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# Columbia Forum

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# From the Grand Knight

The fraternal year is nearing. The Nominating Committee will soon have its slate of officers to present to the council. I encourage each of you to consider a role as an officer of this council. Please speak to Br. Grohoski or one of the Trustees. The slate will be published in May's newsletter.

Our council is blessed with two international winners in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. The two young ladies are pictured to the right. They are students at Aquinas. Also, an article has been submitted to the Catholic Herald (insides page). Thank you DGK Wheeler for your diligent administration of the event. It has certainly reflected well on the students, Aquinas and our council.

The next pancake breakfast is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June. It will benefit Aquinas' Tuition Angels program. Please plan to attend. The sisters will be there! We will have a special menu too.

April activities are limited for each Knight to focus on his Faith and family. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do!

Sincerely, Brad, GK

# 2014 Virginia State Convention

May 2-4, 2014 at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel in Herndon, Virginia



Aquinas Stars
Gabrielle Brisbin and Nhyira Nartey
International Winners of the Keep
Christ in Christmas poster contest –
from our council! Congratulations
Grabrielle and Nhyira!

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

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

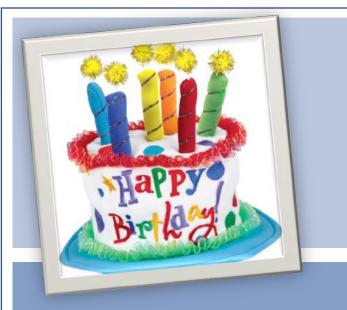




## Like us on Facebook!

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

1<sup>st</sup> – Robert Stanton

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jean-Claude Turgeon

9<sup>th</sup> – Agapito Barriga

9<sup>th</sup> – Sergio Del Castillo

9<sup>th</sup> – Mark Jones

9<sup>th</sup> – Richard La Riviere

14<sup>th</sup> – John Hirsch, Jr.

14<sup>th</sup> – George Perkins

15<sup>th</sup> – Ignatius D'Souza

18<sup>th</sup> – Pablo Naupari

21<sup>st</sup> – Edward Ettner, Sr.

23<sup>rd</sup> – Rev. John Hortum

27<sup>th</sup> – Michael Cleary

# Wives' Birthdays

Happy Birthday Ladies!

8<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Tamara Crean

9<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Gloria Duffie

10<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Carmencita Jewett

11<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Doris Dvorscak

## Pot of Gold

March 3rd— winner was not present.

March 17th – Bob Jewett - \$40

You must be present to win.



# Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations on your many years together. God bless you.

13<sup>th</sup> – Julieta Meyer and Jorge Rios

14<sup>th</sup> – Susan and Kenneth Wenzel

15<sup>th</sup> – Irene and George Baker

16<sup>th</sup> – Philomena and Henry D'Souza

20<sup>th</sup> – Jean and Ovila Cormier

24<sup>th</sup> – Judy and William Petrak

24<sup>th</sup> - Marie Elizabeth and Robert Sheehan, Jr.

30<sup>th</sup> – Catherine and Michael Rice

## 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:

26 years – Harold Sellers

25 years – Ignatius D'Souza

25 years - Gerard Ranieri

23 years – Charles Moore

19 years – Edward Ettner, Sr.

18 years - Michale Chubb

18 years - Michael Vincent

18 years - Francis Zdan

15 years - Henry D'Souza

14 years – Richard La Riviere1

12 years – Atilio Hernandez

 $10 \ years-Carlos\ Castro,\ Sr.$ 

6 years – Carsten Christensen

6 years – Joshua Suarez

4 years - Barry Thomas, Juan Gavilanes, Walter Powers

3 years – Joseph Kramer

2 years - Brian Coleman

Congratulations to all of you!



Mrs. Elizabeth Berman

Mr. Jim Schulping

Mrs. Dorette Turgeon

Mr. Atilio Hernandez

Mrs. Tara Dewey

Mr. James Johnson

Mrs. Elizabeth Gabriel

Mr. George Singler

Brother Emmanuel Kudiabor

Rev. Robert Lange

Mrs. Charlotte D'Agostino

#### Inextricable Links

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

The Holy See www.vatican.va

Diocese of Arlington <u>www.arlingtondiocese.org</u>

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**

 Supreme
 www.kofc.org

 Virginia
 www.vakofc.org

 Council #5750
 www.kc5750.org

Insurance & Financial Planning

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 – William Petrak
March 2014 – Dr. Gerard Ranieri
April 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 Kudiabor Family
January 2014 – The Rojas Family
February 2014 – The Foos Family
March 2014 – The Petrak Family
April 2014 –
May 2014 –

# 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 1. 24 May Annual Summer Kickoff Picnic, 1-4 PM
  - a. Come out for an old fashion picnic as well as a fun day of games and activities. The assembly provides the hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. Families are responsible for bring their favorite holiday dish to the event. The picnic is open to all Kelley Council members and their families.
    - i. POC: FN Charles Carroll, cmcbnc78@verizon.com/703-590-3153

### **Color Corps Activities**

For more information about these events, don't hesitate to contact Color Corps Commander, SK Phil Kennedy (pkenn95798@comcast.net/703-585-9079).

- 1. 04 April Children's Confirmation Mass, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 7:30 PM
- 2. 17 April Holy Thursday Masses, Our Lady of Angles and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishes, 7:30 PM
- 3. 19 April Easter Vigil Mass, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 8:30 PM
- 4. 26 Apr 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, Roanoke, 12:00 PM



# From the Financial Secretary

Do you know the purpose of the "PKD" voluntary assessment of \$3.65 that is included with the billing statement for your annual membership dues? In fact, do you know what "PKD" stands for? It is the acronym for Penny-a-Knight-a-Day. This refers, literally, to each Knight contributing one penny each day of the year. But, what is the purpose of the contributions? Councils send their PKD contributions to the State Council for support of designated charitable endeavors. Some State Councils direct the funds toward support of Catholic education, others toward emergencies as a result of limited parish funds or disasters that have occurred. In Virginia, PKD monies collected are used to support vocations throughout the state.



(Woodbridge, Va. March 2014) The Knights of Columbus introduced a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest this year for councils all over the world. The Knights have used "Keep Christ in Christmas" for their Christmas cards and this year, they used this theme for a new poster contest with elementary and middle school students. According to the Knights of Columbus website, the poster contest was instituted for

"young people to engage their creative talents and imaginations while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas." The Fr. Edwin F. Kelley Council 5750 of the Knights sponsored their "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest with the students at St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School in Woodbridge. Students in the following age groups could participate: 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. All participating students received a certificate and monetary prizes were awarded to the first and second place in each age group. Over 60 entries were submitted at Aquinas alone.

The Knights of Columbus held progressively higher levels of competitions at the council, district, regional, state and finally, international levels and winning posters would be submitted to the next level to be judged. All of the winning posters by Aquinas students won at the district and regional levels. Aquinas almost swept the entire state competition: Cecilia Altavilla won second place in the 5-7 age group, Gabrielle Brisbin won first place and Jason Rhone won second place in the 8-10 age group, and Nhyira Nartey won first place and Rafael Villagomez won second in the 11-14 age group. Emely Gamboa won at the district level in the 5-7 age group and her poster also went to the state competition.

The winning state posters were submitted to the international competition. Over 2,000 submissions were received. Council 5750 was notified by the Supreme Knight in March, 2014, that two Aquinas students had received international awards for their posters. Gabrielle Brisbin was named an International Champion and received a check in the amount of \$250 and Nhyira Nartey was named as an International Runner Up with a check for \$100. Grand Knight, Brad Bokoski, of Council 5750 said, "This was the inaugural year for the Knight's International 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest. We are so proud to have had tremendous participation by Aquinas. We are elated to have an International Champion and International Runner-up from our council. Congratulations to Gabrielle Brisbin and Nhyira Nartey, respectively!" The poster contest was organized at Aquinas by the Deputy Grand Knight, Charles Wheeler, along with Principal



Sister Martha Ann Titus, O.P. Mr. Wheeler said, "I am very happy for the winners of the Knights of Columbus KCIC poster contest at Aguinas, including those at our Council level and the two students whose posters went on to win at the International level. More than that, however, we Knights at Council 5750 were inspired by the large number of poster entries for the KCIC contest by Aquinas students. All of their artwork was a clear manifestation of their understanding and appreciation of the real meaning of Christmas and its importance to their Catholic faith."

# 2014 Virginia State Convention

The 114th Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus will take place May 2-4, 2014 at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel in Herndon, Virginia. This all-suite hotel has 316 spacious suites, 29,000 square feet of event space and a 24-hour fitness center, including a 15-meter indoor pool. The hotel is just across Route 28 from Dulles International Airport, and is easily reached from either Route 28 or the Dulles Toll Road.

The weekend will start with a Captain's Choice golf tournament on Friday morning at the Pleasant Valley Golf Club, which is only 15 minutes from the hotel. "Dueling Pianos," who were so popular at the 2010 convention that we've invited them back, will provide Friday evening entertainment. Our annual awards breakfast will take place on Saturday morning, and the Ladies' Lunch that day will feature entertainment from the barbershop quartet "Four in the Morning." Saturday evening's banquet will feature outstanding food and the customary awards presentation.



# Pancake Breakfast Benefit – Sunday, June 8th Breakfast with the Sisters, Part Deux

The next pancake breakfast will benefit Aquinas' Tuition Angels program. Since the April and May breakfasts are cancelled due to holidays and parish activities, we knights are going to make this breakfast extra special – a change of pace from the norm. We will have more options like French toast, egg casseroles, and who knows what else will be proposed.

No holds barred breakfast for Aquinas!



Be sure to mark you calendar and start spreading the word.



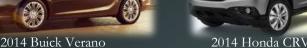




Our Lady of Angels is participating in the

# ALL SAINTS 5-CAR RAFFLE







2014 Honda Odyssey



2014 GMC Sierra



2014 Honda Civic

Plus \$20,000 in cash prizes

# TICKET SALES IN THE NARTHEX AFTER MASSES

All Saints in Manassas, Virginia has invited us to participate in their annual 5-car raffle. The 5 makes and models are pictured above (colors and other options will vary). One \$5 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. This raffle is a significant fund-raiser for our parish.

DRAWING: MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2014

# Knights of Columbus Hall Rental Lock in your rental date! Call Omar at 703.304.3299.

Our council hall is a fantastic venue for your next celebration or meeting

– a perfect banquet facility with 7,000 square feet of available party space!

It's close to I-95 with ample free parking. We have a large professional kitchen and offer catering options.

Knights in good standing receive special rates!





#### District 13 Calendar - Virginia Knights of Columbus Schedule of Events for 2013-2014

Date	Day	Event	Location /Special Notes	Time	
		March			
Reports Due		FOM, Columbian Award, KOY, FOY, YMY, YWY Submissions, Service Prgms	Due by 3/1/14		
03/01/14	Sat	State Quarterly Meeting	Virginia Beach	8:30 AM	
03/04/14	Tue	First Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	7:30 PM	
03/07/14	Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	?	
03/08/14	Sat	St. Patrick's Day Party	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	?	
03/09/14	Sun	Third Degree	Edward Douglas White Council 2473 - Arlington	9:30 AM	
03/15/14	Sat	State Free Throw Contest	St. Gertrude's High School - Richmond	8:00 AM	
3/33/14	Sat	Third Degree	Council 562 - Roanoke	9:30 AM	
03/27/14	Thurs	First Degree	Council 11170 - Ft. Belvoir	7:30 PM	
03/29/14	Sat	Third Degree	Fr Widmer Council 7877 - Stafford	9:30 AM	
		April			
Reports Due		FOM, State Per Capita	Due by 4/1/14		
4/5 - 4/6	Wkend	State Bowling Tournament	Yorktown Lanes	8:00 AM	
04/12/14	Sat	Third Degree	Mary Star of the Sea Council 511 - Hampton	9:30 AM	
04/15/14	Tue	Second Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon (Council 5750 Host)	7:30 PM	
04/24/14	Thurs	Fraternal Benefits Night - Wine Tasting	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	?	
04/30/14	Wed	District Meeting	District Meeting Council 5889 - Lounge		
		May	- Company of the Comp		
Reports Due		FOM, SP-7 (Columbian Award)	Due by 5/1/14		
5/2-4/14	Wkend	State Annual Meeting	Hyatt Dulles - Herndon		
05/17/14	Sat	Third Degree	Fr. Kealey Council 3548 - Norfolk	12:00 PM	
05/15/14	Thurs	First Degree	Council 9407 - Alexandria	7:30 PM	
05/17/14	Sat	Third Degree	Council 3548 - Norfolk	9:30 AM	
05/19/14	Mon	First Degree	Council 5750 - Woodbridge	7:30 PM	
05/22/14	Thu	First Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	7:30 PM	
		June			
Reports Due		FOM, VSS-4, VSS-6	Due by 6/1/14		
06/07/14	Sat	Third Degree	St Edwards Council 6546 - Richmond	9:30 AM	
06/12/13	Thurs	First Degree	Council 11170 - Ft. Belvoir	7:30 PM	
06/24/14	Thu	First Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon	7:30 PM	
06/24/14	Tue	Second Degree	Council 5998 - Mount Vernon (Council 9407 Host)	7:30 PM	
06/28/14	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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>brad@bokoski.com</u>. Thanks!

April 2014 The Holy Spirit									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
		1	2	3	4	5 5-car Raffle Ticket Sales in narthex			
<b>6</b> Bingo 5-car Raffle Ticket Sales in narthex	<b>7</b> Rosary 7pm Council Meeting 7:30pm	8	9	10	11	<b>12</b> 5-car Raffle Ticket Sales in narthex			
13 Palm Sunday 5-car Raffle Ticket Sales in narthex Bingo	14	15	16	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19 Holy Saturday			
20 Easter No Bingo	21 Rosary 7pm Council Meeting :30pm	22	23	24	25	26			
27 Bingo	28	29	30	Notes:					