



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5750 NEWSLETTER JULY 2017



LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Happy New Year! Yes, New Year in July. July marks the beginning of our New Fraternal Year! We already had our installation ceremony, and now the work begins. We were reflecting that this Council has been around for a LONG time. In the inter-chambers you can count see we are up to 52 Grand Knights. That is an impressive legacy and the Council has been and will continue to be a key member in our Catholic Community. The Virginia State Council's motto for this Fraternal Year is **Lift High The Cross**. That is the center piece of our Council's plan for this year. Here are our goals for this coming year:

- Keeping the Council Membership Informed
- Charitable Donations
- Facilitating Knights and Family Events
- Increasing our Membership
- Re-instituting the Women's Auxiliary
- Hosting more Council-sponsored Events

KEEPING THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP INFORMED

We want to make sure you know what is going on within the Council and how you can help. To do this we want to direct our attention to our website www.kc5750.org. We are working hard to keep this site up to date, with relevant information. Additionally, we are going to bring back the Council Newsletter. This is our first installment. These newsletters will be sent out monthly to let you know what we are doing and how you can help. **STAND BY!**

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

WOW! Last year was a real BUSY year! We support a lot of different charitable events. The below chart reflects the different organization or events the Council donate money to. We were able to support these activities, primarily because you supported **BINGO!** As you know BINGO is our MAJOR fund raising activity. It allows us to execute pancake breakfasts, 5K runs, appreciation

dinners, and support many important charitable events. We are truly helping our community and Catholic causes.

Thank you all for your support. Note, this is just a beginning. We continue to set the bar higher, so we can reach out to continue to support our community and Catholic causes. This fraternal year we are doing something new. We are going to use some bingo earnings to allow Knights and their spouses who support BINGO the ability to target specific charities they want to support. For example, Knight X has a special interest that he believes needs assistance. Since Knight X supports bingo, the bingo fund would allow him to target up to Y dollars (maybe as much as \$1000.00) to a charity of his desire. This way the Knight knows the work he is doing supporting bingo is also supporting a specific charity he wants to support. This is on top of the charities already identified!

Below are organizations, events, and people our Council helped last year

Hilda Barge Homeless Shelter	Able Charities	Catholics for Housing	Luke Poczatek
OLA Volunteers Recognition Breakfast	Association of St John Bosco	Catholic Advertising	Oblate Sisters of Providence
Monthly Masses	Best Choice	Culture of Life	OLA/Pro Life Ministry
Special Olympics	Birthright of Woodbridge	PKD	OLA/Work Camp
Priest & Seminararians	AAA Women for Choice	OLA Youth Ministry	Our Lady of Angels (Scholarship)
KCIC	Dynamic Catholic Institute	KOVAR	Project Gabriel
Necrology Plates	FOCUS	Youth Activities	Project Rachel
VKCCI	Habitat for Humanity	Stephen Vacarro	VKCCI
Young Man of the Year	K of C Supreme Council Education Books	VA State Council Fr. Bader Scholarship	St Rita's Catholic Church - Cuba Mission
Young Woman of the Year	Knights of Columbus (Coats for Kids)	St. JP the Great High School	St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School
Member Relief	KOVAR	VSHL/Camp Joshua	St. Vincent de Paul
VSHL/education Fund	Bible Christian Society	Religious Education	OLA Religious Support

We could not have done it without your hard work...THANK YOU!

FACILITATING KNIGHTS AND FAMILY EVENTS

We understand that everyone’s time is precious. We also understand that each time a Knight is supporting the Council; it pulls him from his family. To try to obtain some balance and keep

everyone engaged, we believe we need to go back to basic that the Council did for many years. We plan to bring back family pot luck dinners, assorted appreciation dinners, family picnics, and Sunday sports events in the Council lounge. We are working hard to develop a living event calendar for the Council. We want to make sure that the events have multiple goals (team building, charity, social, and fun). We want these events to be inclusive of the entire family! We hope to see our wives and children at these events where possible.

Some of the Council events we are looking to do this year (details to follow) include:

- Knights Night Out Dinner Socials (See: Council Calendar of Events)
- Fall Family Fair
- Sunday Sports Events (Starting with Redskins Football)
- Past Grand Knight's Dinner
- Council Christmas Party
- Quarterly Birthday Party
- Polar Plunge
- Knights Appreciation Dinner
- Wives Appreciation Dinner

Council 5750 is also working on a challenging community events list and we will need your help.

Some of the events we are planning include:

- Pancake Breakfasts
- John Martignoni (EWTN Lecturer) @ Our Lady of Angels: 4 Nov
- Memorial Mass
- Feed the Homeless
- KCIC Poster Event
- KCIC Card Sales
- Breakfast with Santa Toy Drive
- Coats for Kids Drive
- March for Life
- Hoagie Sales
- Lenten Soup / Fish Fry (Open to Parish)
- KOVAR / Special Olympics Event

- Basketball Free Throw
- Easter Ham Sale

INCREASING OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our Council cannot survive without a constant flow of new membership. We are going to have multiple 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree events. We will have recruitment drives, and we need your help. Recommend your friends get involved with the Knights of Columbus. Actively recruit for us. This will help us LIFT HIGH THE CROSS!

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Years ago we had the Women's Auxiliary. The group of wife and daughters were essential to the Council doing its routine activities. This auxiliary allowed the husbands and wives the ability to work together to contribute the Catholic causes. The State has an active auxiliary, and we hope to start up our auxiliary again. More to follow!

COUNCIL LOUNGE UPGRADES

We are in the process of a face lift. If you haven't been to the Council hall in a while, you will see some changes. We are working inside and outside of the building to have an image that we are all proud of. The hall is our home, and we want to make sure you are comfortable when you come home.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We want to take this time to public acknowledge the person we are now calling Mr. 52! Mr. 52 is PGK James W. Doe. PGK Doe has worked BINGO for 52 WEEKS in a row! He is personally responsible for bring in thousands of dollars that we have been able to use to support many, many worthy events. THANK YOU MR. 52!!!!

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