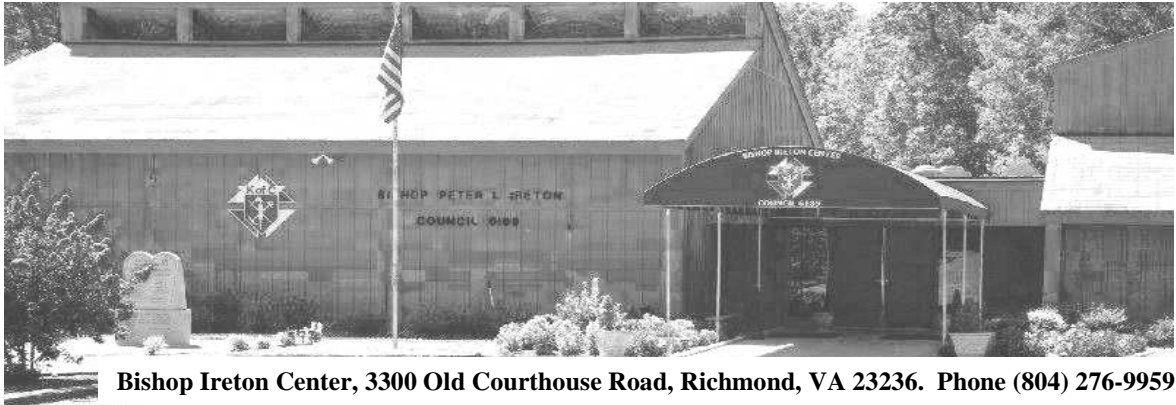


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Bishop Ireton Council 6189 welcomes all Knights and their families. We invite you to join us at our Fraternal events, learn about the many projects being planned, meet your fellow Knights, and provide your input on how to better our Council. **Please join us at our meeting on August 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm.**

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The Grand Knight's Message



A message from the Grand Knight

I sincerely hope all our members and families have been having a nice summer so far. I've begun to have more appreciation for the leadership we've had for the past year. One of the most daunting chores is the synchronization of all the calendars – the Council, Center and Ladies Auxiliary events have been merged into one document through the diligent efforts of my wife, Marty.

We've only just begun the fraternal year and my planner is looking mighty busy. That's not saying I'm too busy to help – I will do all I can to accommodate most requests or else put you in touch with someone who can help you. That's one of the things that endears me to this Council – the ethic which spurs us to help one another.

I think it's referred to as the dream of Father McGivney.

The remainder of this address will be to highlight some of the activities planned for the year:

- Saturday (9/20) Past Grand Knight's Dinner
- Saturday (11/1) Chesterfield Parks & Recreation Fall Fling
- Sunday (11/2) Memorial Mass and early Business Meeting
- Saturday (11/8) Scots-Irish Evening
- November 20 – 22 Brunswick Stew Preparation & Sale
- Tuesday (12/2) Light up for Christ
- Saturday 12/20) Adult Christmas Party
- Wednesday (12/24) Veteran's Christmas party
- Thursday (1/1) Annual Shrimp Feast
- Sunday (2/1) Superbowl Party

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Mark those calendars and planners! Plan on attending at least one event or offer to help plan and execute one of these activities. Doug and I have resolved to focus our Council and its activities around the family. With your help and participation, we will surely succeed.

Our August business meeting is scheduled for a First Degree. We may have two new members waiting. If you know of someone who could benefit by being a Knight of Columbus, by all means ask him to join. By your deeds, your fellow man will see the good you do and praise your father in heaven. If a man wishes to follow the example of your life, then he'll want to become a member.

Ad Gloriam Dei!

GK Bob Prebish

Our Chaplain's Corner

My dear brothers and sisters in K of C;
For some reason, this week I was meditating on the meaning of the word "truth". I guess I am tired of lies by politicians, by religious leaders, by lawyers, by TV commercials, by people I encounter who will say anything to get on your good side and by my own untruthfulness at times. The poor State of the world is based on lies. We went to war in Iraq based on a pack

of lies by the present Administration. To win the presidency the McCain people tell lies about Obama and the Obama people tell lies about McCain. Churchmen put on a holier than thou attitude while committing great sins of injustice and persecution.

When Jesus appeared before Pilate... Pilate asked the most important question: "What is Truth?" He didn't have the slightest idea that Truth was standing before him! The Scriptures tell us that Satan is the "Prince Of Lies!" His greatest goal is to convince us that God does not exist or, if He does, that He has lost control of the world's destiny! Satan seems to be doing quite well in this secular and increasingly pagan world that sees God as archaic fantasy. I am currently reading a magnificent book entitled: "What Is The Point Of Being A Christian?" The Author is Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP, the former General



(head honcho) of the Dominican Order. In chapter 6 entitled "The Community of Truth" he writes: Do Christians have anything to offer to the world's hunger for truth? It is not that Christians are necessarily more truthful than anyone else. It would be wonderful if we believed the advice of Mark Twain who said "When in doubt tell the Truth, it will confound your enemies and astound your friends", but I know of no solid evidence that we do. In fact a survey in the United States showed 13% of people who claimed to be religious would lie in order to get a job as opposed to 15% of people who did not make that claim. This is not a significant difference. In any case we know that what is strikingly different about Christianity is that we are better than other people and so less inclined to tell lies. What is distinctive is twofold: In a skeptical world, we believe that we may attain the truth through thinking. Second, our faith gives us a rather different understanding of what it means to be truthful!

Fr. Yves Congar OP. once said, "I love truth as I love a person." Great food for thought, I should say.!!! Maybe as Christians we have a deep incline as to the answer to Pilate's question: "what is Truth?" We answer that the question should be "WHO" is truth? TRUTH is the Lord Jesus Christ whom we try to serve. Maybe we also understand that our untruths give praise to the "Prince of Lies" --- Satan. Equally, I think we understand that lying is a profound violation of the truth of who we represent and follow-- Jesus the Christ, the Savior of the world.
LOVE AND PRAYERS

Father Leo

Scapular Medal Program : The Council's scapular medal program will be launched on October 1, 2008. This program is the creation of Brother Jack Hazlewood and involves the procurement of medal kits from various web site sources, the assembly of medals, and their distribution to a variety of people at nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, as well as to deployed military service members among others. Jack is supported in this initiative by his Brothers in the Council and members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Father Leo will provide spiritual guidance in program implementation. Jack is preparing detailed program information for our Council web site where you may soon find links to web sites providing a variety of information on scapular medal sources, histories, and spiritual relevance to the further development in our Catholic Faith. Jack will report regularly to the Council on the status and needs of the program.

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Knight and Family of the Month

The August Knight of the Month: This brother can always be counted upon to be a presence at meetings and most Council functions. He is a diligent worker, applying himself to compile, edit and distribute the Ireton Informer. He also updates the Council web site and is ever present to take the photographs that document Council activities. An unsung hero, he is everyone's buddy. Congratulations, George (Buddy) Cranford, our August Knight of the Month! (GK Bob Prebish)

The August Family of the Month: This family exemplifies the phrase "...lest we forget." With a son serving overseas in harm's way, they have taken the point in reinforcing Council support of all deployed troops. They have coordinated, collected and sent care packages to troops during the summer and also for Christmas. They can be counted to show up at VA functions to show appreciation of the service given by our wounded warriors. David will help coordinate our "Light up for Christ" event later this year. Lynn is active in the Lady's Auxiliary, aiding and assisting another auxiliary member who was ill by arranging meals to be brought as well as recruiting volunteers to do yard work. It is my privilege to recognize David and Lynn Griner as August Family of the Month (GK Bob Prebish)

In Memoriam

Remember in your prayers, those members of our Council and their families who have gone to their heavenly reward

Sircora Castillo, William Schmied, Agnes Roerig, Bob Allen, Dan Roerig, Anne Rodriguez, Anna Theresa Faina, Stanley Whitt, Cecile Gagnon, Gerard S. Parent, Bob McLaughlin, Emmett Rogers MacDonald, Arlene Toler, Danny Martin, Mike Gasper's mother, Gertie Miller, Wife of Brother Robert Miller, Brother Jack Wade, Alan Young, brother of Lynn Griner, Mrs. Katharina Keller- mother of Brother Whitey Keller, Kelly Mortensen's father, and Jim Bellizzi, nephew of Judy Hoof.



Remember in your prayers those members of the Order and their families who may be sick or in distress, or in the hospital.

Joe Aprile, Austin Castillo, Vic Agosto, Jr., Bob Klaer, Lois Crostic, John and Debbie Gorman, Bob Martin, Al Elko, Lois Goode, Helen Floyd, Ralph Floyd, Sharon Castillo,

John Gorman, Father Leo, Loretta Lattis, John Foster, Chris Craig, Annie Scott, Jim and Merle Waldron, Cathy Zimmerman, John and Patricia Melia, Spencer Jaden Brown, Lois Crostic, Margaret Hicks, Peggy Corcoran, Francis Gleason, Madison Grace and Nathaniel Orrin Baird.

Veteran's Bingo

This past July 6, 2008, our Council sponsored a bingo for our wounded warriors at the McGuire VA Hospital. Once again, we had a tremendous turnout from our Council members and their families. You know you are appreciated when you see the emotions running high. The "winner take all" was actually overcome with joy when he realized that he had won the game. It was a feeling we all shared with him. One nurse said that her patients had been anticipating the game all week and it was all they could talk about. She stated that she really appreciated what the Knights did for her patients. We had a returning veteran, a young Marine suffering from damage to his brain. We had written a story on him in a past issue of the Informer. He touched us with his story of becoming a U.S. citizen the last time we had seen him. Doug MacPherson wrote a poem for him but was unable to give it to him. The VA had discharged him. Doug was able to read to read the poem and present it to him at the end of event. Veterans greeted him after the presentation with hugs, some were in wheelchairs. All in all, the annual event went well and we had a nice attendance of veterans.

Ladies' Auxiliary Events

We are planning our **September 27, 2008** fundraiser dance. The theme is "Summer's Final Splash". It will have live music by "Splash Band". Appetizers will be served. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at door. Please join us to help plan the event. We are also going to collaborate with Brother Knight Jack Hazlewood to make Scapulars to give out at hospitals, nursing homes, etc. Father Leo will be at the September Ladies meeting to give a brief explanation of the program. One more exciting program has got a date! **Saturday, October 25, 2008**, we are having a day retreat at the Sisters of Visitation from 9:00am to 3:30 pm. Father Leo is the retreat master. The cost is \$10.00 and that includes lunch (from Powhatan Country Store) and a stipend for Convent.



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Please sign up for this now. Phone: 379-6366 or email:
mrs12paws@verizon.net

Monthly meetings will begin in September. Please invite a friend. For information regarding the Auxiliary, please call Marty Prebish at 379-6366. Our Council welcomes new members

- **No Monthly Ladies Aux. meeting in August**
- **August 1, 2008: 7:00 pm:** Movie Night in BIC clubroom. Bring your own drink. popcorn will be provided. Bring a favorite movie to share.
- **August 14, 2008** from 6:30 pm to 8: 30 pm- Game Night in BIC clubroom.

August 2008 Charity Motions

Camp Baker	\$1000.00
American Missions	\$500.00
Chester YMCA - Bright Beginnings	\$500.00

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great, that the following prayer would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.”

(Please memorize this prayer in order to say it more often no matter where you may be.)

St. Gertrude's life was the mystic life of the Cloister - a Benedictine nun. She meditated on the Passion of Christ, which many times brought a flood of tears to her eyes. She did many penances and Our Lord appeared to her many times. She had a tender love for the Blessed Virgin and was very devoted to the suffering Souls in Purgatory. She died in 1334. Her feast day is November 16th. (Approval and recommendation; M. Cardinal Pahiarcia at Lisbon, Portugal, on March 4, 1936)

BIC Board (Bishop Ireton Center President's Report)

On July1, 2008, we had our annual Board of Directors election of officers. The past President George Stevens stepped down, but pledged he will continue to work hard for us. His year was

a difficult year but also a prosperous one. We hired PGK Gene Zimmerman for building manager & catering coordinator. Gene increased the catering profit margin from 36% to 54%, We painted the inside of the main hall and entrance, and modernized the kitchen with a new stove and all stainless or chrome shelving. There were also other things done - too numerous to mention here. Our thanks go to George Stevens for heading up the projects. The newly elected officers for '08-'09 are:

President – Frank Cuffe

Secretary – Ken Becker

Treasurer – Rob Morley

The BIC board will continue trying to make the Bishop Ireton Center a pleasant place to come to. Our projects now are: 1) Enclosing the Horace Scott Stew Shed with eight double doors to provide some protection from the elements and security, 2) the purchase of new draperies for the main hall. Thanks to Clara Agosto for heading up this important committee. 3) We are also looking into the purchase of some large pictures for the walls to brighten and enhance the look, 4) We must improve our signs to make us more visible and secure new clients for the building.. 5) Last, but most importantly, PGK Tom Hoof is working on our business plan to broaden our advertising reach and secure new clients for the building.

There are nineteen Brother Knights on the Board of Directors who can set direction. We encourage all KOC members along with the Ladies Auxiliary to supply input and help. Most of our projects are done with volunteer help. If you would like to, please contact me at 530-3167 (home) or by email– cuffef@verizon.net. Thanks to the board for your confidence. (Frank Cuffe)

D-Day Memorial Bus Trip

The June 2008 Bus Trip was a success and those who took the trip to the D-Day Memorial had a great time. Some of us enjoyed good wine at the winery and we all had a fine meal at the resort inn. We switched buses to return and the fun began. Though we experienced a couple of problems with the bus (no air condition on the first one and brakes burning on the other), the ride down the mountain was a breeze (so to speak). We were ok and in God's hands. Once at the bottom of the mountain, George Zuban opened his eyes and



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exclaimed” it was a piece of cake”!! Really, it was a very nice trip. Our thanks go to George Zuban and Clara Agosto for planning it so well. It was a fun day.



Pray For Peace, Pray the Rosary