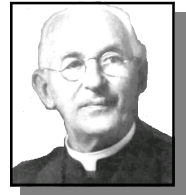




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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Fr. José Cortes

The Sacred Heart

The month of June is dedicated to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

When I was a child the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus impressed me a lot: the heart on the outside of Jesus' chest with thorns and blood around scared me. I did not like the image of the sacred heart.

My parish in Portugal was the first church in the world dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Estrela Basílica was built by order of Queen Mary I of Portugal, because she made a vow: if she had a son she would build the first basilica to the Sacred Heart. She kept her promise after bearing a son, José, Prince of Brazil and dedicated the church in 1790.

I understood the importance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus while in the seminary. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is the devotion to the human heart of God, the human love of God. The heart is a symbol of God's love for us. Saint John's Gospel says that Jesus' heart was pierced by a lance. The heart of God burns with compassion for us. To be devoted to the Sacred Heart means to let God's love change our lives. It means to accept His love for us.

During the month of June let us look at Jesus' heart; let us rediscover Jesus' love for us!

Fr. José

Join us for Breakfast!!

Sunday June 1st 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, Pastries, Toast, Juice, & Coffee!

Please Note:
July's Breakfast is cancelled



Squires/Roses Carwash

Where: Rosensteel Council
9707 Rosensteel Ave
Silver Spring 20910
When: Sunday June 15th
Time: 10am till 2pm
Cost: \$10.00 per car

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, snacks and drinks will also be available. Please help support your council and its Squires/Roses circle.

Please contact Terrence Moore for more information at 571.436.5776 or tpmoore@pbs.org

Mary's Widows

Our June Luncheon will be held at the Knights of Columbus Council on **Monday, June 2nd**, at 11:30 am in the Maryknights Room. We will be guests of the Knights.

You will receive a call soon so we can give the cooks a head count. Hope you can join us to thank the Knights for their support.. Call Lois Devlin, 301-681-7448, if you are interested in joining us.



GRAND KNIGHTS STATION Kenny Tullis

Greetings All, and Happy June 2014! It is hard to believe my year as Grand Knight (2013-2014) has come and gone so quickly and this is my final Knight Life dissemination of the Grand Knight's Station. I believe we have accomplished much working together and had lots of fun doing so. The next group of incoming leaders will certainly further the mission of the Council and stand ready to perform to the best of their abilities, with the dedicated assistance from our outstanding volunteers.

Thank you to those who attended the 116th KOC convention in Ocean City, MD. It was very nice to see everyone from our local area and also meet many Knights of Columbus members from around the State of Maryland. Janis and I had a good time and enjoyed representing the Rosensteel Council. I would like to send a huge KUDOS message to the Maryknights who were recognized with two awards in appreciation of their hard work and dedicated service. I am also sending out a special "Thanks" to Joe Marks and Rick Horner for organizing the hospitality suites for all to enjoy!

Recently, the Council hosted a Kick Off Family Picnic, led by the Warden, Terrence Moore. Thank you so much for this thoughtful event and organizing the fun activities for our Council, family and friends. The food was delightful and the children as well as the adults enjoyed the presence of our neighborhood friends at the Fire Department who provided first-line VIP access to their wonderful Fire Supporting Vehicles

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**In case of illness or death of a member please contact
Financial Secretary, Rob Seubert, at 301-681-8181**

showing us the critical equipment required in the event of an emergency supporting our community.

The month of June is a very busy time of year for many families and friends who are celebrating first communions, graduations, proms, new additions to the families, and more. We are looking forward to the remainder of the Summer and all the blessings and joy it will bring. As I wrote my very first column reflecting on the pride in membership and volunteers, I will continue to represent the Knights of Columbus' commitment to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I am proud to be a mem-

ber of this passionate and esteemed organization.

Janis, Kim and I, thank you for your friendship, outstanding work, dedication, and commitment to the goals which inspire our spirit to move forward with sustainability, on behalf of the Council! I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure and look forward to supporting my successor and the Council in the next fraternal year, investing in a successful outcome.

God Bless You All – Everyone!

Kenneth Tullis, Grand Knight

Warden's Word

As the "watchdog" of the council I feel it's my duty to inform all of my observations.

- ◆ Over the last 11 months I have observed approximately 185 of our 1000 members in attendance at council events.
- ◆ Of those 185 attendees I have observed that approximately 80 of them attended numerous events.
- ◆ Of those 80 I have observed approximately 60 of them work these events.
- ◆ Of those 60 I have observed approximately 45 of them work multiple events.
- ◆ Of those 45 I have observed almost 100% of them not only donated their time and effort but paid to attend.
- ◆ The average attendance for a Business Meeting was 35, which is 3.5% of our council membership. (I believe at least 10 of us are required attend.)

These are somewhat disturbing observations. While I am in full agreement with the State and National push for new membership, I for one would like to see the push for better participation from our current membership.

"Not a sermon just a thought"

Family of the Month

“Strength Through Faith, Family & Fraternity”

I am a firm believer in family first. Family is the most important gift we have been given. Family is there in times of trouble, bails you out when you “mess” up, shares your joys and sorrows, stands by you, backs you up and prays for you.

The Rosensteel Family is such a gift, to me and to each other. Thanks to ALL of you who have so generously given your time, your love and your prayers to help this Council over the past year. Working and praying together has kept us strong in times of great need, both physically and spiritually.

So everyone - kitchen crews, bingo crews, breakfast teams, committee members, bartenders, managers, cooks, groundskeepers, trustees, Maryknights, Retirees, and anyone I may have missed— *Congratulations!*

Members of Fr. Rosensteel Council #2169-

YOU are June’s Family of the Month!



Clubhouse Report June 2014

The Clubhouse “quarter kitty” sign in book has raised the payout limit to \$1000.00 **Effective June 1, 2014.**

Currently there is over \$2000.00 (!!) accumulated. Good luck and don’t forget to drop your quarter in the kitty when you sign in.

Mike Miller,
President



Squires/Roses June 2014

We need those registration forms.
Upcoming events:

- Spring council cleanup - TBD
- St Joseph’s House Spring Cleanup - TBD
- Car Wash – June 15th, 2014 – 10:00 to 2:00
- Paint Ball?
- “Night at the Ball Park” Nats game – July 2nd, 2014 6:05 vs. the Rockies
- First Sunday Breakfast June 1st.
- Numerous council events needing our services

Let’s hold our May meeting on Monday June 9th from 7:00 to 8:00, please come prepared to discuss the events above.

Keep telling your friends, we are over 60 strong and growing; I am presently updating our circle with the state. This will avail our circle many new events, activities, scholarships and awards.

Be Worthy!

Knight of the Month

This month’s Knight has been a fixture in the council for many years! Through shining, personal example, his father taught him well about what it means to be a Knight. He, in turn, is passing this wisdom on to his own sons.

He has headed a cooking crew, and in addition to activities too numerous to mention, has been a long-standing, instrumental part of one of our most respected traditions, Nuns Appreciation Night, taking over for his father and proving “the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree.” Everyone knows him, everyone loves him! Please congratulate **Jerry Horner who is June’s Knight of the Month!**

Capital Improvement Fund Update

Your CIF Committee is attempting to raise \$20,000 toward major repairs, replacement, and/or upgrades of our old HVAC SYSTEMS, ROOF, AND OTHER PHYSICAL PLANT AREAS of the Council building. We thank those who have contributed thus far.

In three short months we have realized over 25% of our goal! To date \$6,566 has been donated to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are on track to reach our goal of \$20,000 by year end 2014. If each member donates \$30, as GK Tullis has suggested, we will exceed our expectations! We will continue to honor those who have donated \$100 or more, including professional firms and business organizations, by adding their names to our Knight Life Hall of Fame.

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.

In addition to your generous donations we are planning a couple of fund raisers. The first is a raffle. On May 30th, the CIF Committee will begin selling tickets - \$10 each – for a chance to win 1 of 2 beautiful, Knights of Columbus, men’s watches valued at \$150 each. The drawing is expected to take place either at the Grand Knight’s Installation dinner in July or at the Council picnic later this summer. Please support this fundraiser.

We are also finalizing plans for a fall fruit sale. More details to come!

J. Patrick Warner, chairman

CIF “Hall of Fame”

Thank you for your generosity!

Platinum (\$1,500)

Gold (\$1,000)

Silver (\$500)

Bronze (\$250)

Mr. & Mrs. Walter MacDermid

Mr. John McNamara

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ries

Mr. Joe Rogers

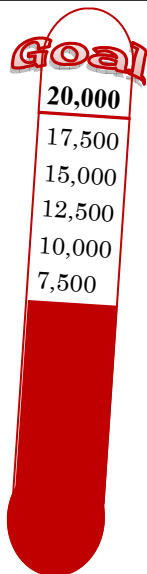
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As we approach the finish line on our 2013-2014 year, we take this opportunity to thank our outgoing officers for their dedication and service: Margie Cuff, Brenda Graninger, Kathy Arvedlund, Polly Seleski and Sue Wiant have done a great job moving us forward. And big shout outs go to Helen Vallone, Donna Stocker and Jean Stocker who did a fantas-

tic job on the Charity Ball; Beth Torp for our super fun Mardi Gras Special Event, and Lois Devlin for a successful spring card party. Thanks also to all the standing committee and special committee chairs for their ongoing support, to everyone who helped with the Carroll House and University of Maryland dinners, to all our pillow stuffers, and to all our Friday night bakers. And of course we also want to thank Father Trancone for his continuing spiritual guidance and constant source of good humor. We are grateful for his years of support and friendship. Reminder to the chairs: your year end reports are due in June. Please make at least 2 copies for the files.

Hopefully everyone will be able to attend the Installation Mass at Historic St. Johns Church on June 9 at 7PM. Congratulations to President Luanne Flanigan, Vice President Sue Wiant, Treasurer Kathy Arvedlund, Secretary Polly Seleski, and Historian Donna Stocker. We will start with mass, install our new officers and then cross the street for our business meeting and refreshments at the council. The executive committee will be responsible for refreshments for

this meeting.

The first Sunday of every month is the Council Breakfast. If you haven't had an opportunity to join us for breakfast, maybe June 1 would be a good time to give it a try. You can't beat \$9 for an all you can eat breakfast. Seriously ... two eggs, toast, bacon, juice and coffee, plus tax and tip at just about any restaurant will cost you at least \$9. And at the Knights that's just the start of what's available. The Maryknights have been supporting this activity since it started a few years back. So it's high time to give some special recognition to those Maryknights that are there month in and month out, helping collect money, serve food, clear tables and do whatever is needed. Thanks to regulars Margie Cuff, Theresa Sammartino, Helen Damiano, Marguerite Sukacz, Cheryl Moore, Pat Wigmore, and Theresa Fitzgerald, and to anyone else who has lent a hand. Thanks also to those who come and eat and support this council activity.

At the last meeting we heard about the new fire alarms the county will be requiring in homes and apartments in 2017 from the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department. The Deputy Grand Knight was on hand to accept a check for \$589.44 from our Mardi Gras Special Event. And we had presentations about charities being nominated to be recipient of next year's Charity Ball. One most important position that needs filling in the very near future is the chair for the Charity Ball. The chair will play a key role in the final selection of our charity. Please give serious consideration to volunteering for this key position.

At the Maryland State Knights of Columbus convention in Ocean City, our auxiliary received 2 awards: 3rd place for best auxiliary and 3rd place for best recurring event. Way to go!

See you on June 9 ... don't forget toiletries, soldier items, stamps, glasses, cell phones, etc.

Carol Walper



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Lamar Odom's Life Insurance Story

Lamar was raised in Queens, New York in a single-parent household. Even though his mother, Cathy, earned a modest income working as a corrections officer, she sent him to Catholic school because of concerns about the public schools in the South Jamaica neighborhood where they

lived. When Lamar was 12, his mother died of colon cancer. Because she had life insurance, Lamar was able to continue his Catholic school education.

When Lamar graduated high school at 18, life insurance again made a difference in his life. Lamar was considered to be one of the best young basketball players in the country, but knew it would be best for his career if he did not pursue a professional career right away. Because he and his grandmother, who raised him through high school, were financially stable, Lamar did not need to immediately earn a paycheck and attended college for several years prior to turning pro.

"I'm sure my mom didn't think she would die at age 35, but that didn't stop her from doing the responsible thing and buying life insurance," said Lamar. Her wise decision gave me the foundation to move on in my life, and played a big role in making me the person I am today. When I began my pro career, one of the first things I did was buy life insurance to make sure that my loved ones would always be taken care of. I'm proud to be working with the LIFE Foundation to share my story and to hopefully get more Americans to do the kind of smart planning my mom did."

**Third Annual
"Night at the Ballpark"
Presented by the Rosensteel
Squires/Roses**

Date: Wednesday July 2ndth, 2014

Time: 6:05pm Game time

**Cost – Free to Squires and Roses -
\$12.00 per ticket for others.**

Nationals vs. Rockies

**We would like to gather at the council,
have a brief tailgate party and then take
Metro to the game as a group.**

**Please RSVP as soon as possible to:
Terrence P. Moore tpmoore@pbs.org Or
571-436 5776**

**This is a family event, please plan on a
parent attending. If not joined by your
parent please ask another
parent to chaperone .**



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Do you know someone who is a graduate of Gonzaga High School? Are you a former student of Gonzaga located at 900 North Capitol Street? Who are those persons wearing Gonzaga Alumni shirts seen recently in The Knight's Room. Who was this person to have a now famous Catholic school named after him?

Aloysius Gonzaga was born into an aristocratic family in the castle of Castiglione, Italy, in

1568. His father was Ferrante Gonzaga, a Marquis, and a professional soldier. Aloysius received instructions at the age of eight in Florence. At the age of twelve he received spiritual guidance from St. Charles Borromeo. Later, he and his brother went to Madrid where his father served the Spanish King. While in Spain he decided to become a Jesuit priest. During his novitiate period he received many instructions and excelled in mathematics, theology and philosophy. He had always been ill as a child and suffered from kidney disease. In the fourth year of his studies a famine and pestilence broke out across Italy. Disregarding the hazard to his own health, he devoted himself to the care of the sick and dying. He reported a vision of the Archangel Gabriel who told him the day of his own eminent death. On that very day, June 21, 1591, he died from the illnesses he'd contacted. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII. (1726).

Undoubtedly you've noticed that the old Walter Reed Army Hos-

pital just South of us along Georgia Avenue has closed and the new facility has opened next to Navy Hospital on Wisconsin Av. The many injured and amputee soldiers we'd see around Silver Spring are no longer with us. Many people have wondered what will happen with the now vacant property. The plan is to convey 67 acres to the District for redevelopment into residential, retail, community parks and a hotel/conference center. The remaining 43 acres will go to the Department of State which plans to build a Foreign Missions Center with space for fifteen chanceries or embassies. They anticipate this will be a 20 year long project. The Walter Reed Medical Buildings on Brookville Road in Silver Spring are unaffected.

Our Retirees Bowling League has concluded the season with a banquet, prizes and congratulations to all members. If you are interested in joining the league in the Fall contact Bob Brown so that you can be placed on a team. But now what are your plans for that empty space of a few hours on Thursday mornings? Well, now is the time to take care of those little projects you have said "When will I ever have the time"?

We thank the many volunteers who make our Council so great. But we realize that, due to other obligations, not everyone can make the same contribution to church and council. We shouldn't feel that is necessary. I invite you to look at three framed photographs on the wall in the Knight's Room opposite the bar area. You will see pictures of the Knights of #2169 taken in 1924 and 1926 in front of the old St. John's Church. Those Brother Knights are all long gone now, but the work they contributed many years ago made this council what it is today. We cannot fail them. Make your own contribution. Keep up the good work Brothers.

The June Luncheon and meeting will be on Tuesday June 24th.

VP Tom Leonard

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presents

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Managing Council's Own
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Live dancers, hand dancers,
DJ, social & restaurant
Ticket Price: \$25
(incl. "Fat" hors d'oeuvres,
cheese platters, bread,
salad, hot dog)
Shows Open: 7:30 pm
Food Service: 8:15 pm
Music Start: 9pm to 1am

As most of us know— the Clubhouse is in need of a good fryer. While funds have been donated by The Maryknights and the Fourth Degree, it is not enough for the commercial grade fryer needed for our catering events.

This concert is being held to finance the new fryer. It looks to be a good time! Proceeds go towards the Clubhouse Fryer.

The ticket price of \$25 includes "Fat" hors d'oeuvres (cheese platters, hot dogs, meat and chicken), Music by Chyp Andi with special guests to include line dancers and hand dancers from the school of Mowtown.

Columbian Room Doors open at 7:30

***Cash Bar**

Food will be served at 8:15

Music from 9p-1am

Contact Bill Veith at 301-922-9962

**Funeral for
SK Joe Rosick**

Saturday, June 21st, 10am
Gate of Heaven Cemetery
The service is graveside,
Luncheon follows at Leisure World-
RSVP Pat Roderick 207-650-8250



Wednesday Pizza Night

June 4 & 18 2014

6:00pm to 8:00pm

\$10 each

"Carry Out" or

"Eat In" the Knights Room with friends!

**Wednesdays
7:00pm**

\$1,000 Jackpot!

Bro. Jim Smith enjoys the beautiful spring weather and his wife, Sandy's, gardening skills. Jim is a regular afternoon card player.



Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

The Nation's Eroding Consensus

America is under stress. It is experiencing a splintering of the core values that hold it together as a nation. The populace is evolving into divergent groups possessing strongly opposing beliefs, with little or no middle ground. It is evident on issues such as the rights of an unborn child vs. those of the mother, the definition of marriage, the extent of religious freedom, the balance between personal liberty and national security, and individual vs. government responsibility, among others.

A nation requires not only a defined territory with an orderly, stable government, but a communal culture, that is, a foundation of common societal values, traditions, language and history, which can form its people into a community. Culture, which may evolve over time, typically is the most powerful of the forces defining a nation.

From its inception, America has been a pluralistic society welcoming people of diverse backgrounds, nationalities and cultures. The resulting multiplicity of talents that have poured into the country have strengthened the nation, while providing opportunities for individuals to succeed based on their abilities, desires, and efforts. Within a generation or two, the customs and mores brought by the then-immigrants harmonized with the extant ones, creating a dynamic American culture, which adopted elements from the lands of the more newly arrived. Over time, the blending became a unitary culture, with continual refreshment from the influx of new immigrants. This has been America's history as it has striven for unity-amid-diversity.

As America expanded from a collection of 13 colonies bordering the Atlantic Ocean to 50 states spanning the continent and beyond, it was populated largely through the emigration of peoples from European countries. This produced varying regional characteristics with people having different intensities regarding specific issues, but possessing a core of prevailing values based on Judeo-Christian teachings.

While never perfect, the success of America's societal "mixing bowl" has rested on a societal commitment to tolerance and respect for individual rights. It also has required a broad consensus among the multiple communities, minority and majority

alike, on the nation's core beliefs and cultural values. Without the consensus the nation could not have continued to exist – at least as a democracy.

More recently, the traditional approach to pluralism has been transformed, as the emphasis has been to celebrate diversity over unity. While this may appear to be more tolerant, more open-minded, and more progressive, with a greater commitment to promote equality and togetherness, it has a significant flaw. Multiculturalism is based on relativism. In its drive for impartiality and equity, it presents every culture and society as equally desirable and beneficial, except that of the prevailing majority which is consistently denigrated and pressured to be contrite for failings that were addressed generations ago. Peoples of other cultures are encouraged to express their traditions in glorified ways, but those of America's resident culture are maligned with accusations of intolerance, bigotry, or nativism when they try to exhibit pride in the aims, ideals, achievements, heroes, struggles, sufferings, and triumphs of the nation's past

Multiculturalism ignores the necessity for a common set of values. It promotes detached group identities and disparate societal principles. To obtain recognition and acquire special rights, groups speak with indignation and outrage, claiming histories of abuse. A separate identity for the faction is promoted through consciousness raising and an emphasis on things that remove it from the rest of society. Spokesmen for the group assert that its members are victims of discrimination, a concept that is constantly enlarged and used to limit the freedom of opinion and autonomy of conscience of others. This is a powerful accusation, especially in a nation founded on freedom, and often suppresses opposing views.

When core principles are in conflict, as when minority groups hold views or pursue activities that are anathema to the larger society, the nation becomes fragmented. Bitter conflicts arise when one group makes statements or behaves in ways that offend the majority, especially when those actions appear to be an attack on religious beliefs. Group identity then becomes a source of dissent, rather than adding to the richness of a shared culture.

The strength and permanence of a society, especially a democracy in which government is invested in the people, requires a commitment to shared constants that provide criteria for communal action. America was founded on Christian principles. Its com-

mon standards are based on values and virtues that are derived from the Gospel and best taught by religion. But this nation, as Europe before it, is trying to relegate religion to the private sphere and ban any mention of God from public discourse or expression.

Without recognition of the transcendental, without an acknowledgement of God, without a respect and reverence for that which is holy, the nation as we know it cannot continue to exist. When there is no faith or belief in God, individuals attempt to achieve self-fulfillment through an exclusive focus on wealth, consumerism, and personal pleasure, resulting in declining moral standards, a neglect of the common good, and little commitment to family or community. Such a profane and hedonistic society is literally unsustainable.

America has succeeded on the basis of pluralism, in which a balance has been struck between adherence to a common set of values – based on Christian teachings – and the freedom for peoples of varying backgrounds and beliefs to maintain their own identities. Multiculturalism, which often promotes relativistic secularism, undermines such core values as freedom of conscience, the dignity of the individual, human rights at all stages of life, concern for the common good, and patriotism. American, without those values, has no future.

The Knights of Columbus, with approximately 1.5 million members in the United States, can have a very significant effect on the culture of this country. It can work to strengthen the understanding of the Catholic Faith of its members, encourage them to live and lead their families according to these teachings, and serve as a catalyst in the public arena to strengthen the Christian principles that underlie the culture of the nation. Our Order can help the country to once again recommit to the principles upon which it was founded. Each Knight with his family in his community can do the same. Will you?



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. Breakfast 8 am- 12noon Bar: 5-8 8-11	2. Mary's Widows 11:30 @ Council Bar: 5-8 8-11	3. Business Meeting Bar: 5-8 8-11 Evans	4. BINGO Pizza Bar: 5-8 Carey 8-11	5. Bar 5-8 8-11 Jimenez	6. Crew #8 Seubert Spring Surprise! Bar 5-8 Pistol Pete, R. Horner 8-11 Hardman	7. Bar: 5-8 8-11
8. Bar: 5-8 8-11	9. Maryknight Installation Mass 7p Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Cassagnol	10. Bar: 5-8 8-11: McKinney	11. BINGO Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Conway, Carey, DeVol	12. Bar: 5-8 8-11	13. Crew #7 Langley Bar: 5-8 Devol, Carey, Conway, Wigmore 8-11 McNamara	14. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Slattery
15. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Giblin	16. Bar 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Dassing	17. Social Meeting Bar: 5-8 Evans 8-11 Evans	18. BINGO <i>Pizza night 6-8</i> Bar: 5-8 Evans 8-11 Slattery	19. Bar: 5-8 8-11	20. Crew #9 Moore BBQ Chicken, Home- made sides Bar: 5-8 8-11 Moore, Langley	21. Bar: 5-8 8-11
22. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Maddox/King	23. Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Seubert	24. Retirees Luncheon Bar: 5-8 8-11 Grey	25. BINGO Bar: 5-8 8-11	26. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Miller	27. Crew #1 Bar: 5-8 Spike, McCaw 8-11	28. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Grey
29. Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11	30. Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara					
JULY 2014		1. Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11	2. BINGO Nat's Game <i>Pizza Night 6-8</i> Bar 5-8 / 8-11	3. Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11	4. Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11	5. Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11