



# The Knightly News



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Knight of the Month		Past Grand Knights				Family of the Month	
Fr. John Kelly	July	Richard Head (Charter)	1992-1994	Gary Petty	2003-2004	Jeff Gillespie Family	July
Fr. Joseph Bergida	August	A.J. Ascone	1994-1996	John Tillie	2004-2005	Lou Cernak Family	August
Robert Murphy	September	Matthew Borkowski	1996-1997	Kevin Craddock	2005-2006	Mike Paulucci Family	September
Rich Flaherty	October	Stephen Munchak	1997-1998	Mark Mulholland	2006-2007	Jim Tierney Family	October
		Willie Putnam	1998-1999	Andrew Garlich	2007-2008		
		Al Grimmig	1999-2000	Rich Kovaleski	2008-2009		
		Joe Beres	2000-2001	Rosario Chechile	2009-2010		
		Paul Bourgeois	2001-2002	Richard Flaherty	2010-2011		
		Richard LaRoche	2002-2003	James Auwaerter	2011-2012		

## Grand Knights Letter

Brothers,

November gave us many things to be thankful for - friends, family, church and our Knights of Columbus Order. I am truly thankful for another very successful annual Father Ryan Memorial Thanksgiving Day Food Drive. Through the generosity of our parishioners and the hard work of our Knights and family members, we collected a total of 246 boxed meals and 209 turkeys. Of this amount, St. Clare's collected 43 boxed meals and 52 turkeys. Here's a breakdown of the food donations that we made:

- 18 boxed meals and 18 turkeys to St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
- 135 boxed meals and 135 turkeys to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries
- 79 boxed meals and 42 turkeys to SERVE
- 14 boxed meals and 14 turkeys to K Neal Idealease

A huge thank you to our Food Drive Chairman, Mark Mulholland for the outstanding planning, coordination and execution to this year's Thanksgiving Day Food Drive. Well Done Mark!

December 1st marks the start of Advent. According to present [1907] usage, Advent is a period beginning with the Sunday nearest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (30 November) [who knew our Parish patron marks

the beginning of Advent!] and embracing four Sundays.

With Advent the ecclesiastical year begins in the Western churches. During this time the faithful are admonished

- to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love,
- thus to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and
- thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world

More on Advent in the Newsletter!

As the Deputy Grand Knight will expand upon, we have important events coming up in December. The Children's Christmas Party "Lunch with Santa" will be on Saturday, December 14th at 12-noon. Rob Davis and his family will be hosting this event. Other Santa Helpers (Knights and family members) wishing to help out at this fun event can report at 11:30 to Monsignor Hannan Hall. Please contact Rob Davis (sampines4517@gmail.com) for more details.

Also on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00PM (following the Vigil Mass) we will have the annual Council Christmas Party at the Rocky Run Recreation Center #3 at 13900 Stonefield Drive, Clifton VA. This is a great

## Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for November took on the monumental task of planning, organizing and executing our Annual Father Charles A. Ryan's Memorial Thanksgiving Food Drive. Arranging for a refrigerated truck; getting donations from local stores; getting flyers printed and boxes picked up and coordinating labor – all slightly less complicated than a moon launch. But through it all our stellar Knight of the Month did it and did it well with a hopeful and cheerful heart. With the help of 35 Brother Knights, their families and friends, and the generosity of our fellow parishioners the Council collected 246-boxed meals, 209 turkeys, and many miscellaneous food items. Of these amounts, the St Clare Council (12963) contributed 43-boxed meals, 52 turkeys. A staggering total of over 7,500 pounds of food for the needy families in our parish and community! Congratulations to Mark Mulholland for a job well done!

## Family of the Month

The November Family of the month are familiar (and cheerful) faces. In addition to all they do for the Parish and the Council, they organized the Senior's Thanksgiving Dinner (again!), which we co-host with the Father Nudd Council (St. Timothy's). They coordinated the cooking and delivery of turkeys and pies and the set-up and cleanup of the Dinner. Their efforts made over 100 seniors very happy and full. It is my pleasure to recognize the Dave Skouby family as the November Family of the Month. Thank you Dave, Diana and kids!

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time for the Council Family to enjoy great food, fellowship with one another and have a great time caroling and joining in on the annual gift exchange (gifters beware!). See the Deputy Grand Knights section for more details.

Check our “*Did You Know (DYK)*” concerning our Council website ([www.kofc10947.org](http://www.kofc10947.org)). Check it out and learn a few features of our website. I hope you find it helpful.

Also put on your calendars the Annual March for Life – “March on the Mall” which will be held on Monday, January 22ND. See accompanying article in the Newsletter.

Sometimes it is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season and forget the “Real Reason for the Season” – the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus. So as we progress through the Advent Season, moving ever closer to the Christ Child's coming, Debbie and I want to wish you and your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

So no matter how you say it ...

Joyeux Noel (French); Froehliche Weihnachten (German); Mele Kalikimaka (Hawaiian); Nollaig Shona Dhuit (Irish); Buon Natale or Buone Feste (Italian); Sung Tan Chuk Ha (Korean); Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia (Polish) or Christos Razdajetsja! Slavite Jeho! (Slavonic) ...

Merry Christmas!

*A Grimmig*  
Grand Knight

## Deputy Grand Knight's Letter

**Brothers,**

In my opinion, the Thanksgiving Food Drive is one of our most important events. Many from our Council, St. Claire's and St. Andrews give time, food, and money for this event – including children. And the event benefits almost 250 needy families – probably over 1,000 people in total. It was cold outside, but the warmth that this event creates cannot be measured. I not only thank Mark

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Mulholland who worked hard to make this event a reality, but everyone who supported this drive.

I also thank those who supported the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner—especially Dave Skouby and his family. Once again this event was a success.

On Dec 10th, in Monsignor Hannan Hall Fr. Weber will give his presentation on our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited. It should be an insightful event.

Our next event, known as the Children's Christmas Party "Lunch with Santa" will be on Saturday, December 14th at 12-noon. Rob Davis and his family will be hosting this event. Other Santa Helpers (Knights and family members) wishing to help out at this fun event can report at 11:30 to Monsignor Hannan Hall. This can be an event where children earn "service time." Please contact Rob Davis (sampines4517@gmail.com) if you have any questions or just want to tell him that you plan to assist.

On Saturday, December 14th at 7:00PM (following the Vigil Mass) we will have our annual Council Christmas Party at the Rocky Run Recreation Center #3 at 13900 Stonefield Drive, Clifton VA. This is the same location as last year. This is a great time to enjoy the holiday with others in our Council. Your entire family is invited. We will sing songs and have a gift exchange. Each person should bring a wrapped gift with about \$10 value. There will be wine, beer, soda and other drinks available. We ask each family to bring an appetizer (families with last name A-L) or dessert (M-Z). In addition, we ask each adult to pay \$12 and children (10-17) pay \$6. Children under 10 are free. To purchase the correct amount of food and drinks, please inform me by Tuesday, Dec. 10, how many in my family plan to attend. My email is: drtommart@gmail.com. We plan to have meat and vegetarian options. You may also email me if you have any questions. If you can assist in setting up the room, please come around 6:30 pm.

Have a Merry Christmas, and remember:  
Please keep Christ in Christmas!

Sincerely,

*Tom Martin*  
Deputy Grand Knight

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

By Tom Browne

You'll be able to pay your dues online this year. The hosting company for our website ([www.kofc10947.org](http://www.kofc10947.org)) has given its client Councils the ability to set up a PayPal account for receiving dues and other payables (donations, event registration fees, etc.). We're starting small by accepting Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or a debit from your bank account for your 2014 dues. Details will be provided in your dues statement, to be sent out this month.

REMEMBER... you can submit prayer requests on the website – go to [www.kofc10947.org](http://www.kofc10947.org), click on Prayer Requests. Enter your membership number and password (your birthday – MMDDYYYY format) and then type in your prayer intentions. Offerings stay active for 30 days.

### **THE LADIES' AUXILIARY**

Our wonderful ladies are fervently trying to establish a Ladies Auxiliary for the Council. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 28th at 7:30PM in the Padre Pio room. As this is a fledgling group they are looking for new members. The focus of the Ladies Auxiliary is to assist the Council in works of charity and provide a venue for fun and community among the wives.

### **SUPPORT THE VIRGINIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES INC. (VKCCI)**

My Brother Knights, each of you should have recently received your address labels from VKCCI. I ask that during the season of the year

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you seriously consider a tax-deductible donation to VKCCI as one of the charitable arms of the Virginia State Council. Upon submission of a grant request by the Grand Knight, VKCCI considers and makes grant donations to councils in Virginia for Virginia residents in need of financial assistance. Your council then distributes those funds to help pay the debt(s) of the individual in need. You may respond to this request by using the form enclosed with the address label package or by using any major credit card on the VKCCI web site. Thank you for your attention to this the First Principle of our Order.

P.S. Two of our Council members have recently benefited from this wonderful organization. Please support VKCCI!

### **MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON D.C. JAN 22ND**

The annual March for Life Rally is from noon-1pm on January 22, 2014 and as customary, will be on the National Mall. We are planning an exciting line-up of speakers. We will also have a warm up event/concert in the hour leading up to the Rally. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event.

The March will begin immediately after the Rally and follow its route up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court Building on Capitol Hill.

### **PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS**

Please keep Past Grand Knight Andy Garlichs in your prayers as he recovers from surgery.

### **SPIRITUAL OUTREACH PROGRAM DECEMBER 10TH**

The Fr. Julius J. Cilinski Council will be hosting their second Spiritual Outreach Program of the year on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30 PM in Monsignor Hannan Hall, at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church. It is open to all. Father Jason Weber will be our guest speaker and his subject will be Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father Weber, who was ordained in 2010 and is currently serving as Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, is very interested in and knowledgeable about the five well-known Marian apparitions that occurred in Mexico in December, 1531 and will be sharing some of his knowledge and insight on this subject with us. Father Weber grew up in Clifton and Fairfax and was a member of our parish in his youth.

Please contact Grand Knight Al Grimmig (algrimmig@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## First Degree Knights Eligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

Bertand Flores, Mauricio R.; Buonocore, Matthew M.; Clarey, Thomas J.; Clavin, Thomas V.; D'Ercole, Matthew J.; DiToro Henry "Hank" J.; Dubois, John P.; Durden, Tedd A.; Esteves, Fernando A.; Fruchterman, Robert J.; Gambone, Michael A.; Gillespie, Jeffrey R.; Gillespie, Jonathan P.; Gomes, Anthony A.; Gonsalves, Trevor S.; Heintz, Karl R.; Hoffman, Michael J.; Hudson, Brian M.; Hugo, Timothy M.; Kelly, Charles A.; Klos, Eric J.; Landstreet, Michael W.; Lannon, Matthew H.; Lima, Silvino R.; Lis, James F.; Lovejoy, John M.; Lozano, Carlos; Markel, Thomas A.; McCabe, Korey P.; McCormick, Samuel D.; McCullough, Charles W.; Murphy, Michael S.; O'Keefe, Stephen T.; Olszewski, Michael E.; Ostrich John T.; Pichocki, Jeffrey P.; Popp, Richard A.; Poumade, Nathan J.; Princi Jr., Peter J.; Rebeiro, Barnabas; Reilly, Patrick J.; Schechtel, Lawrence P.; Scholl, Patrick D.; Sepulveda, Rafael; Shedlick, Edward P.; Smith, Christopher R.; Smith, Christopher A.; Spasaro, Charles J.; Stash, John H.; Strada, Joseph A.; Strauch, Gregory J.; Taylor, John F.; Truong, Lap V.; Tubach, David A.; Ungerecht, Todd E.; Wuest, Robert G.; Zapiain, Frank A.; Zeller, Randel L.

## Second Degree Knights Eligible for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Catalano, Joseph P.; Carolla, Russell A.; Chechile, David B.; Chusing, Carlos A.; Eichenlaub, Craig C.; Farrell, Patrick T.; Ferrick, Richard E.; Henebery, John K.; Hott, Richard A.; Kelly, Dennis J.; Lynch, Andrew D.; Mancil, Michael D.; Mazzatenta, Onofrio L.; McGurk, Shannon L.; McMenamain, William J.; Metcalf, David; Miller, Neal R.; Palliparambil, Joseph J.; Pugsley, Matthew Q.; Sawka, Stephen E.; Shaw, Brian D.; Speidel, Tim R.; Williams, Jeffrey

## Third Degree Knights Eligible for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

Alvarez, Pedro O.; Aronhime, Samuel S.; Bahr, Stephen M.; Banick III, William M.; Barrett, Richard F.; Bartoletta, Joseph J.; Bifareti, Lawrence V.; Bonsiero, Francis, C.; Bowie, Shane R.; Bozzo,

Stephen E.; Brendel, Kevin; Brosnahan, John J.; Brown, AJ; Burford, Jan T.; Burnham, Richard J.; Byers, Michael R.; Caputo, James; Carr, Matthew C.; Carroll, Brian P.; Cernak Jr. Louis J.; Chechile, Michael G.; Chusing, Eduardo M.; Clune, Kevin S.; Coy, William A.; DeLisi, Frank; DiGrado, Joseph P.; Doherty Matthew W.; Doherty Nicholas J.; Donahue, Terrence S.; Dorr, Carl B.; Dubois, Henry R.; Feeney James J.; Fells, Robert M.; Forneris, James P.; Fowler, Steve B.; Freeman, Eric A.; Fullwood, Charles R.; Gallaher, Joseph P.; Gelles, Robert L.; Greco, John W.; Hill, Douglas; Hoffman, Mark W.; Humm, Michael P.; Hungate, Martin L.; Imhoff, Gary M.; Juanpere, Pedro A.; Kelly, Brendan J.; Kelly, Edmund W.; Kelly, Fr. John D.; Kremer, Paul J.; Lalli Jr., Joseph A.; Ligor, Douglas C.; Loprieno, Stephen F.; Lugo, Rafael A.; Marter, Joseph.; Martin, Gregory M.; Martin, Richard K.; Masterson, Michael F.; May, John W.; Mayer, Christopher T.; McCrum, R. Timothy; McDonald, Alan R.; McGinn, David R.; McKenzie, Paul A.; Messina, Sr., Thomas; Millis, Derek E.; Morgan, Patrick J.; Morson, Roberto; Munchak, Stephen J.; O'Brien, Mark R.; O'Grady, Michael J.; Perez Ponce, Jorge M.; Pichardo, Carlos A.; Powers, Stephen L.; Princi, Peter J.; Rafferty, Brian P.; Rodriquez, Manuel.; Roser, Jr., John F.; Salem, Jad G.; Sepulveda, Ralph.; Sheil, Michael O.; Sheil, Patrick D.; Skouby, David C.; Thompson, Richard T.; Torch, Mark A.; Tortorich, E. Thomas; Trampert, Paul J.; Vennitti, Jr., John A.; Vetsch, Richard A.; Violette, Lawrence M.; Warcholak, Daniel P.; White, Kevin M.; Wright, Thomas C.; Yeronick, Sean M.



## December Birthdays

Samuel Aronhime	12/1
Tom Clarey	12/1
Colleen McCabe	12/1
Meghan Kelly	12/2
Francis McGurk	12/3
Gabriel Schueckler	12/3
Matt Carr	12/4
Joseph Ferrick	12/4
Stephen Buonocore	12/5
Doug Hill	12/5
Marita Ostrich	12/5
Margaret Scholl	12/6
Katie O'Brien	12/7
Anna Markel	12/7
Michelle Aronhime	12/8
Frank Bonsiero	12/8
Fairlie Burnham	12/8
Jeannine Fruchterman	12/8
Katie Lynch	12/8
Alma Perez Ponce	12/8
Victoria D'Ercole	12/9
Frank DeLisi	12/10
Cosey Ligor	12/10
Joayn Bahr	12/12
Steven Halter	12/12
Edmund Kelly	12/12
Hanah McGurk	12/12
James Seidl	12/12
Melissa Millis	12/13
Deborah Zeller	12/13
Craig Eichenlaub	12/15
Roxana Bertrand	12/16
Natasha Warcholak	12/16
Joselito De Jesus	12/17
Mark Torch	12/17
Cindy Carroll	12/18
Elizebeth Gomes	12/18
Genevieve Hudson	12/18
Sarah Pichardo	12/18
Michael Princi	12/18
Robert Murphy	12/19
Ray Perrault	12/20
Maria Buonocore	12/22
Carlos Chusing	12/22
Robert Fruchterman	12/22
Christa Lugo	12/22
Risa Barnes	12/23
Matt Borkowski	12/23
Michael Hill	12/23

Louise Martin	12/23
Gary Petty	12/23
Jeff Sargent	12/23
Mark Dean	12/26
Kristin Imhoff	12/27
Suzy Clavelli	12/28
Tedd Durden	12/28
Patricia De Jesus	12/29
Laura Freeman	12/29
Kim Fullwood	12/31
Irene Kelly	12/31
Bill McMenamin	12/31

## December Anniversaries

Gary & Carol Petty	12/19
Marshall & Debbie Nolan	12/20
Peter & Pat Wilkerson	12/21
Thomas & Joey Wright	12/21
Craig & Patricia Eichenlaub	12/22
Joseph & Joanne Strada	12/23
William & Karen Banick	12/26
Steve and Joayn Bahr	12/27
Wilbert & Paula Hundl	12/28
Biju & Thresia Kadapurath	12/28
Jorge & Alma Perez Ponce	12/29



## **Council Officers for Columbian Year 2013-2014**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Spouse</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Chaplain	Father John Kelly		703-817-1770
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Warden	Michael A. Paulucci		703-968-4330
Inside Guard	Tom Browne	Sue	571-236-6860
Inside Guard	Henry DuBois	Cynthia	703-476-6919
Inside Guard	John Greco		
Outside Guard	James Feeney		
Outside Guard	Joseph Marter	Hannah	703-222-4280
Financial Secretary	Dave Skouby	Diana	703-830-9594
3-Year Trustee	Steven Munchak, PGK	Mary	703-266-0879
2-Year Trustee	James Auwaerter, PGK		703-209-6448
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Lecturer	James Auwaerter, PGK		703-209-6448
Insurance Field Agent	Jim Bertine, PGK		703-845-3402

## Council Committee Directors

Committee	Name	Spouse	Phone
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Youth	Dave Skouby	Diana	703-830-9594
Council	Vacant		
Family	Mark E. Barnes	Marisa	703-631-2360
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KOVAR Co-Chair	Bryan Skokan	Bonnie	703-629-1831
KOVAR Co-Chair	Lou Cernak	Joann	703-322-0242
KCIC	James Auwaerter		703-209-6448
Blood Drive	Michael P. D'Aiuto	Lori	703-309-2256
Membership	Al Grimmig	Debbie	703-802-0530
Sick and Ill Outreach	Joe Micari	Janet	703-818-9012
Retention	Al Grimmig,	Debbie	703-802-0530
Council Hall	Al Grimmig,	Debbie	703-802-0530
Newsletter Editor	Dave Skouby	Diana	703-830-9594
Webmaster	Tom Browne	Sue	571-236-6860



## District #19 Officers

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District Warden			

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State Chaplain	Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde		793-841-2500
Assoc. State Chaplain	Rev. Frank J. Ready		703-243-5918
Assoc. State Chaplain	Rev. John Adam Abe		757-229-3631
State Secretary	Steve Burnley		
State Treasurer	Rosario Chechile	Gerry	703-266-8755
State Advocate	Stephen Raschke, Sr.		
State Warden	.		
Past State Deputy	Tommy Harger	Patti	703-978-5718
Executive Secretary	Isaias "Cy" Alba, PSD	Joann	703-455-6010
District Master	Isaias "Cy" Alba, PSD	Joann	703-455-6010
Supreme Regional Consultant	J. P. McCusker, PSD		703-963-3706
Master of the 4th Degree	Isaias "Cy" Alba, PSD	Joann	703-455-6010