

## **NATION'S CAPITAL "R" CLUB**

Under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Valery Shemchuk, we have had an active and fruitful year. Like most fraternal organizations, our membership has dwindled to about 15 members. Although we are small, we are mighty.

We contributed to each of the National Events by either placing an advertisement or purchasing one of the items sold in lieu of ads. Our St. Andrew's Fellowship Goal (supporting various Orthodox charities has been surpassed and we contributed substantially to the "Gifts of Love" drive (which in the past has supported Orthodox Chaplains, various charities in Alaska, and hurricane victims in the United States.

During this year, our activities are too numerous to catalog, but some of highlights included:

- Social Activities in Support of the Orthodox Church in America;
- A Christmas party open to member of the Cathedral community, with a white elephant gift exchange.

Our members play a very important role in our Church community, and its activities and governance. Indeed, they are on the Church Council (and have served officer roles on the Council), in the Cathedral Choir, in the Dormition Guild, in the Visitation Group (brightening the spirits of shut-in and ill members of the Church community), and various functions of the annual Fall Festival (Russian Bazaar).

The F.O.C.A. provides an excellent opportunity for fellow Orthodox Christians to join each other for fellowship. We have been experimenting with meeting in the Church Hall on Saturdays—to increase participation; we alternate between business meetings and social "meetings". PLEASE JOIN US AND ENHANCE YOUR ORTHODOX EXPERIENCE.

Our members also are very active of the District and National level, as officers and chairpersons of various endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

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President