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## In This Issue.....

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 January 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Ad Gloriam Dei

## The Grand Knight's Message



### *A message from the Grand Knight*

Brothers, well we have made it half way through. I hope everyone had a great Christmas. Thanks to all those who came out to the Light Up For Christ. Thanks especially to Deacon Mark Matte for conducting the service. The lighting ceremony was beautiful, and we enjoyed good food and music back in the center afterwards. Thanks also go out to all those who braved the first major snowfall of the area and came out to the Christmas party on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We had to postpone a day due to the weather being so bad on Saturday, but Sunday turned out to be a fairly nice day. Many thanks go out to George and Beppy Zuban for fighting the weather Friday night to get the main courses ready. The ham and turkey were great, as well as all the sides and dessert brought by all those attending.

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While this event has not happened at the time of writing, I want to thank all those who came out to support our veterans at the VA Maguire Hospital Christmas Party on Christmas Eve. This takes true dedication and a charitable spirit to take time away from your families to celebrate Christmas with the residents at McGuire who are all but strangers to you. I am sure all the residents and their families appreciate all the assistance and support the Knights give to our entire Armed Forces, home and abroad. These brave men and women do the hard work to keep us free and provide a life of which very few other countries can compete. As we enter into the second half of the year, I look forward with great optimism for the future of our council. To think, that we have been doing the good work of the order for 40 years. What a great accomplishment! While I am fairly new to this council, I am sure that we, as a council, have had our ups and downs throughout the years. But we have persevered, as Brothers, to fulfill the legacy of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. I hope to be around to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and hope to have the history and the sense of accomplishment we all strive for. Thank you all for all the hard work you do to make this council great.

*The BIC Board and Officers of Council 6189 wish you and your families a very Happy New Year*

I hope you can all join me and the rest of the Bishop Ireton Center Board of Directors at the annual Shrimp Fest on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Come on out and kick off the new year with your brother knights, their family and friends. Look for details inside this month's informer. Also, please mark your calendar for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life in Washington DC. We will be chartering a bus leaving from St. Augustine's the morning of January 22. As the health care debate rolls on in Congress, we must stand together and let our voices be heard that there can be no place for abortion. The theme for this years march is: **Stand Up Now! Unite for the Life Principles--No Exception! No Compromise! I encourage you all to stand in solidarity in defense of innocent human life..**

Ad Gloriam Dei  
*GK Jim Cook*

# The State of BIC

## 2009 Year End Bishop Ireton Center Report

For BIC, this year did not seem to begin well. In 2008, we had gone through some severe cost-cutting measures to get our income versus expenses in line but in 2009 we discovered that we had to do more with less. Again we cut expenses and finally by midyear we were able to put together a budget that did not have any deficit; in fact, we had a small surplus. It didn't take long, however, to find a place for it to go. The first thing we did was to replace one of the air conditioners, at no small expense. We had just finished that when another heating unit went out. That was replaced as was the worn out carpet in the main hall. This was completed in November and with the new drapes purchased last year everything now has a clean, fresh look. Continuing problems with the security system have forced an evaluation and bids on an upgrade have been received. This will be decided on soon. When we finish the above mentioned item we will be looking to upgrade the bingo monitors, by adding one or two. On a positive note the new stew shed has provided a comfortable place to cook the annual Brunswick stew which was a tremendous success this year. All this has been accomplished without borrowing any funds or dipping into the BIC savings account, which is for emergency use. More savings have come from volunteers and the Building Manager, Gene Zimmerman doing most of the maintenance work. With all that said, the year behind us has been pretty good. The hall rental and catering year- to- date is up around 10% due to some changes made in the rental policy. We are looking forward to 2010 and hope we can continue to do as well as we have been. Hopefully a new bingo client is due to begin after the first of the New Year, which will take

some of the pressure off. The Bishop Ireton Center Board of Directors wishes everyone a Happy New Year.  
 Frank Cuffe  
 President, BIC Board

## Something of Interest

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**January Lectures:** On Friday, January 15, 7:00pm, Harry Kollatz, Jr., *Richmond Magazine A&E* Editor will lecture on "**The Beattie Murder**". On Friday, January 29, 7:00pm, Scott Williams, Military History Committee, Chesterfield Historical Society, will lecture on "**Historic Point of Rocks**". Both lectures will be at the Lucy Corr Village Community Hall, 6800 Lucy Corr Boulevard, Chesterfield, VA 23832. For more information go the CHS website at: [www.chesterfieldhistory.com](http://www.chesterfieldhistory.com). For more information, call (804) 796-1479.

## HooahMail For Troops in Afghanistan

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The U.S. Army's "HooahMail" program makes it possible for friends and family members to put a paper letter and photograph into the hands of their loved ones in Afghanistan, in some cases, on the same day it is sent. The one-year pilot program is scheduled to begin Dec. 1 and makes use of the Internet combined with physical mail delivery to create a hybrid mail system that can get letters into the hands of Soldiers in remote locations much faster than regular mail delivery alone. Family members that want to send a letter and a photograph to a Soldier in Afghanistan will be able to log into the program's website at [www.hooahmail.us](http://www.hooahmail.us) to type in their message and delivery information. The HooahMail program is free for family members and friends, and is available for Soldiers in Afghanistan only. Pass this on to a friend who has a son or daughter in Afghanistan.

## March For Life -Washington, DC

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The March for Life in Washington, DC will take place on Friday, January 22, 2010. Make plans to attend. A bus is provided. All you have to do is get on it at St. Augustine Church at 7:45 a.m. and take the ride. Bring a lunch. Show your support for the unborn. The cost is \$15 per person not to exceed \$50 per family. Call Rich Mayer at 276-1263 or DGK Doug Macpherson at 275-7187.

## Calendar of Events

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Jan 1	Shrimp Feast	12:00 pm-1:30pm
Jan 5	<u>BIC Meeting</u>	7:00 pm
Jan 10	Ladies Aux Meeting	6:30 pm
	<u>Council Meeting</u>	7:00 pm
Jan 22	March For Life	7:45 am Load Bus

**Stew Photos** The BIC will be posting a few photos inside the stew shed of past "memorable" stew making events. Stop by and have a look. (Compliments of BIC President Frank Cuffe)

## ***Knight and Family of the Month***

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***The January Knight of the Month*** This brother has been instrumental in accomplishing a number of recent and upcoming events. He dutifully stepped in for the Light Up For Christ service when Fr. Leo was unexpectedly moved back to New Hampshire. He has also offered up help in getting our Memorial Mass rescheduled. For all his assistance to the council, I congratulate Deacon Mark Matte as January Knight of the Month. (GK Jim Cooke)

***The January Family of the Month:*** There are a few families out there that could easily take this title month after month, but this family really does put in the long hours to complete a job well done. This past month, this family braved the storm to prepare food for our annual Christmas party. For their continued hard work for the support of the council, I congratulate George and Beppy Zuban as the January Family of the Month (GK Jim Cooke)

## **In Memoriam**

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

Jean Brennan, Margaret Bergamini, Tim Kelly, Mary Ann Charest, Larry Farren, Nancy Lee Wanamaker, Harry Lee Goode (brother of Annie Scott), Stewart Foulke, Patrick O'Hare, Sr., Wendell Lloyd, Glendora Martin Jones, Aunt of Bob Martin, Mary L. Bain & Jean Cranford (sister and sister-in-law of Buddy & Judy Cranford), Mary L. Priddy, Mother of Brenda Martin, David Cuff, father of Stephanie Cooke, Lois Crostic, Peg Bierkowski, Stanley Williams, brother of PGK Earl Williams



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

Eva Weck-Ontiveros, Don Newcomb, PGK Gene Zimmerman, Samantha Yost, Barbara Bodeman, Ruth Haskill, Mabel Prebish, Father Leo, Richard Satterfield, TSgt Richard & Stephanie Satterfield, Joe Del Pozo, Bob Klaer, Anna Drago, sister of Rich Mayer, Doris Christy, Ann ReDavid (now cancer free), Lois Goode, Annie Scott, Margaret (Peggy) Sulzbach, Cheryl Dorish, Sally Lill, Mary and Phil Schnelker Kim Keller, Nick Marcario, Karl Leonard, Jim Bourque, Marlene Chance, Joe Aprile, Vic Agosto, Jr., John and Debbie Gorman, Al Elko, John Gorman, Loretta Lattis, John Foster, Chris Craig, Jim and Merle Waldron, Gene & Cathy Zimmerman, Patricia Melia, Margaret Hicks, Peggy Corcoran.

## **Ladies' Auxiliary Events**

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Our group did a great job at our annual Tag/Bake Sale held on November 21<sup>st</sup>! We raised \$473.00 to add to our treasury. At our next few meetings, we will decide the charities to profit from our hard work and dedication. Thanks to all who helped!!

### **DATES TO MARK:**

#### **January 10th- Monthly Meeting**

5:30 pm-Light meal followed by meeting at 6:30pm

#### **February 7<sup>th</sup>-Council Superbowl Potluck Party**

Last year's "Pasta Potluck Superbowl Party" was a delicious success, so why not repeat it again this year! Sign up sheets of what to bring will be available at the January meeting.

#### **February 12<sup>th</sup>-Fourth Ladies Auxiliary Annual Pre-Lenten Fish Fry**

We will begin planning for this at the January meeting. A committee will be formed. Sign up sheets will be available at January's meeting, too.

*Do you know of any ladies who might be interested in becoming a member of our Auxiliary? If so, invite them to attend our next meeting. We always look forward to welcoming new members. Any questions, contact President, Marty Prebish at [mrs12paws@verizon.net](mailto:mrs12paws@verizon.net) or 379-6366.*

*Ladies Auxiliary Member of the Month,  
December 2009*

Irene Borgman



One way to know what this lady does for our council is to look at pictures taken at the functions. You don't have to look hard to see her in at least one of the pictures. Some of the pictures show her supporting and enjoying an event along with her husband. But, some of those pictures show her donning an apron and doing whatever task she can do. I especially remember all the behind the scene work she did to keep our food tables full at the "Summer's Final Splash" dance. Plus she worked in the hot kitchen preparing the food trays. You never have to ask her to do anything either! She readily comes up to you and asks what needs to be done. Or she sees what needs to be done and just starts doing it! I know that when I send out a request for volunteers for a project, she will be one of the members that always show up. She's done a lot of decorating, setting up and cleaning up....and all the while with a cheerfulness that is contagious. She a lot of fun to be around! She and her husband help out on bingo teams, too. It is a lot of fun to "work bingo", but it can be demanding at the same time. A lot of credit is due to the volunteers...especially the ladies! Add to all this a

**New Member Recruiting:** As a council, we need to recruit 19 members for this year. So far, we have one. How hard are we trying?

pleasant personality, a good sense of humor and a spirit of community, you have the Ladies Auxiliary Member of the Month for December.....your friend and mine.....**Irene Borgman**. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our group! (Marty Prebish)

### Kudos

Victor and Clara Agosto were chosen as Family of the Year for 2008-2009 for the Msgr. John J. McMahon Assembly #2205. They are very quiet and supportive, often behind the scenes. Victor is a dedicated member of the Color Corps, rarely missing any event. Clara was the founding President of the Bishop Ireton Ladies Auxiliary. Both work at the Christmas Eve dinner at McGuire Veterans Medical Center and attend the Assembly's Interment of the Angels as well as other events.

### Annual Shrimp Feast

**Last Notice:** The Bishop Ireton Board of Directors is hosting its annual shrimp feast on New Years day. We will be serving from 12 noon until 1PM. at the Bishop Ireton Center. Please come and enjoy the fine company and fellowship. The price will be only \$8.00 per person for a shrimp dinner and only \$3.00 for a non shrimp dinner. Reservations required. Call BIC.

### Little Angels Interment

Bon Secours Hospital and Bliley's Funeral home have an arrangement to provide burial services, free of charge, to families who aren't able to pay for the normal services. These infants are usually still born or died shortly after birth. Most are still born. MT. Calvary Cemetery provides the burial ground and the mausoleum where memorial services are conducted. These services are held approximately every 6 weeks. Bliley's has ask the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus to serve as usher/pall bearers to carry the small white coffins ( sometimes containing 2 or more infants) to the hearse and from the hearse to the un-marked grave site. As we have three 4th Degree Assemblies in the Richmond area, the assignments are rotated so each serves about every 18 weeks. This is quite a moving ceremony and anyone can come to witness it. The service is conducted by different clergy each time, normally on a Wednesday at 9:30 AM

## Ireton Informer Final Notice

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL COUNCIL 6189 MEMBERS AND RECIPIENTS OF THE INFORMER THROUGH THE POSTAL SYSTEM:

Effective with the publication and distribution of the **January 2010 INFORMER**, the council newsletter will be available NLT last week of each month at the Council website [www.kofc6189.org](http://www.kofc6189.org) Copies will be mailed through the US Postal System only to those members who called Buddy Cranford @ Tel 276-7243 or emailed him at [pastwalker@comcast.net](mailto:pastwalker@comcast.net). These members may continue to receive the INFORMER by mail. If no notification is received, it was assumed that he (or she) has such access capability and his (her) name will be removed from the mailing list. This action is taken solely as a result of severe constraints in our Council budget, the need to balance revenue with expenditures, and the dictates of good stewardship of Council funds. The money is simply not there.

### Light Up For Christ

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, members of our council joined together in the annual "Light Up For Christ" event at the center. The choir from St. Augustine Church joined us and lead the group in singing the Christmas hymns as we went to the Crèche outside for the ceremony and blessing. This year we were happy to have Deacon Mark Matte from Sacred Heart Parish to join us and bless the Crèche. He gave us a short story of the coming of our Lord which was quite a unique approach. After the blessing we processed back into the center and had more carol singing.



The Ladies Auxiliary provided the refreshments in their usual great fashion. A special thanks to Dave and Lynn Griner, Buddy Cranford, Bill Bergamni, and Whitey Keller for assembling both the outside and inside Crèches. May we always remember the reason for this season, Our Lord and Savior on his birthday, and that he brings us peace and his blessings on our families and council. (Whitey)

### January 2010 Charity Motions...

None

**Council Officers**

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Outside Guard	William Wirt	675-7097
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Rick Brennan	748-3706
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Gene Zimmerman	796-2209
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*Pray For Peace, Pray For Our Military*



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