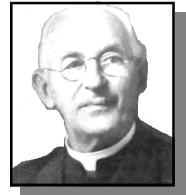




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## Chaplains' Corner



### A Prophetic Minority

Last week I read a very interesting interview with Russell Moore, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. In this interview he says that the Bible Belt is collapsing and he explains that may be bad for America but good for the church. He affirms: "We are no longer the moral majority. We are a prophetic minority." He means that the times we are living require a deeper experience of faith, because the secular culture where we live is distancing more and more from the evangelical values.

What Russell Moore says about the Baptists we can apply also to the Catholic Church. It reminds me what then Cardinal Ratzinger wrote in 1969: "The church will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning. She will no longer be able to inhabit many of the edifices she built in prosperity. As the number of her adherents diminishes, she will lose many of her social privileges. But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: not the Church of the political cult [...] but the Church of faith [...] she will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as man's home, where he will find life and hope beyond death."

Let us pray that the times we are living could be an occasion to further deepen the reasons of our faith.

Fr. José

## PGK Testimonial Dinner & Dance

To Honor Immediate PGK  
**Ralph Vallone**  
& all Past Grand Knights

Sat. Sept. 21 2013  
Columbian Room  
4:00 pm appetizers  
5:00 pm dinner & dancing

\$25 per person  
Open Bar

Contact:  
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## GRAND KNIGHTS STATION

*Kenneth Tullis*



**WE DID IT!!** We prayed for great weather for the August Council Annual Picnic and our blessings were received. What a beautiful day and a good time had by all!

The picnic was a huge success with outstanding attendance. To witness and share the laughs, smiles, hugs, music and most of all good food provided by the Dynamic Legendary Kitchen crew led by the Horner Family (who has volunteered their support for many years) was phenomenal! The Wet & Wild Water Slip and Slide and Grand Knight SHARK Dunk Tank was a highlight along with the entertainment by our very own John Lyon with his guitar and the Jimenez family hosting the breaking of the Piñata filled with fun and tasty treats for our little Council families and friends. And let's not forget the horse shoe games, volley ball, egg toss, and the favorite competitive corn hole games. The Council's Family picture (with flashing camera shots by many) was a beautiful memory to capture as we ended the photo with a Party Wave from all hands (large and small, from Left to Right --signifying a beginning to never ending Council family smiles) and a quick break away to continue to enjoy the day! The coordination of the outstanding planning of this special event was led by Terrence Moore, our Council's Warden, and his crew. The Council Picnic is what I like to call a Picture Perfect Moment!

At this time, many of our children and other siblings will be entering school for the first time and/or returning to school or College both near and far, and we wish them safe travels and a successful school year 2013-2014.

With Fall fast approaching, we look forward to more community and family events offered by the Council beginning with resuming our **all you can eat Sunday breakfasts** (starting with the first Sunday

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## Blood Drive!



**September 21st.**  
**8 am- 1 pm**

This is Red Smith's LAST official blood drive! Show your support for Red and the great job he has done for so many years by donating!! Let's break a record for Red!

As always, a delicious breakfast will be served to our donors!

For more information call  
Geri Bonin at 301-565-2185

## Council Crab Feast

Saturday Sept. 28th



Contact: Joe Marks: 301-370-2012

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



#### **Those who have died:**

Bro. Tim Morse

Bro. Hap Soban

Bro. Kevin Brady

PGK Francis Ward

Patricia Naughton Cunningham

#### **Friends who are ill:**

Tim Morrisey

Sandra Paglialonga

(sister-in-law of Joe Rogers)

#### **Members who are ill:**

Jim DeVol

#### **Family of the Month**

You've seen this family around FOREVER! There are at least 3 generations carrying on the tradition of running the Council Picnic, the Hospitality Suites, a Friday night cooking crew and who knows what else!? Dads, moms, kids, sisters and brothers are all involved!

Thanks to the **Horner Family** for their dedication to Rosensteel Council and September's Family of the Month!

#### **Knight of the Month**

Have you ever seen Geoff Conway without a smile on his face? Has he ever turned down a request for help? Has he ever failed to welcome every person who enters the Council home? He's everywhere! Breakfast, Bar tending, kitchen crew, picnic, clubhouse events and more!

Please congratulate

**Geoff Conway** our  
September Knight of the Month!

# Tootsie Roll

## Get Ready!

*(GK from page 1)*

in September and continuing thereafter each month) – led by our Council's PGK Mike Miller, and his crew, who always does a fabulous job!

As September is upon us, please take a moment to say a prayer for the victims and families of those affected by the 9/11 tragedy.

Saturday, September 21, 2013, we hope to see you at the Past Grand Knight's Testimonial to be held at the Council honoring PGK Ralph Vallone, and all the PGKs. The program cost is \$25 per person, attire: Business Casual (4:00pm-appetizers, open bar, followed by dinner and dancing). Please call me to RSVP (240-876-7234) or send an email to [Janis.Tullis@yahoo.com](mailto:Janis.Tullis@yahoo.com).

**More events to follow are:** Crab Feast 9/28/13 -- Redskins Football Season, Youth Halloween Celebration; Teen Dance; Movie Evenings; Casino Night; Martini Night; and more ... Please keep the Council in mind as a venue for any personal or professional events you are planning. Spread the word!

**NOTE: SAVE THE DATE -- FOR OUR PLANNING OF THE NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION (31 DECEMBER 2013)! PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES and EARS OPEN for an ALL AROUND ROSENSTEEL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION FOR ALL GENERATIONS! COST: \$40 PER PERSON (ALL THE PARTY FAVORS, FOOD, MUSIC, and more). I welcome all ideas and volunteers to help plan fun, successful, and memorable events filling up all rooms of the Council bringing in the NEW YEAR! Janis and I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the Council!**

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September! This is that nice comfortable area between the hot summer months and the beautiful cool days of Autumn. Do you know any songs that commemorate this time of year? My favorite is Dinah Washington's Hit Song "September in the Rain" (1961).

Do you remember any others that were your favorites? Perhaps you remember:

"See you in September,"(1959) "Come September," or maybe even "My September Love"(1956). Hopefully, this month will bring

you many fond memories.

Our Knight's Retirees Club Bowling League is off to an enthusiastic start on Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup>. Our Bowling League is a major part of our club and the envy of all the other leagues in the area. If you are not bowling with the league, come to the White Oak Lanes any Thursday morning at 9:30am. Cheerleaders are always very Welcome.

How many Popes are well known, remembered and recognized outside the Catholic Church? How many are called "The Great" hundreds of years after their death? On September 3<sup>rd</sup> we commemorate and remember Pope Gregory I (540-604AD), commonly known as Saint Gregory the Great. He is well known and remembered for his extensive writings regarding sermons, commentaries, rules for pastors, and over 850 letters known now as his Dialogues. These are all presently preserved in the Vatican Library. He is considered a Saint in both the Eastern Orthodox and the Roman Catholic Church. This was a time when Italy had been invaded by the Lombard's from Germany. The Roman Emperor and his government fled to Constantinople. Pope Gregory cultivated connections with the Orthodox Church and visited the Eastern Patriarch. The Lombard conquest of Italy left no form of government in the country. Gregory initiated a system of Alms collection, a tax, to help support the sick and needy of the land. He initiated a bureaucratic organization for collection and distribution of food and services to the needy. His administration used 1800 acres of Vatican farms for food production to distribute to the people. The people realized that the government of Rome had abandoned them, but recognized Pope Gregory the Great as their most influential leader amid the chaos created by the invasion of the Germanic Lombard tribes.

The Knights of Columbus continues this tradition of Charity to the poor and needy of our communities by working to provide food and assistance to all people regardless of whatever assistance they may receive from government programs. Pope Gregory assisted people in the most difficult circumstances. Can we do any less?

It was wonderful to have our new GK Kenny Tullis with us at the August Luncheon/Meeting. We all appreciated meeting him and listening to his comments.

We all fully support his agenda for the year. As always we had a full table of appetizers with fruit,cheeses, shrimp, meatballs and many other tasty treats. Mr. Matosian again prepared an excellent luncheon which we all enjoyed. Our next Luncheon cost only \$7.00 and will be on September 24<sup>th</sup>. and we are looking forward to seeing you.

Come and join your friends . We are all waiting for you.

VP Tom Leonard

**Mark your calendar**

Bring family and friends for a great evening. Dinner, dancing, open bar for only \$40. Plus lots of cool stuff to bid on at the Silent Auction.

**Maryknights  
Charity Ball and Silent Auction  
Saturday, NOV 23 at 6PM**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
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ADVANCE RESERVATIONS  
ONLY - NO WALK-INS

**Clubhouse Report  
September 2013**

Nothing says fall like Football. The season is upon us and with three giant screen, high definition TV's in the Knights Room and a 4<sup>th</sup> in the Emerald Room, there is no better place to watch the games both college and pro on Saturdays and Sundays.

It has been a Council tradition on Redskin Sundays to have the Knights Room open before kickoff and a half-time spread is made available for a nominal fee. We ask for enough to cover the costs, nothing more. To continue this tradition, we are again asking for volunteers to help with the bar and kitchen duties. Training is provided. Call Geoff Conway at 202-550-1087. Thanks Geoff.

The Website is launching. Check out KofC.org and keep current. Use it to refer catering business to the Clubhouse as well. Thanks Chris Langley and Kevin Carey for the hard work. The website will continue to be refined and refreshed. Please offer any positive feedback to us directly.

Breakfast is back on Sunday, September 1 and again on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Doors open at 8:00 AM.

Friday Night Dinner Crews are needed to replace three crews that have retired. Thanks Tim Sullivan and Chris Langley for helping out. If you have a crew or want to help on an existing one, please call PGK Joe Marks 301-370-2012.

HTTR & FTT

F&R,  
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And we're off ... ready to hit the ground running into this new year. "Go forward!" (Exodus 14:15) is the Lord's command to us. May we move forward in our spiritual life; and in our mission as Maryknights. There is a lot to do .. and it is rewarding to be **involved**.

First order of business is our **Mass of Remembrance** at 7PM on Monday, September 9 honoring the Maryknights that have died in the past year. This year the mass will be held in the **Columbian Room**, followed by our business meeting. Let's start strong with a great turnout. Leading off the meeting will be our new worthy **Grand Knight Kenny Tullis**. I'm sure he'll inspire all with his commitment and enthusiasm. Spouses and guests are invited to celebrate mass with us and then join us after our meeting for refreshments. We encourage all qualified ladies to join us and become a member at this or any of our monthly meetings. Qualified women are wives, mothers, mothers-in-law, daughters, sisters, etc. over the age of 18 and regardless of religious affiliation of

members of good standing (current or deceased) at any KC Council.

You should have received the **President's Letter** in mid-August. If by chance you haven't received your letter, please give Margie a call. Dues of \$20 should be paid promptly to our treasurer Kathy Arvedlund by mail (2303 Dexter Ave, Silver Spring MD 20902) or you can bring them to our first meeting. Raffle tickets and monies should be turned in to Marguerite Sukacz. Give Marguerite a call (301-942-6132) if you need more tickets to sell.

Helen Vallone has the **Charity Ball** well in hand, has filled all committee chairs, and we're already taking reservations. Jean and Donna Stocker have already begun collecting items for the silent auction. But just because it's moving along, doesn't mean we don't need your help. Don't wait to be asked ... see Helen or Jean and Donna to offer your time and talents. You'll hear more at the September meeting with regard to what is needed. And definitely be thinking of auction items you can contribute as well as individuals or businesses that might be willing offer services, products, gift cards and/or to sponsor an ad in our program. Thanks in advance!!!!

Remember that the September meeting is when we collect **back to school items** for **Kennedy Institute**. We can all remember how exciting it was to start the school year with shiny, fresh, new school supplies. Let's make sure that the kids from the Kennedy Institute all have the opportunity to have those same memories. And don't forget all the other items that you all so generously bring in each month, **especially the soldiers! Brenda has already sent 12 boxes and is in need of many more items!**

So ... with the Grace of God ... and Margie's inspired leadership, let us "go forward".

God Bless,  
Carol



SAVE THE DATE!! And Party with ROSENSTEEL on NEW YEAR'S EVE!!



**Squires/Roses**

Summer is over and I hope all had a great break. We are back is full form now, check out the schedule of events.



Sunday Sept. 1st, 2013 - Community Breakfast - Help is always needed

September Meeting - Monday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 7:00 to 8:30 - Lets have a great turnout for our first meeting.

Car Wash - Saturday Sept.14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 12:00 to 2:00 - pending council availability.

Maryknights Ball - Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 - This is the big one! - All hands on.

Our goal this year is to register, recruit, register and recruit! We know we are the largest, strongest circle around therefore lets prove it and document it.

*Be Worthy!*

**Mary's Widows**

Because of the Labor Day holiday we will meet on Sept. 9th, at 11:30 at Aspenwood, 14400 Homecrest Drive, Silver Spring. Lunch to be served at Noon.

For more information this month contact  
Rose Emig 301-933-2427

**Breakfast Is Back!**

Sunday Sept. 1st, 8:00-10:30 am  
The Emerald Room

12 and older-\$9; 11-4yrs-\$5;  
under 4yr-\$2

Fresh Fruit, Muffins, Pastries, Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Juice, Toast, Corned Beef Hash, & more!





## Second Annual Squires/Roses Car Wash

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 12:00 to 2:00

Come support the Squires/Roses  
and drive away in a sparkling clean car!

\$10.00 per car

Sodas, water, hot dogs and chips will be served.

## Annual Incentive Raffle!

The 44th annual Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Incentive Raffle is underway and we would like to solicit your help. Enclosed are raffle tickets for \$1 each. Sell these tickets and return the money or check (made payable to "K of C #2169") with the ticket stubs to either:

PGK Joseph Marks  
111 Saint Lawrence Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

or:  
Knights of Columbus  
attn: PGK Joseph Marks  
9707 Rosensteel Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

If you need additional tickets, please call me at 301-370-2012 and I will have more tickets in the mail to you that day!

The raffle is held each year to assist the Maryland State Scholarship program of the Knights of Columbus. Forty cents on the dollar goes to the scholarship fund with the other sixty cents staying right here at Fr. Rosensteel Council to assist us in our many charitable programs.

The winner of the raffle will receive either a 2014 Ford Mustang V6 Coupe, fully equipped.. Second prize will be a iPad3 32GB with wifi. Third prize is 1 \$200 gas card. The drawing will be held at the Columbus Day Ball held in Glen Burnie on the 12th of October (you do not have to be present to win).

Thank you for your support in this most worthy program!

Joseph Marks, PGK  
Incentive Raffle Chairman

## Boomer Esiason's realLIFEstory



### A life lesson learned early

A record-setting NFL quarterback, and now a seasoned radio and TV broadcaster—that's how most people know Boomer Esiason. But before his fame on and off the gridiron came a tough road for Boomer and his family.

When he was just 7, Boomer's mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. That left Boomer, his father and his two teenage sisters to create a life for themselves. A three-hour daily commute to work in New York City left Boomer's father, Norman, with little free time, but he always made sure he supported Boomer, both on and off the field. The family was also forced to rely on friends and relatives, as Boomer's mother died without life insurance and there was little money left each month to pay for any extra help. "I was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent," says Boomer. "It wasn't the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot."

Through determination, hard work and the support of his father, Boomer was able to leverage his talent at football to gain a full scholarship to the University of Maryland. He then went on to become one of the most successful quarterbacks in NFL history during his 14-year career, leaving the game in 1997 in the top 10 of many quarterback career statistical categories.

From the beginning, Boomer has protected his family—wife, Cheryl, and their children, Sydney and Gunnar—with life insurance. And as his career as a radio and TV broadcaster has grown, his life insurance coverage has grown as well. It has become especially important to Boomer, given that Gunnar is fighting cystic fibrosis and will need financial support throughout his life. "Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love," he says. "Remember, if something happens and you haven't done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes."

 [www.lifehappens.org/boomer](http://www.lifehappens.org/boomer)

### Boomer Esiason in Numbers

Career Touchdowns	Career Completions	NFL Most Valuable Player
247 and 37,920 pass yards	2,969 in 5,025 pass attempts	1988

Money raised for Boomer Esiason Foundation fighting cystic fibrosis **\$100 million**

Numbers make a difference, especially when it comes to protecting your family with life insurance. Use the easy Life Insurance Needs Calculator at [www.lifehappens.org/lifecalculator](http://www.lifehappens.org/lifecalculator) to make sure your numbers measure up. Then meet with a qualified insurance professional. They can help you determine the right amount and type of coverage to meet your needs.

## Community Activity Nursing Home Party

Our next Party will take place at the Althea Woodland Nursing Home, on September 19th at 3PM.

Althea Woodland is located at 1000 Daleview Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901. [Down University Blvd. East 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 never failing to bake cookies and make the punch, and my daughter Mary, along with Paul Grake for their continued support and help with these parties.

Everyone is welcome to help and join the fun!

Joe Rogers



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### The Power of One

America was established as a great experiment in human liberty, based upon a belief in the worth and dignity of the individual person. The Founders provided a vision in the Declaration of Independence, and set forth a means for assuring liberty through self-government in the Constitution. In the latter document, they allowed for the election of representatives and established a limited, self-checking government through the division of powers. But declaring a belief and ordering it through an organizational structure is not enough – it must be sustained. When asked what type of government was created by the Constitution, Benjamin Franklin is reputed to have said, “We have a Republic, if we can keep it.”

If liberty is to be maintained, it requires a populace which has and lives by moral and virtuous convictions. Without a national sense of virtue, without trust that each of us will do his or her duty and will act in honorable ways, without a belief that decisions for the community will be based on the common good and not on individual self-interest, a republic cannot continue to exist. History has shown this on many occasions. If America is not to suffer the fate of the great republics of the past, and vanish to become simply a lesson in history, than the citizens of this country have to understand and live by the principles and values that form its foundation. “To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people,” James Madison said, “is a chimerical idea.”

Rights are not protected by written documents, but by the beliefs, habits, and actions of people who respect liberty, truth, and the value of the human person. If virtue and morality do not guide civic activity, then the original beliefs upon which the nation was founded can be transformed into rationales to justify self-serving actions. As Pope John Paul II said in his encyclical, *Centesimus Annus*, “As history demonstrates, a democracy without values easily turns into open or thinly disguised totalitarianism.”

The Pope expanded on this statement in 1997, when he received the credentials of a newly-appointed American Ambassador to the Holy See. In doing so, he said, “The Founding Fathers of the United States asserted their claim to freedom and independence on the basis of certain ‘self-evident’ truths about the human person: truths which could be discerned in human nature, built into it by ‘nature’s God’... The continuing success of American democracy depends on the degree to which each new generation, native-born and immigrant, makes its own the moral truths on which those first Americans staked the future of your Republic. Their commitment to build a free society with liberty and justice for all must be constantly renewed if the United States is to fulfill the destiny to which the Founders pledged their ‘lives... fortunes... and sacred honor’.”

Today, under the guise of tolerance and with misguided deference, America is slipping into a moral totalitarianism, with the state declaring, by stages, that God has no place in civic life. All public references to God are being banned, abortion is legal and rampant, the traditional definition of marriage is being distorted, and government is forcing individuals to violate their consciences and organizations to repudiate their faith-based values. To many people, the religious and moral convictions upon which America was founded now are considered an anathema on a free society.

The principles of virtue and morality, which form the basis for America’s republican form of governance, are best taught, strengthened and maintained by religion. The founders of this nation rooted their actions on a belief in a transcendent God, who endowed all of us with certain unalienable rights, and who will hold us accountable for how we fulfill our concomitant duties. As Catholics and Americans, we have an obligation to reinforce in the public ethos the concepts of liberty and patriotism, to strengthen the foundations of virtue and morality which underlie our republican form of government, and to help assure that religiously-informed, moral argument has a vital role in public life.

You may ask, what can I do? The answer is, you can strike a spark.

Many of us have been in a large meeting when, after a speaker concluded his or her remarks, one member of the audience rose to clap, then another followed, then another, and soon everyone joined in. Because one person rose and became a catalyst for others, the speaker received a rousing, standing ovation. That is the power of one.

One middle aged nun, without any business or media operations experience, began a Catholic television network in 1981; today, EWTN spans the globe. One parish priest began a society in 1882 to foster unity among Catholic working men and provide for the families of deceased members; today, the Knights of Columbus has 1.8 million members and continues to grow. One Albanian-born nun gathered a small community of women in 1950 to administer to the “poorest of the poor;” today, the Missionaries of Charity has sisters, brothers and priests operating in 133 countries. That is the power of one.

You can create a spark for the return of Christian values as a basis for public virtue in this nation. Often a spark is quickly extinguished and nothing happens. But on occasion that spark leads to a conflagration. If you believe in the principles on which this nation was founded. If you believe that, under God, this country can continue to be the mainstay for freedom, democracy, and human dignity in the world. If you believe that our government was “instituted among Men, deriving [its] just powers from the consent of the governed,” for the purpose of securing “certain unalienable Rights” with which we were endowed by our Creator, then strike a spark for virtue and morality in public life. And, with God’s help, see what can happen.



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**October 2013**

Tootsie Rolls

6- Council Breakfast 8am  
27- Children's Halloween Party

## SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1. Breakfast 8am</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Nolan	<b>2.</b> Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamarra.	<b>3.</b> Business Mtg Bar: 5-8 8-11??	<b>4.</b>  Bar: 5-8? 8-11?	<b>5</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Tullis	<b>6.</b> Crew #6 Hot RB Sandwich Bar: 5-8 Rick H./Pistol Pete 8-11 Hardman	<b>7.</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 ?
<b>8.</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Nolan	<b>9.</b> Mary's Widow's 11:30 MK Mtg 7pm Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 O'Rourke,	<b>10.</b> Admissions 7:30 Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11? 8-11 ?	<b>11.</b>  Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 DeVol, Conway, Carey	<b>12.</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Jimenez	<b>13.</b> Crew #8 Rob Seubert Bar: 5-8 Conway/ Carey/ DeVol 8-11 McNamara	<b>14.</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Slattery
<b>15.</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Giblin	<b>16.</b> Bar 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Dassing	<b>17.</b> Social Mtg Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 ?	<b>18.</b>  Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 ?	<b>19.</b> <b>4TH Degree</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Cavaliere	<b>20.</b> Crew #9 Beef Broc/ Kung Pao Chicken, Fr.rice, egg roll Bar: 5-8 Moore, Langley 8-11 ?	<b>21. Blood Drive</b> <b>PGK Testimonial</b> <b>Dinner</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 ?
<b>22.</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Maddox, King	<b>23.</b> Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Seubert	<b>24.</b> Retirees Luncheon Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Grey	<b>25.</b>  Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 ?	<b>26.</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Miller	<b>27.</b> Crew #1 Spiced Shrimp Bar: 5-8 Holmes/ McCaw 8-11 ?	<b>28.</b> <b>Crab Feast</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 ?
<b>29.</b> Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Nolan	<b>30.</b> Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamarra.					