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From the Grand Knight

I apologize for sending this late. A lot of great things have already happened this month. The Super Bowl hoagies continue to be a celebrated success for our council. We made 600 on Saturday morning and were sold out by 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

On Saturday, the 8th, the council led and participated in the stuffing of over 4,600 envelopes for the upcoming All Saints 5-car raffle. The 5750 Food Crew fed the workers a hearty breakfast and hot dog lunch. We had over 40 Knight and parish volunteers. Thank you all for making this a success for the parish. Watch your mail for the tickets and then go forth and sell!

I used to have some (well... OK a lot of) anxiety about having sufficient teams and volunteers in place for many of these onerous and time-consuming tasks and council projects. For some amazing reason and through the goodness of your hearts and Faith, we come through in everything we do. For it is through our works of charity we are able to help so many of our community and parish organizations and persons. I thank you and ask God to continue to bless you, your family and our council. February 2014



First Degree Exemplification Monday, February 17th

Monday, February 17th 7:30 p.m. at 5750's Council Hall

Brothers, please invite those who would like to become Knights in our order. If there are extenuating circumstances, candidates can experience the Degree on video, with approval from the District Deputy.

Brad, GK

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In case of the sickness, distress or death of a Brother or family member, please notify immediately the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary.

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Please send all correspondence to P.O. Box 232 Woodbridge, Virginia 22194.

Contact Gill Autmon at 571-426-0124 for any building/grounds-related issues.

Contact Omar Panameño at 703-491-9388 to rent the hall.

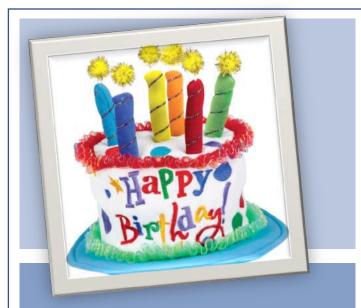




Like us on Facebook!

In order to further promote Bingo and to keep players and workers informed, go to Facebook and search for "Knights of Columbus #5750 Bingo". Like us!

Bingo is every Sunday at the Council Hall. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Pull-tab sales start at 11:00 a.m. Bingo card sales start at 11:30 a.m. The 1st game is called at 1:00 p.m. Special card deals are given for new attendees and their sponsors. Tell your friends, neighbors and family.



Knights' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you and thanks for your continued contribution to the Knights of Columbus!

- 1st Harold Sellers
- 2nd James Kelly, PhD
- 5th Patrick Harvey
- 7th Stephen Romar
- 8th David Grohoski
- 9th Raymond Aikins-Kouakoo
- 12th Edward Donahue, Jr.
- 14th Peter Christensen
- 14th Andrew Kosar
- 15th Gerard Ranieri
- 18th Ovila Cormier, John Dvorscak, Steven Moore
- 21st James Poulos
- 22nd Omar Panameño
- 24th Walter Powers
- 25th Rev. Michel Corriveau, Cezar Mendoza
- 27th Stepehn Hellmuth, Jr.

Wives' Birthdays

Happy Birthday Ladies!

- 2nd Mrs. Joy Kelly
- 7th Mrs. Rica Hoskins
- 11th Mrs. Nubia Desomnd
- 11th Mrs. Louise Leardi
- 15th Mrs. Nancy Schaney
- 16th Mrs. Julissa Reyes-Adame
- 17th Mrs. Thaanh Le
- 19th Mrs. Sandra Zdan
- 25th Mrs. Martha Galvan
- 25th Mrs. Kathleen Rew
- 26th Mrs. Nuchi Vincent

Pot of Gold

January 6th – winner was not present.

January 20th – winner was not present.

You must be present to win.

Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations on your many years together. God bless you.

7th – Matthew & Mellora King 13th – COL Ricky & Mary Nussio 25th – Thomas & Barbara Hayes

Years of Service

Thank you Brother Knights for your years of service to the Knights of Columbus and to your Council! Those who are celebrating anniversaries this month are:

59 years – John Dvorscak 50 years - Roger Carro 19 years - James Poulos 18 years - Patrick Birello 18 years - Christopher Flood 18 years - Robert McClafferty 8 years – Dennis Saenz 8 years - Philip Coralde 8 years – Warren Duffie 8 years – Erich Lutz 8 years – Bill Petrak 8 years - Stephen Russo 8 years - Kenneth Wenzel 7 years – James Daly 3 years - Caleb O'Kray 2 years - Benedict Aguillera

Congratulations to all of you!



Mr. Osborne Reaves Mr. Jim Schulping Mrs. Dorette Turgeon Mr. Atilio Hernandez Repose of the soul of Mrs. Ann McIntyre Mrs. Tara Dewey Mr. James Johnson Mrs. Elizabeth Gabriel Mr. George Singler Brother Emmanuel Kudiabor Rev. Robert Lange

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 Our Catholic Faith
 www.vatican.va/archive/ccc

 The Holy See
 www.vatican.va

 Diocese of Arlington
 www.arlingtondiocese.org

 Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
 www.milarch.org

 Our Lady of Angels Parish - www.olacc.org

OLA Youth Ministry www.olayouth.org Catholic Advocacy in Virginia

www.vacatholic.org/advocacy

Knights of Columbus

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<u>www.kofc.org</u> <u>www.vakofc.org</u> <u>www.kc5750.org</u>

www.murphydon.com





Past Knights of the Month

June 2013 – Joseph Otter July 2013 – Raymond Aikins August 2013 – William "Thom" Sellers September 2013 – Dave Grohoski October 2013 – Omar Panameño November 2013 – Michael O'Bar December 2013 – Gill Autmon January 2014 – Steve Moore February 2014 – March 2014 – May 2014 –

Past Families of the Month

June 2013 – The Wheeler Family July 2013 – The Mansfield Family August 2013 – The Kramer Family September 2013 – The Halley Family October 2013 – The Wheeler Family November 2013 – The Sellers Family December 2013 – The Sellers Family January 2014 – The Rojas Family February 2014 – March 2014 – May 2014 –



4th Degree Assembly #1443 News

Social/Family Events

NOTE: These events are open to all Kelley Council members and their families. **Contact POC for details about each event.** None

Color Corps Activities

NOTE: Need Sir Knights in regalia to support these activities. For more information, contact Color Corps Commander, SK Phil Kennedy (<u>pkenn95798@comcast.net/703-585-9079</u>).

- 1. 08 February District Color Corps Certification, SEAS Seton Hall, 9:00 AM 12:00 PM
- 2. 17 February President's Day Parade, Alexandria, 1:00 PM

Advertisements

What's Cookin Catering

Do you have a Wedding Rehearsal Dinner/Reception, Baby Shower, Birthday Party, Special Celebration, or Business Event that you need an outstanding caterer? If so, contact "What's Cookin" and you will be happy that you did.

"What's Cookin" Catering LLC is a full service catering enterprise that can deliver and exceptional experience for anything from formal dinners (large and small) to backyard events. We offer a variety of



foods to meet your culinary requirements (North Eastern American Cuisines, New Orleans Cuisines, and Latin Cuisines). We build attractive arrangements that are pleasing to the eye as well as the stomach. We will work with you to accommodate your requirements. We operate in the Prince William County area, and are licensed and insured. If you need more than catering support, we also offer an event planning service that can handle your complete event needs.

Please visit www.whatscookincateringllc.com for more information.

All Saints 5-Car Raffle

10 raffle tickets have been mailed to each parish family. The ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win 5 cars and \$20,000 in cash prizes. Participation in this raffle offers the parish to receive a huge contribution for the net proceeds. All the details you need to know are in the letter with the tickets. Please do you best to sell these (they actually sell themselves).



Watch your mail!

Bingo

Bingo is this council's stalwart charitable activity. Bingo supports and maintains our council home. Bingo generates \$1,000's for our charitable giving. Bingo is the single most important charitable activity our council undertakes.



I thank each and every Brother who participates on a team. A good time continues to be had by all who participate! Lunch is provided. Fraternity is experienced. The attending public sees our unity.

The Bingo Manager, Komla Kudiabor, sends out weekly email reminders to you. The email tells which team is up for the approaching Sunday and subsequent Sundays. If you are assigned to a team and are unable to attend your scheduled session, please notify the Bingo Manager as soon as you find out. He will work with you to find a replacement.

Teams are lean and each team needs your commitment – once every five weeks. If priorities have changed and you can no longer participate or you can no longer commit to every 5 weeks but still would like to participate, please let Komla know. His email address is <u>kkakpo@yahoo.com</u>.

Komla will be reaching out to every one of you in the next couple of weeks. Please let him know what your commitment to our single most important charitable activity is. We need you.



From the Financial Secretary

Council 5750 expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Joseph J. Woods, our brother Knight and Honorary Life Member, who passed away on January 29, 2014. We pray for the eternal repose of his soul with God in heaven.

Council 5750 welcomes Brother Scott Gregg who has transferred to us from Council 11780 in Covington, Washington. Scott and his wife, Terri-Lynn, have four children.



Pancake Breakfast Benefit – Sunday, February 9th Supported CYM, the Youth at Our Lady of Angels

Our February Pancake Breakfast benefited the parish's youth organization. The breakfast generated \$400 for the youth ministry. Thanks to the youth and its leader for assisting us with their benefit.











Brother Knights, prayerfully consider a men's program called "That Man is You!". It started last week (Thursday) at OLA and will continue through April 1st. The program brings catholic men together and tackles issues that face us as men and challenge our faith/leadership in our family lives. The program is 13 weeks long and would be a great addition to your Lenten journey this year. There is no cost and no worries if you were not there last week. Parish men will meet every week starting this week on Thursday nights at 7:30 PM in the Our Lady of Angels parish conference room H(downstairs in church). You will be provided a free meal, we socialize for about 30 minutes while we eat, watch a 30 minute (professionally made) video, break down into small discussion groups, talk for 30 minutes and be out the door by 9:15. Knights attended the first part of the program before Christmas and it was excellent.

Here is the link for the first video that was shown last week: http://paradisusdei.org/index.php/programs/tmiy/becoming-a-man-after-gods-own-heart-week-14-uq9v

Please take 30 minutes of your time and see what it is about. It is a wonderful program and we are very excited to have it in our parish. Its only one night a week for less than 2 hours...and did a free meal! ;)

The program has really taken off in parishes across the U.S. and Canada. It is not cheesy and we think it will be very spiritually rewarding. Although going to every meeting is encouraged, it is one of those types of programs that you can miss a couple, but not get behind.

This is also a great opportunity to meet other catholic gentlemen and recruit them into the Knights as you get to know them.

Take a leap in faith and come join us!... the devil doesn't want you to.

To our brother knights with the white collars...Pump this up!

Testimonials

"This program is desperately needed in the Roman Catholic Church today! It is the most eye-opening and rewarding program that I have ever attended! I honestly believe this course will make Catholic men better leaders of their families, which will renew the Church and change the world." - Texas

"There were no dry eyes this morning. That alone should tell you the effect this program has had on our men...So many lives have been changed for the better. So many marriages have been turned around. So many addictions have been set aside...I could go on and on...It was evident (that) they didn't want this moment to end." - Florida

"TMIY exposes many of the problems in our culture and addresses them with honesty and insight. Many men have changed their lives. I have never seen such a profound response." - Colorado

A Personal Message from the Worthy Lecturer: *Walk the Talk; Don't Just Talk the Talk!*

I am writing this article to ask each and every one of you to reflect on the current environment around our nation and to ask you to consider taking action...and in the case of many of you, taking further action. Before I delve too far into this letter, I want to first recognize that all of you, by virtue of being a knight, have already taken action in defending our faith. Furthermore, I want to recognize that many of you are already doing everything you can for our church and our nation. And I want to personally thank you for your efforts.

As many of you are aware, our beliefs and way of life are under constant attack by those who do not believe as we do. What I am specifically talking about is our belief in Christ and the 10 Commandments. Our country was founded on Judeo-Christian philosophy and has celebrated Christianity since our founding fathers declared independence. Many of our founding government documents are peppered with positive statements about God and religion. The Supreme Court to this day has a plaque hanging in the building displaying the 10 Commandments.

Unfortunately, on January 22, 1973, our faith was dealt a severe blow when the Supreme Court decided Roe V. Wade. Since then, there have been approximately 55 million Americans slaughtered in abortion clinics. As time marches on, it is becoming more and more difficult for Catholics to practice their faith. Homosexuals, pro-abortionists, and other extreme liberal people are having more and more influence on our laws and lifestyles. Society's rules and our laws are changing before our very eyes and it is becoming increasingly difficult to shield our children and grandchildren from the evils around them.

Here is a few examples of how our laws are changing or our way of life is under attack...When the Attorney General of Virginia (Mark Herring) was sworn into office this January (last month), under oath, he agreed to defend the Constitution of Virginia. Just last week, Attorney General Herring announced that he will not defend the Virginia constitutional amendment banning same sex marriage; which was approved by voters in 2006. He went even further in saying that he would side with same sex plaintiffs in federal courts if need be. Our new Governor (Terry McAuliffe) backs up the new attorney general. Since the Affordable Health Care Act went into law, religious organizations and people of faith all over the country are in courts fighting our government over providing contraceptives and abortion drugs to their employees. The fight has gotten so bad that the nuns of the Little Sisters of the Poor were being ordered to provide these drugs to their employees by lower courts. Fortunately the Supreme Court stepped in and placed a stay on the order. This battle will be fought this summer and the outcome is not certain.

With a majority of Americans claiming to be conservative in poll after poll, you have to ask yourself...why is our way of life under constant attack? Let me offer you a possible explanation. The squeaky wheel gets the oil. Conservative, church going individuals are generally not the kind of people who stand in the street and protest, get in anyone's face or speak out loudly on behalf of their beliefs. They tend to watch the news on television, shake their heads and complain to their fellow conservative friends. These people have convinced themselves that even though they are concerned about and individual event, overall, their way of life is not really threatened; they just bury their heads in the sand and pretend all is going to be ok.

The Catholic Church is under constant fire for standing up for life and traditional marriage. If the evildoers can take down the Catholic Church, there will be nothing standing in their way to stop their agenda. Our country is in the situation it is in because conservatives have kept their mouths shut and allowed others come after us. If people want to preserve our way of life and defend our faith, they are going to have to take action. Politicians only react to their constituents in order to keep them happy and secure their votes. So what do we need to do?

1. Stay educated on the news of the day; locally, statewide and nationally. We can do this through Fox News, Catholic radio stations, Catholic periodicals and other Catholic and conservative media.

2. Every time there is legislation being introduced that is contrary to our beliefs, we need to contact (by phone and/or email) our legislators and tell them we want them to not support the bill or policy.

3. Participate in the March for Life every January.

- 4. Volunteer to stand in front of an abortion clinic with signs displaying your nonsupport.
- 5. Donate money to reputable organizations that stand up for life, traditional marriage and religious freedom.
- 6. Sign petitions in person and online that support our way of life.
- 7. Join organizations that stand up for life, traditional marriage and religious freedom.
- 8. When appropriate, speak up for life, traditional marriage and religious freedom during private conversations.
- 9. Know our faith and evangelize our friends and neighbors.
- 10. Continue to pray that politicians will do the right thing.

Continued...

Walk the Talk; Don't Just Talk the Talk! concluded

These are just some ideas of things we can do to defend our way of life. We might not be in a position to do all of these things, but whatever we can do will help the cause...because prayer alone is just not good enough. Just think if everyone in the country who thinks like we do participated in all 9 suggestions above. Do you think our country would be in the state it is now? So we need to decide whether we think our way of life is worth the effort to stand up and be heard. Our family's well-being rests on our shoulders and they are depending on us to lead them down the correct path.

Walk the talk, don't just talk the talk!

Lastly, I want each and every one of you to know that this letter in no way represents hate for other human beings or has any intent for you or anyone else to consider action that is violent or not peaceful.

Bill Petrak Lecturer

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Date	Day	Event	Location /Special Notes	Time
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ports Due		FOM, 1295-2(Semiannual Audit)	Due by 2/1/14	
2/08/14	Sat	Third Degree	Our Lady of Hope Council 12791 - Potomac Fall	9:30 AM
2/15/14	Sat	Third Degree	Council 11741 - South Boston	9:30 AM
2/17/14	Mon	First Degree	Council 5750 - Woodbridge	7:30 PM
2/20/14	Thurs	Second Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon (Council 459 Host)	7:30 PM
2/22/14	Sat	Third Degree	Council 9488 - Harrisonburg	9:30 AM
2/26/14	Wed	District Meeting	Council 5889 - Lounge	7:30 PM
		March		
eports Due		FOM, Columbian Award, KOY, FOY, YMY, YWY	Dara ha 9.75.75.4	-
		Submissions, Service Prgms	Due by 3/1/14	
3/01/14	Sat	State Quarterly Meeting	Virginia Beach	8:30 AM
3/04/14	Tue	First Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	7:30 PM
3/07/14	Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	7
3/08/14	Sat	St. Patrick's Day Party	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	1
3/09/14	Sun	Third Degree	Edward Douglas White Council 2473 - Arlington	9:30 AM
3/15/14	Sat	State Free Throw Contest	St. Gertrude's High School - Richmond	8:00 AM
/33/14	Sat	Third Degree	Council 562 - Roanoke	9:30 AM
3/27/14	Thurs	First Degree	Council 11170 - Ft. Belvoir	7:30 PM
3/29/14	Sat	Third Degree	Fr Widmer Council 7877 - Stafford	9:30 AM
		April		
ports Due		FOM, State Per Capita	Due by 4/1/14	
/5-4/6	Wkend	State Bowling Tournament	Yorktown Lanes	8:00 AM
4/12/14	Sat	Third Degree	Mary Star of the Sea Council 511 - Hampton	9:30 AM
4/17/14	Thurs	Second Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon (Council 5750 Host)	7:30 PM
4/24/14	Thurs	Fraternal Benefits Night - Wine Tasting	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	1
4/30/14	Wed	District Meeting	Council 5889 - Lounge	7:30 PM
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ports Due		FOM, SP-7 (Columbian Award)	Due by 5/1/14	
/2-4/14	Wkend	State Annual Meeting	Hyatt Dulles - Herndon	-
5/17/14	Sat	Third Degree	Fr. Kealey Council 3548 - Norfolk	12:00 PM
5/15/14	Thurs	First Degree	Council 9407 - Alexandria	7:30 PM
5/17/14	Sat	Third Degree	Council 3548 - Norfolk	9:30 AM
5/19/14	Mon	First Degree	Council 5750 - Woodbridge	7:30 PM
5/22/14	Thu	First Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	7:30 PM
		June		
ports Due		FOM, VSS-4, VSS-6	Due by 6/1/14	
6/07/14	Sat	Third Degree	St Edwards Council 6546 - Richmond	9:30 AM
6/12/13	Thurs	First Degree	Council 11170 - Ft. Belvoir	7:30 PM
6/24/14	Thu	First Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	7:30 PM
6/26/14	Thurs	Second Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon (Council 9407 Host)	7:30 PM
6/28/14	Sat	Third Degree	George Brent Council 5332 - Manassas	9:30 AM

Knightly Activities



Bingo (non-smoking) is usually every Sunday at the Council Hall. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Pull-tab sales start at 11:00 a.m. also. Bingo card sales start at 11:30 a.m. The 1st game is called at 1:00 p.m. New players and their sponsors receive special card deals. Tell your friends, neighbors and family. This is our primary fundraiser so please support our efforts! Kelley's Kitchen is now open offering weekly homemade specials, sandwiches, sweet potato fries, and other favorites. If you're available to work any bingo game at all, please contact Komla Kudiabor, 703-291-0710. Free lunches are available to all bingo workers.

The pancake breakfast is the 2nd Sunday of every month immediately after the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. We can always use your appetite or your labor power. \$3.00/ person; \$15/family (5 or more); \$5 with hash browns & eggs, \$20/family.



New activities/fundraising ideas – *these are always welcome. Please present yours formally at a Council meeting, socialize them with your Brother Knights or send them to the Grand Knight at brad@bokoski.com. Thanks!*

February 2014 Holy Family									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
						1 Super Bowl Hoagie Production and Sales			
2 Bingo Super Bowl Hoagie Sales Presentation of the Lord	7:00pm Rosary 7:30pm Council Meeting	4	5	6	7	8 5-car Raffle Mailing Event			
9 Bingo	10	11	12	13	14	15			
16 Bingo	17 7:00pm Rosay 7:30pm 1 st Degree Exemplifice	18	19	20	21	22 Chair of St. Peter			
23 Bingo	24	25	26	27	28	Notes:			