



Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism

# Columbia Forum

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# From the Grand Knight

Congratulations to Christopher Bender on receiving our council's Young Man of the Year award. Special thanks go out the his parents for raising this outstanding young man. Young Lady of the Year, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year will be presented during this month.

Gentlemen, elections for council officers will be held on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The slate was published on April 21<sup>st</sup> and is complete. I encourage each of you to consider participating in our democratic process: come to the meeting and vote. If you would like to be nominated for a council role, come to the meeting and let the power of the vote decide who is elected.

Thank you to the Brothers and their families who help feed the homeless this Lent. Another day of meals will be provided again in the near future to assist those in our community.

This year has been a good year for the council: we have done a lot of fun and charitable activities together. I am praying that the new leadership team will go beyond in doing God's work.

Sincerely, Brad, GK

# 2014 Virginia State Convention

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

## Christopher Bender



Young Man of the Year

#### **District 13 Officers**

**District Deputy**, Kevin Palgutt, 703-590-2197 **District Warden**. Dave Lewis. 703-216-5980

#### **Council Officers**

Grand Knight, Brad Bokoski, 571-308-5532
Chaplain, Rev. J. Kevin O'Keefe, 703-494-2444
Deputy Grand Knight, Chuck Wheeler, 703-878-7661
Chancellor, James Doe, 571-435-2738
Recorder, Chris Royse, 571 285-4039
Financial Secretary, Michael O'Bar, 703-550-9855
Treasurer, Komla Kodiabor, 703-677-5739
Advocate, Warren Duffie, 702-910-7853
Warden, Thomas Hayes, 703-791-6941
Lecturer, Bill Petrak, 571-285-2250
Inside Guard, Eddie Kramer, 850-867-3793
Outside Guard, Robert Jewett, 703-730-1991
Trustees:

- *3 year*, Jim Halley, PGK, 703-622-7378
- 2 year, Gill Autmon, PGK, 571-426-0124
- 1 year, Omar Panameño, 703-491-9388

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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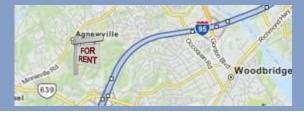


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Please send all correspondence to P.O. Box 232 Woodbridge, Virginia 22194.

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

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

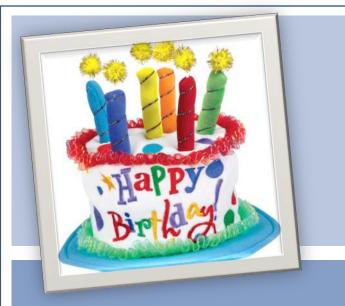




## Like us on Facebook!

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 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> – Eric Wright

3<sup>rd</sup> – Thomas Desmond

4<sup>th</sup> – William Garrett

7<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Mr. Christopher Christensen

8<sup>th</sup> – Edward Tracy

13<sup>th</sup> – Robert Sheehan, Jr.

15<sup>th</sup> – John Shark

16<sup>th</sup> – Matthew King

19<sup>th</sup> – George Baker and James Doe

22<sup>nd</sup> – Jason Suarez and Joshua Suarez

25<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Flood

29<sup>th</sup> – William Lintner and Gerald O'Farrell

30<sup>th</sup> – John Cannarella and Daniel Foos

# Wives' Birthdays

Happy Birthday Ladies!

2<sup>nd</sup> – Mrs. Maria Cruz

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3<sup>rd</sup> – Mrs. Carolyn Ide

9<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Aracelly Guerrero

13<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Margaret Hellmuth

21<sup>st</sup> – Mrs. Faith Dillon

22<sup>nd</sup> – Mrs. Gloria Garcia

23<sup>rd</sup> – Mrs. Christine DeGance

27<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Sheehan

## Pot of Gold

April 7 – Francisco Rojas \$25 – was not present.

April 21 - \$30 – winner was not present.

You must be present to win.



# Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations on your many years together. God bless you.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Francis and Sandra Zdan

4<sup>th</sup> – Timothy and Delsie Kilday

5<sup>th</sup> – Eric and Barbara Mansfield

6<sup>th</sup> – Don and Carolyn Ide

7<sup>th</sup> – Cesar and Nabalis Nieves

10<sup>th</sup> – Michael and Kathleen Rew

12<sup>th</sup> – Patrick and Brenda Denny

26<sup>th</sup> – Gill and Rose Mary Autmon

30<sup>th</sup> – Carlos and Gladis Castro

## 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:

56 years – Stephen Roman

46 years – Joseph Casey

44 years – Raymond Conlon

27 years – David Mull

26 years – James Lyons

24 years – Daniel Foos

18 years – Lawrence Firth

14 years – Andrew Kosar

11 years – John Patrick Farrell and

Martin Reyes-Adame

10 years – Juan Galvan

1 year – Raymond Aikins-Kouakou

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

Mrs. Charlotte D'Agostino

Rev. Robert Lange

## **Inextricable Links**

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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 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 – Warren Duffie
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 – The Bender Family
May 2014 –

## Helping the Homeless in Our Community



Fr. Edwin F. Kelley Council is providing a day's meals at the Hilda Barg Homeless shelter in April and May. The 5750 Food Crew and Knights and their families started cooking at the council hall at 5 pm on April 9th. The meal was served at 7pm; the team also provided breakfast and lunch for the next day. The council will again provide meals in May.

Five churches began the Prince William County Homeless Program in 1987. The homeless were first housed in churches on a rotating basis and staffed by volunteers. The Cooperative

Council of Ministries (CCOM) partnered with the County and Volunteers of America to open the first Homeless Prevention Center in 1990. The current Center, located at 14945 Jeff Davis Highway, was opened in 1999 and CCoM continues to coordinate over 70 churches, civic/scout groups, and businesses to ensure that meals are provided three times a day, 365 days a year. Thank you Knights and your families for your kind acts of charity in our Lenten season.







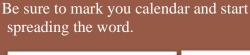
# **Aquinas Pancake Breakfast Benefit – June 8th Breakfast with the Sisters – Part Deux**

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!

With Special Guest: French Toast!











# Young Man of the Year 2013-2014 Christopher Bender

Chris Bender was chosen from a number of nominees. Chris made outstanding contributions to his parish, family, home and community. He is diligent in his academics, led 40 volunteers in his Eagle Scout project to repair/paint and make other improvements to the St. Vincent de Paul building. He is also an avid tennis player and participates in even more extracurricular activities and has received many awards.



DGK Chuck Wheeler presented the certificate and check for \$200 to him during the scouts meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. His father, Brother Del Bender (to the right of the flag), and mother were in attendance.



Congratulations!

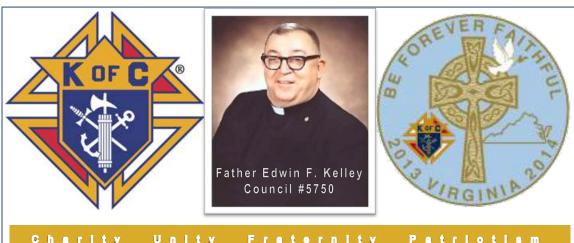
# Young Lady of the Year Knight of the Year Family of the Year

These council honors will be presented during the month of May.



# Elections are Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Nominations are open up to the election. Identification is required. Meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m.



Charity Fraternity

# 2014-15 Officer Slate

April 21, 2014

#### **ELECTED ROLES**

Grand Knight Komla Kudiabor Deputy Grand Knight Charles G. Wheeler

Chancellor Robert F. Jewett

Treasurer Steve Moore

Recorder Christopher A. Royse

Advocate Warren L. Duffie

Warden Thomas M. Hayes
Inside Guard David Grohoski
Outside Guard Jose Dominguez

One-year Trustee Omar Panameño

Two-year Trustee Gill Autmon

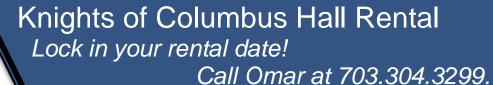
Three-year Trustee James R. Halley

#### APPOINTED ROLES

Chaplain Rev. John K. O'Keefe, Jr. Financial Secretary Michael W. O'Bar

Lecturer William J. Petrak

All nominations for elected roles remain open. Nominations will close at time of election. Elections will be held during the second meeting in May – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.



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!





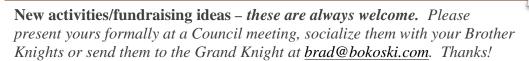
#### District 13 Calendar - Virginia Knights of Columbus Schedule of Events for 2013-2014

Date	Day	Event	Location /Special Notes	Time		
		March	70.9			
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			
		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 Council 5889 - Lounge		7:30 PM		
		May				
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			
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. No pancake breakfast in May.



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