon toss, 3 legged race, hula hoop contest, egg toss.  
Ice Cream too!

Drawing for CIF Watch Raffle!

### Breakfast returns!!

Sunday August 3rd 8:00-Noon

11 and up-\$9  
10-4 yrs-\$5  
under 4 yr-\$2



**Fresh Fruit, Muffins, Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Hash, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Pastries, Toast, Juice, & Coffee!**

## August 2014 Squires/Roses Newsletter



Night at the Ballpark was a huge success! Ticket sales were good with at least 50 committed attendees.

A big thank you to all that participated in the "painting party" for Christian Charities, we accomplished our task and had fun at the same time.

The registration process is going well with the state, please keep the registration forms coming in. There is not an online version, therefore if you have not received or completed yours, please drop me an email with a mailing address and I will send you the paper copy.

It is the new year and we will be electing officers this month, please plan to attend the August meeting (date to be determined) with nominations. We will also be rescheduling the Car wash.

Finally, please all join me in congratulating **Eddie Mulholland** on being awarded: **Squire/Roses of the year.**

## GRAND KNIGHTS STATION

Frank Cavaliere

"Men and Women for Others"

### The Power of Prayer



Ever wonder if someone Up There is paying attention? Maybe you're a little like me and struggle with your faith. I often do and I imagine there are a few people who do too. Maybe you pray only in church, only on special occasions or only in times of need. Maybe you say some special prayers from a cherished Bible or prayer book. Or you occasionally glance toward the skies and offer some silent thoughts.

Well, our Rosensteel Council has an opportunity for you. For the past few Fridays just before mealtime, we've been getting together to recite the Rosary in front of the statue of The Blessed Virgin Mary outside in front of our building. The idea for reciting it came during a meeting held in late June at the Cavaliere Estate where Council Officers and some other Knights thought a group recitation was a "worthy" (a favorite word around these parts) idea. Each week, we'll dedicate a Rosary to someone connected to Rosensteel Council, either living or has gone before us. Allan, Terrence, Bruce and myself (that's your new deputy grand knight, chancellor and warden, respectively) believe this is a good way to demonstrate our commitment to Our Lady while at the same time strengthening the bonds of faith and fraternity.

We aim to get together at around 5 p.m. and will have completed the Rosary in plenty of time for you to enjoy food and fellowship downstairs. In case of inclement weather, we'll use our portable statue of Mary to say the Rosary inside. If you're unable to stand for the duration outside, not to worry - we'll have chairs ready for you. Good friends, good food, a cold drink or two and Mary by our sides - pretty good deal, wouldn't you say?

As of press time for this column, we had about a dozen Knights and MaryKnights for

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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*Please, remember in your prayers....*



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### **Readers of the Print Edition of the Knight Life**

#### **Please Read This**



In an effort to control costs and improve the accuracy of our mailing list of those receiving the print edition of the *Knight Life* each month, the Rosensteel Council is requesting that you confirm your name and address by Friday, August 15. If you do not do so, you will no longer receive the *Knight Life* by mail each month. Please note that if you have an e-mail address, the Council can e-mail you an electronic copy of the newsletter and you may print it on your home computer. In addition, for your convenience hard copies of the *Knight Life* are always provided at the Council.

Please contact Grand Knight Frank Cavaliere at [301-587-1400](tel:301-587-1400), ext. 1141 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to confirm that you still would like to receive the *Knight Life* by mail each month.

You may also contact him via e-mail at [fcavaliere@nrmca.org](mailto:fcavaliere@nrmca.org). Thank you.

### ***Knight & Family of the Month***

Please welcome one of Rosensteel's newest active members, Mark Evans, as our August Knight of the Month. In short order, he's agreed to serve on our Admissions Committee and a number of other Council initiatives, including as a member of the Clubhouse Committee. He's a regular at the Friday night dinners along with his wife Danita (we all agree that Mark outkicked his coverage in coercing her to marry him). They have a handful at the Evans Estate – Joshua is 5, Maria is 2 and the latest addition to the family is 2 month old Sophia. Mark is employed by the FBI and Danita stays home with the kids; so there's no question who has the tougher duty. They've lived in Silver Spring for about the past four years after previous stops across the pond in England and stateside in North Carolina.

Mark is a solid example of new blood coursing through the aging veins of Rosensteel. And how did we convince Mark to become more involved? We asked and he willingly said yes (a strategy we obviously need to employ more often). So here's to Mark, Danita, their children and to more young couples like them becoming part of the Rosensteel family.

(G.K. Continued from page 1)

our maiden Rosary voyage, so to speak. Among those in attendance were such luminaries as Margie Cuff, Brian Graham, Harry Dunkle and the Pride of Pittsburgh himself, Mike Koon. And Mrs. Gerry Bonin, whom we were all glad to see is back, beads in hand, from her recent health issues was also in attendance.

And lest you're not convinced, some final words on the subject from the May 2014 issue of the K of C magazine, *Columbia*, in an article titled Mary and Her Knights: "One of the defining characteristics of the Knights of Columbus is its members' deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Every Knight receives a Rosary when he joins the Order and is encouraged to turn to Mary as his own Mother, so that she may lead him closer to her Son."

So see you on an upcoming Friday and please allow me to remind you once again of our upcoming Council Picnic on Sunday, August 24. Come the September column, I'll give you a sneak preview of what's in store for Rosensteel this fall (picture Terrence Moore wielding a mean whiffle ball bat...).

Meantime, enjoy the summer and keep those less fortunate than ourselves in your prayers.

Godspeed,  
Frank C.

### Capital Improvement Fund Update

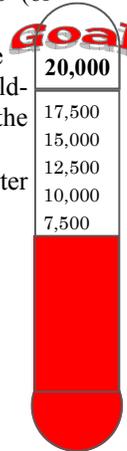
We will draw the winners of our recent Knights of Columbus watch raffle at the council picnic on Sunday Aug. 24th. Chances are still available. Don't miss out!

We have finalized plans for a fall fruit sale. Orders will be taken beginning October and delivery will take place the second week of December, just in time for Christmas (and Chanukah!) gift giving. If you have a business and give client or employee gifts, consider the gift of fresh picked Florida citrus from the Indian River Valley. When I was growing up, Santa always left an orange or a tangerine in my stocking!

Please continue to consider a donation to the CIF fund in the amount of \$30 (or more) if your finances permit.

Your checks should be made payable to the Forest Glen Building Association with CIF in the memo line.

Send them to PGK George Carter at the Fr. Rosensteel Council.



**Platinum** (\$1,500)

**Gold** (\$1,000)

**Silver** (\$500)

**Bronze** (\$250)

**Honorable Mention**  
(\$100—\$249)

### Mary's Widows

Monday July 7th, another really hot one, 24 widows, PGK Mike Koon our coordinator, and Father Perkins, journeyed to Bedford Court for a delightful lunch. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Pat Pingatore and Rose Emig. You will receive a call about the August luncheon on Monday Aug. 4th.

Any widow who is interested in joining our group please call Lois Devlin, at 301-681-7448.

### Chancellor's Chatter

Let me first give a big THANK YOU to PGK Kenny Tullis and his lovely wife Janice. There are a select few who truly know what an undertaking they have just completed and those of us who have not worn those shoes need to take a minute and thank them for their service to this council.

Throughout my term as Chancellor I would like to publish a short "To Do List" every month. This is meant for every member of this council, I will add to it but I will never remove a task, as I believe that each and every one of us could benefit from this friendly reminder.

#### August 2014 To Do List

- ◆ Recruit a new member
- ◆ Engage an existing member
- ◆ Volunteer to assist/organize an event or function
  - ◆ Attend a council event
  - ◆ Hold an event at the council
- ◆ Assist/organize a charitable event
  - ◆ Thank a Maryknight

### From the District Deputy

I bring you greetings from Our State Deputy, Stephen J Adamczyk, whose theme is

**Be not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage.**

What is it that binds us together as Catholic Gentlemen if it is not our Faith and our commitment to the principles of Charity? I ask that each one of us affirm ourselves in our Faith and meet the challenges the world puts in front of us. Have the courage to wear your faith like a coat of armor and proclaim "I am a Catholic, and proud to admit it". Stand up for life and our religious freedoms. Let your Faith be in control.

What does it take to recruit a bother knight? I still contend that the answer is Courage.

Conviction that the Knights of Columbus is the greatest, the strongest, Catholic, Family, Fraternal Order, on Earth. Where does that courage come from? The belief and the faith we have in Fr McGivney's vision. The conviction to tell eligible catholic men that they need no must join us to continue Fr McGivney's dream of aiding and assisting our church, our community, and our brother knights and their families.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

**Lastly, remember the commitment you made in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Do you have your rosary with you?**

Tom Kelly  
District Deputy

### Community Activity Nursing Home Party



Our next meeting will be on September 18 at 3PM for Springbrook Nursing & Rehab Center, 12325 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904. Next to St John the Baptist on New Hampshire Ave., The party on October 15 at 3PM will be at the Althea Woodland Nursing Home, 1000 Daleview Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Down University Blvd. to Buckingham, left two blocks, then right to Daleview, left on Daleview to the end of the street.

I would like to thank my wife for baking cookies and making punch, as well as, helping at the Parties along with DGK Allan Jimenez and his son and two friends, Paul Grake and John Gibljin.



**First Degree  
Tuesday  
Sept. 16, 2014  
Social Meeting**



**\$1,000  
Jackpot!**

**Wednesdays 7:15pm**

Bingo continues to provide a steady income for the Council. With an average of 60 players, on a good day, we still are in need of more folks to play. According to a recent report from Al Wigmore, there was a net weekly profit of \$1,076.00 after winnings were paid out. This number would rise dramatically if there were more players. So think about joining the gang on Wed. nights for a chance at the big Jackpot!



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Wow ... I don't know about you, but it sure seems like this summer is flying by. While we don't have any regular meetings during the summer it doesn't mean that Maryknights aren't already getting busy setting things in motion for the upcoming year. An executive board meeting was scheduled for July 20th to vote on the recipient for this year's Charity Ball. That's after this article needs to be submitted for print so you'll have to wait 'til next month for an update on that ... but you know that will be the kick off for a lot of people working hard to make it a success. And if you just can't wait to be involved, call Presi-

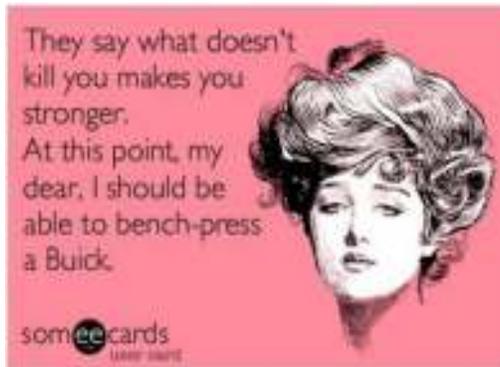
dent Luanne and she'll make sure you're in the mix and helping in whatever ways you can. And every one can be setting aside special items that might bring a good price in the auction.

As of this writing Luanne was still looking for volunteers for Program Chairperson and Communications Chairperson. Please give her a call if you'd like to help out.

August is the start of all the back-to-school sales. If you're out and come across a good sale, please consider making purchases to bring to the September meeting and we'll donate them to Kennedy Institute. Paper, notebooks, crayons, pens, pencils, markers, highlighters, back packs, note cards ... you name it and I'm sure there is some child who could use it. I know buying school supplies is something I miss doing now that the kids are grown ... what fun to have a reason to shop for them after all.

And another reminder to mark you calendars: ... **Monday October 20 for the Fall Card Party** (held at Leisure World) ... and **Saturday November 15 for our annual Charity Ball and Silent Auction.**

And that's about all there is to report at this point. We all work hard all the time ... and we work harder when it comes to the Charity Ball and our other activities. With that in mind, I thought all you strong hard-working women might appreciate this ...



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Below is checklist of things that you should be doing to get your financial house in order. The Knights of Columbus has some of the products involved-otherwise we could refer someone to you. If you have any questions please let me know.

**Protect What You Have**

*Must Do-30 minutes*

- Build an emergency fund. Move cash to a savings account or sign up to have an amount automatically transferred from each paycheck.

*One hour*

- Get life insurance if people are relying on your income. Buy term insurance from a company rated A or better.
- Update beneficiaries of all accounts, benefits, and insurance policies. Contact your financial-services partners to confirm or update beneficiary designations.

*Two to three hours*

- See an attorney to complete or update your will, power of attorney, or advance medical directive. Choose a local attorney who has experience with estate planning for people in your situation.



**At Left:**  
Stan McLeod and his Lady Jane were named Family of the year by PGK Kenny Tullis at the Appreciation Dinner held on June 29th.  
Left: Janis Tullis, Stan & Jane McLeod, Kenny



**At Right:**  
Terrence Moore was named Knight of the Year by PGK Kenny Tullis at the Council's Appreciation Dinner on June 29th.  
Left: Janis Tullis, Terrence, Cheryl Moore, Kenny

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Mark Your Calendars Now.....**

That way you won't miss any important events taking place at the Fr. Rosensteel Council.



**Important Upcoming Council Dates**

- Installation** - July 26, 2014
- Council Picnic**- August 24, 2014
- First Degree Social Meeting** - Sept. 16, 2014
- PGK Testimonial** - September 21, 2014
- Columbus Day Ball** - October 12, 2014
- Rosary for the Unborn** - Oct. 18, 2014
- MK Card Party** – October 20, 2014
- Children's Halloween Party** - Oct. 26, 2014
- Memorial Mass and Breakfast** - Nov. 2, 2014
- First Degree Social Meeting** - Nov. 18, 2014
- MK Charity Ball**— November 15, 2014
- Thanksgiving Smoker**- November 26, 2014
- Second Degree Social Meeting** - Dec. 16, 2014
- Children's Christmas Party** - Dec. 21, 2014
- Super Bowl Dinner Dance** - January 18, 2015
- Super Bowl** - February 1, 2015
- Communion Mass /Breakfast** - March 1, 2015
- Children's Easter Party** - March 29, 2015
- Nuns' Appreciation Night** - April 30, 2015
- K of C State Convention** - May 1 -3, 2015
- Appreciation Night** - June 28, 2015

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It's AUGUST. It's that month toward the end of summer. It's hot. It's humid. It's usually very sunny and nice. It's the time we go to the beach, have picnics in the parks, visit baseball stadiums, enjoy family reunions and travel on vacations.

Did you know that all of this is enjoyed in August because of a Roman Emperor's decision made two thousand years ago? The Emperor, Augustus, was presented with a problem with the calendar year used at the time. Basically, it didn't have enough days in the year. Days were frequently switched from one month to another. He made a decision to make this month with 31 days and set into law the number of days for the other months. As a tribute to him, this month was named after Augustus Caesar. His calendar year remained as such until 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII corrected it as 365 days every year until the forth year when an extra day is added making it a "leap year". This adjustment caused it to be called the Gregorian Calendar.

The Governor has designated an Official Maryland Dessert. It is officially named the Smith Island Cake. Well, the Smith Island Cake has many variations, it is made from scratch and is available to you if you would like one. (www.smithislandcake.com.) The ladies on Smith Island will be happy to send one to you from their bakery. However, if you leave early you can catch the ferry and make the trip out to Smith Island in Chesapeake Bay and make your own choice.

August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day, of course, is a Holy Day of Obligation, it is on a Friday, and it is always wise to check your parish bulletin for the time of Mass and other special announcements.

We all believe in the good works of Charity. There is no question about it. Charity is one of the pillars of the Knights of Columbus. All the members of Fr. Rosensteel Council work throughout the year on charitable endeavors to help members of the community. But the time has come to extend a bit of charity to our own home. Our building, our home in Forest Glenn, the site of more events in the past than we can remember, has a great need for your charity to our own building. The infrastructure is in need of many improvements to maintain this wonderful home of ours. Please consider giving to the Capital Improvement Fund by making a check payable to Forest Glen Building Association and write CIF on the memo line. You can give it to President Marchone or any other member of the committee.

It's time for the annual Rosensteel Council Picnic at Noon on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. Make plans now to enjoy the day. Bring your lawn chairs and sit outside under the trees with all your old friends and meet some new friends. There will be games and entertainment for both the young and old folks. It's time to try your skills with the new bean-bag toss or with horse shoes. Frisbee, anyone? Of course, no one will go hungry. A kitchen crew will ensure that you will enjoy a fine buffet and cool drinks.

Our monthly Luncheon meeting will be on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Pres. Tom Leonard

**MD STATE COUNCIL  
Family Picnic**



Saturday Sept. 13, 2014  
PG Council 1pm-5pm

\$16.00 per person

Children under 12 free

For more info contact Rob  
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**Congratulations to Frank Budelman  
for attaining Honorary Life Member  
(HLM) status!**

## Clubhouse Report Aug. 2014

For those members who are not aware of the financial situation of the Fr. Rosensteel Council, I encourage all to attend a business meeting, and soon.

The Clubhouse has attempted to generate sales through targeted advertising, outsourcing to a catering sales representative, as well as investing in building and maintaining a current and fully functional website. Unfortunately the results have been well below expectations. It's disappointing to say the least.

The Clubhouse budget failed to achieve its sales budget in Fraternal Year 2013-14 by over \$92,000. Without the sales, there are no profits and thus no funds to give to the Council in support of its charitable and fraternal programs. The declining sales trend is continuing. There has not been enough support for the Council's Fraternal activities such as the New Year's Eve Party, PGK Testimonials, Beach Party, Columbus Day Dance, etc. that used to bring money in to the Council. Now they lose money.

The clubhouse fraternal activities increased sales by \$12,000. Friday night dinners, bar sales in the Knights Room, Pizza Night, and the like are the only sales category that was on the upswing in this last fraternal year. There is a core group of brother Knights trying very hard to make a buck in support of the Knights Room. Again without greater support, those efforts will not be enough to save the Council.

Keep in mind, this Council is an aging one. Over 200 members have achieved Honorary Life membership. Honorary Life Members are not required to pay dues. New and active members, and their families, are the lifeblood.

Over 100 members have not paid dues in over two years. A large number of those members have opted to no longer maintain their membership in the Fr. Rosensteel council. Unfortunately, the Council is still required to pay an annual fee per member to the Supreme Council and the State until these members are officially accepted as resigned. Financial Secretary Rob Seubert has done every bit of due diligence required. State and Supreme drag their feet to avoid acknowledging the reduction in ranks.

To put it in real numbers: The Council spends over \$110,000 annually in operating its Programs and paying the

ills. Last year the expenses ran over \$150,000. The dues from members will only generate about \$40,000 directly to the Council. Bingo, Super Bowl, The Maryknights support and other fundraising efforts help fill the coffers as well. The shortfall continues to be significant. Unfortunately, the Council's reserves are virtually depleted while the Clubhouse has not generated enough sales to make up the difference, and in fact, has been given funds multiple times when it was unable to make its payments over years past. The "well" has finally "run dry".

The \$30,000 from the parking lot revenues paid by Holy Cross hospital is paid directly to the Building Company. The Building Company sets aside one check annually for the Tootsie Roll campaign and another is set aside for tax purposes. The remaining \$25,000 annually is used at their discretion. The Clubhouse also pays \$24,000 annually in rent to the Building Company which the Building Company uses a significant portion of to pay the insurance bill. The building company did recently turn over a portion of the parking lot rental revenues (approximately \$5700.00) to the Clubhouse to help them pay off some debt.

So where does all this leave us? In a very uncomfortable place. Without an increase in sales to both members and non-members, the Council will be forced to consider all options.

- ◆ A dues increase won't solve the issue. More members would likely resign.
- ◆ Issuing Bonds? Paid back how?
- ◆ A one-time assessment? Maybe. But how many would be willing to pay?
- ◆ I think everyone knows the final option....

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F&R,

Mike Miller

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\* Editor's Note: Mr. Larry Grayson's Reflections column will return next month— space permitting. A limited number of copies of his August column entitled "Morphing America's Principals" will be available in the Knights Room.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. Crew # 7 <b>Chris Langley</b> Bar 5-8 P.Pete, R. Horner 8-11 Hardman	2. Bar: 5-8 8-11
3. <b>Breakfast Returns! 8-12</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11	4. <b>Mary's Widows</b> Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	5. <b>Business Mtg 7pm</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11: Evans	6. <b>BINGO</b> <i>Pizza Nite</i> Bar: 5-8 Carey 8-11	7. <b>Skins vs Patriots</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11	8. <b>Crew #6 Girolami</b> Bar: 5-8 Devol, Carey, Conway, Wigmore 8-11 Conway Carey	9. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Cassagnol
10. Bar: 5-8 8-11 McKinney	11. Bar 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Carey, Devol, Conway	12. Bar: 5-8 8-11	13. <b>BINGO</b> Bar: 5-8 Evans 8-11	14. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Slattery	15. <b>Crew #5 Joe Marks Crab Imperial</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11 Giblin	16. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Dassing
17. Bar: 5-8 8-11	18. <b>Skins vs Browns</b> Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	19. <b>Social Mtg 7pm</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11	20. <b>BINGO</b> <i>Pizza Nite</i> Bar: 5-8 Evans 8-11 Moore, Langley	21. Bar: 5-8 8-11	22. <b>Crew #8 Seubert Fish Tacos</b> Bar: 5-8 Spike, McCaw 8-11 Maddox, King	23. <b>Skins vs Ravens</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11 Seubert
24. <b>Council Picnic! 12-5pm</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Grey	25. Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	26. <b>Retiree Luncheon</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11 Miller	27. <b>BINGO</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11	28. <b>Skins vs Buccaneers</b> Bar: 5-8 8-11	29. <b>Crew #9 Moore</b> Bar: 5-8 Flanigan, Lynch, Cuff, 8-11	30. Bar: 5-8 8-11
31. <b>Bar: 5-8 8-11 McLeod</b>						