

# The Restorers of Mount Carmel in Maryland, Inc.

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*The original Carmel  
1933*

## Chaplain

Rev. Edward J. O'Connell,  
S.J.

## Initial Board of Directors

Gerry Brosco  
Joan E. Hungerford  
Jane Kemp

## Officers

President  
Gerry Brosco

Vice President  
Scott Stuart

Secretary  
Margaret Goldsmith

Treasurer  
Jane Kemp

## Committee Chairpersons

Spiritual  
Membership  
Communications  
Historical



*The Restored Carmel  
1976*

## President's Message



Dear Members,

I hope that you all are well, enjoyed the summer, had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas and the New Year which are just a few weeks away.

In the March newsletter, I mentioned that there would be some changes to the Restorers organization. Since then some members have devoted a considerable amount of their time to making these changes possible. Here are the major changes that have been made.

1. Articles of Incorporation were approved on 14 May 2004. This identifies the Restorers as a legal entity in the state of Maryland.

2. An updated set of bylaws have been adopted.

3. The annual dues have been revised to \$20.00 and perpetual membership remains at \$200.00.

4. Nine elected members will serve as the Board of Directors.

5. Four officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by the Board of Directors.

6. Five committee chairpersons will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

7. An application has been sent to the IRS requesting that the Restorers be approved as a "Charity" organization.

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## Chaplain's Message



My Dear Members,

During Advent, we have many occasions to pray and wonder at the events of God's coming among us. Mary was a real person like your own mother. She would soon sing lullabies to her baby, bathe him, rejoice to hear his first spoken "Mama".

Good mothers are tough because they have to be. Her commitment to her husband was forever. This was the same bold young girl who set off on her own to help her cousin Elizabeth give birth.

All parents can be said to be parents of God, giving birth to the physical child and spiritual child too. An awesome responsibility! What an inspiration she was to her family!

Advent can be a time to re-make ourselves in the mold of Jesus and His family.

*Father Ed O'Connell, S. J.*



**The Nativity**

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If the Restorers is approved as a Charity organization these are the benefits:

- ◆ Recognition of tax-exempt status.
- ◆ Advance assurance to donors that their donations are tax-deductible.
- ◆ Exemption from some state taxes.
- ◆ Exemption from some federal taxes.
- ◆ Nonprofit mailing status.
- ◆ Qualifying for foundation grants.

Enclosed with this news letter is a copy of the newly adopted bylaws, your annual dues notice which contains a section asking for nominations to the Board of Directors and information about your interests and expertise which would be helpful as members of the committees. Please return your annual dues payment with your completed membership dues notice in the pre-addressed envelope. Your response before 31 December will be very much appreciated.

I ask that you provide us with an e-mail address, if you have one, so that you can be notified of significant changes to our organization as it happens and provide us with your input which we need to improve our organization. Also, you can keep abreast of "what's happening" by visiting our web site at [www.restorersmtcarmelmd.org](http://www.restorersmtcarmelmd.org) which is being revised and expanded.

I am pleased to announce that the Restorers has a cash grand total of **\$32,921.24** which is the total of the Support Historic Mount Carmel Fund which has a balance of \$27,488.45 plus the General Fund of \$5,432.79. This will be reduced by \$4,988.00 in early January 2005 when the next annual monastery property insurance premium is due. Because of the new building expansion program, planned by the Carmel Monastery, it is expected that this annual premium will increase significantly. To continue to help the nuns with this necessary expense your help will be needed.

On behalf of the officers I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. Thank you for your continued support and may God bless all of you.

*Gerry Brosco*

### TREASURER'S REPORT



Although autumn is in full swing with cold weather and falling leaves, we have experienced the "blooming" of new growth and improvements that I mentioned having looked forward to (March 2004 newsletter). With Gerry Brosco and Scott Stuart leading the way, we have been a busy and productive group resulting in our incorporation and forthcoming charitable organization status. There is also abundant reading for our members as you become familiar with the revised and updated bylaws.

Although the treasurer's position has not experienced much change - the institution of a finance committee (See enclosed Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2) will bring up-to-date ideas on how to increase and improve the stewardship of the finances with which the Restorers have been entrusted.

#### Restorers of Mount Carmel in Maryland, Inc. General Fund

Activities for March 12, 2004 through October 31, 2004

*March 2004 Balance.....	\$3,732.16
*Income.....	4,799.00
*Subtotal.....	.8,531.16
*Expenditures.....	(\$3,098.37)
*October 31, 2004 Balance.....	\$5,432.79
Income:	
*Dues.....	\$2,700.00
*Donations to Insurance Account.....	775.00
*Donations to Memorial Fund.....	210.00
*Donations to Restoration Fund.....	415.00
*Profit from Bus Tours.....	450.00
*Miscellaneous (water bottle deposit \$10, mini retreat \$71, donations \$48, cookbook \$20).....	149.00
*Adjustment (Added back into account outstanding Check 279; replaced by check number 300).....	100.00
*Total Income.....	\$ 4,799.00
Expenditures:	
*Transfer to Historic Fund.....	\$1,215.00
*Administrative & Operating Costs (Postage, printing, web site fee).....	290.69
*Service Expenses (Mini Retreat, Funeral Reception-[Sister Anne], Mass Stipends).....	427.38
*Filing Fee for Incorporation and Professional Services.....	1,020.00
*Miscellaneous.....	145.30
*Total Expenditures.....	\$3,098.37

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We thank God for His faithfulness in calling each member to Him, and we thank each member for answering the call to membership in the Restorers of Mount Carmel in Maryland, Inc. It is through your generosity that the Carmelite Nuns are able to call the monastery in Maryland their home and continue their most important work. Gratefully, *Jane Kemp*



MEMBERSHIP

Our website continues to bring in new members from different parts of the country, the newest being from Flushing, New York.

At our Board of Directors meeting in April, it was voted to have only two categories of membership: Annual at \$20.00 and Perpetual at \$200.00.

It's dues renewal time. . . don't let your membership lapse. We need your support to continue our work with the Carmelite Nuns.

Let's increase our membership in the new year. Encourage your friends and relatives to join. Thanks for your support.

EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER!!

*Peggy Goldsmith*

## Memorial Fund



Several years ago, in partnership with our friends, the nuns of Carmel of Port Tobacco, the Memorial Fund was initiated as a way to remember, in prayer, our loved ones both living and deceased, because of our belief in the miraculous power of prayer. Jesus asked us to "pray without ceasing" Thessalonians 5:17 and said "...whatever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:22.

Having recently lost my own father, I know how difficult the feeling of loss is! One of the most comforting things was the fact that the nuns of Carmel of Port Tobacco were praying for him and for our whole family in our time of grief.

We have the Memorial Fund and this is the nicest way to have the nuns pray for your loved ones too. At this time of the year especially, this is an appropriate way to remember our loved ones and with a donation of your choice we can provide financial assistance to the nuns also. Please visit our web site at [www.restorersmtcarmelmd.org](http://www.restorersmtcarmelmd.org), click on Memorial Fund and follow the instructions or contact me via my e-mail address, Annecladdagh, to have your loved one(s) remembered in daily prayer throughout the year by the nuns.

Thank you for doing so and may God Bless you.

*Anne*

### For more information call

*Suzanne Carr*  
301-645-5203

### Motorcoach Trip to Lancaster, PA

Tuesday, 21 June 2005

Departs Old Safeway, La Plata at 7:00 AM  
(Route 6 and Route 301)

Departs Waldorf Jaycees at 7:15 AM  
(Park closest to Old Waldorf School)

Shopping at Rockvale Outlets

Carl Hurley and Jeanne Robertson Show

Family Style Dinner - Plain & Fancy Restaurant

Return Waldorf/LaPlata approximately 9:30PM

\$90.00 includes transportation, show, dinner, and gratuities.

### UPCOMMING EVENTS



### Annual Polish American Festival

at

Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA  
Sunday, 11 September 2005

Bus Departs Court House in La Plata at 7:00 AM

Departs 301 Park and Ride at 7:15 AM

Returns to Waldorf/LaPlata approximately 8:00 PM

\$50.00 includes transportation, festival admission, snacks on the bus, and driver gratuity.

Transportation for both tours by Keller Coach  
55 passengers

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### Taste & See Cookbook Update

With the departure of Bob and Jane Hunt to their new home in Illinois, I will temporarily manage the cookbook sales for the Restorers. There are 67 cookbooks left from the last order. 22 of these are placed with vendors. For those of you in the local area you can purchase the books from **Judy's Hallmark, La Plata; St. Martins's Catholic Books and Gifts, Waldorf; Cherry Hill Farm & Orchard, Clinton; Wild Bird Store, Waldorf; and Walls Bakery, Waldorf.** You can also purchase them through the Restorers' Website at [www.restorersmtcarmelmd.org](http://www.restorersmtcarmelmd.org) or from the Gift Shop at the Carmel of Port Tobacco Monastery, La Plata. Gerry

## Hunt's Farewell



Above: Gerry Brosco presents an oil painting of the Historic Buildings to Jane and Bob. The painting was done by Reverend Mother Virginia Marie. Also presented to them was a Taste & See Cookbook, signed by all the nuns, and beautifully decorated by them.

Below: Bob and Jane, to the left and right of Reverend Edward O'Connell, the Restorers chaplain, display the painting and cookbook.

Thanks to Father Ed O'Connell, S.J. our chaplain, for celebrating a special Mass for Bob and Jane.

Thanks to Mary Beth Chandler, Jane Kemp, and all the other Restorers' helpers for their very fine effort in putting together a wonderful reception for Jane and Bob.

Thanks to our friends, the nuns, for their special effort in showing their appreciation for the support the Hunt's have given them over the years.

To our dear friends we wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement in your new home in Illinois. Thanks for your support. *Gerry*



## Commemorative Stained Glass Ornaments



These beautiful, handcrafted, custom designs of the remaining two original buildings of the first Carmelite monastery in Port Tobacco, MD and the montage will be offered for sale shortly.



Each commemorative ornament is approximately 5" x 5".

Each ornament originates from a drawing done by the artist (Tina Steenerson) from photos. The drawing is screened onto "milk glass", hand tinted and kiln fired. The soldered lines have a copper patina. Quality is guaranteed and these commemoratives will never scratch or fade.

Each ornament comes with a 4" fish line hanger and a hang tag which contains information on the subject.

To really appreciate the beauty of these ornaments and to learn more about the artist please visit the Restorers' web site at

**[www.restorersmtcarmelmd.org](http://www.restorersmtcarmelmd.org)**

and click on **Special Announcements**. Please e-mail me with any questions by clicking on the e-mail button displayed on the web site page. Thanks.

*Gerry Brosco*



**Merry Christmas**