



The Knightly News



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Knight of the Month		Past Grand Knights				Family of the Month	
Al Grimmig	July	Richard Head (Charter)	1992-1994	Kevin Craddock	2005-2006	Jeff Gillespie Family	July
Tom Canavan	August	A.J. Ascone	1994-1996	Mark Mulholland	2006-2007	Rich Flaherty Family	August
	September	Matthew Borkowski	1996-1997	Andrew Garlich	2007-2008		September
	October	Andrew Garlich	2007-2008	Rich Kovaleski	2008-2009		October
Tom Reynolds	November	Stephen Munchak	1997-1998	Rosario Chechile	2009-2010	Alvaro Rodriguez Family	November
	December	Willie Putnam	1998-1999	Richard Flaherty	2010-2011		December
	January	Al Grimmig	1999-2000	James Auwaerter	2011-2012		January
	February	Joe Beres	2000-2001	Al Grimmig	2012-2014		February
	March	Paul Bourgeois	2001-2002	Tom Martin	2014-2015		March
	April	Richard LaRoche	2002-2003	Ed Rollins	2015-2016		April
	May	Gary Petty	2003-2004	Jason Seiler	2016-2017		May
	June	John Tillie	2004-2005				June

Grand Knights Letter

Brothers,

May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom, is also the month we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the Knights of Columbus we refer to ourselves as Mary's Knights.

And you might ask why is May Mary's month? Here's a brief explanation from the National Catholic Register

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/mfenelon/why-is-may-the-month-of-mary>

"For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling

winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today."

Mary Queen of the Knights – Pray for us,

Jason Seiler

Grand Knight

Knights of the Month

Work in progress

Family of the Month

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Deputy Grand Knight's Letter

Brother Knights,

Thank you all for your assistance and participation in the many activities we sponsor. Our used bike collection netted 38 bikes \$150 in cash donations and a \$30 dollar check. Special thanks to Father Ruskamp for the beautiful cross-stich icons. His talk was enjoyed by all.

Listed below are upcoming events scheduled for the month of May and beyond. Please check the calendar on the council website at <http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=10947> and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KOfC10947> and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/KOfCCliftonVA> for more information regarding these and other Council events. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Dates and times for some of the upcoming events are listed below:

- May 5th and 6th – KOVAR collection
- May 20th – Compton Road Clean-up 9:00am
- May 20th - The St. Andrew's Youth Group will hold a end-of-year party at 7pm. The council has been asked to supply manpower to grill the burger and dogs.

For additional information on Council Meetings, upcoming Degrees and other

Council events please refer to the Council calendar in the Newsletter and on the Council website at <http://kofcknights.org>.

Thank you for your continued support. May God Bless,

Michael Paulucci
Deputy Grand Knight

Council 10947 25th Anniversary

On Friday, September 8th the Council will celebrate its Silver Anniversary for 25 years of exemplary service. This gala event will be held at the Westfield's Golf Club in Chantilly, VA. The doors open at 7:00 PM and we will enjoy the fraternity of old and new friends until midnight. The 25th Anniversary Planning Committee is in full swing and if you would like to assist please contact Al Grimmig (algrimmig@gmail.com). A save the date email will be coming out soon so keep your eyes open for it.



On the fourth Tuesday of the Month, the Fr. Julius Cilinski Council's Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7:30PM in the Padre Pio Room at St. Andrew's. The Ladies Auxiliary is open to any spouse, mother or unmarried daughter 18 years of age or older, of a member of the Council. The Auxiliary's focus is to promote friendship among members and family, participate in charitable activities, assist in promoting the welfare of the Council and provide service to others. For more information please contact their President, Galena Seiler (galena.seiler@gmail.com).

Editor's Corner

If you spot any errors, they are unintentional. Please send me the corrections and I will make sure the corrections are made.

Also if you have any input or ideas for the newsletter please let me know (algrimmig@gmail.com).

Fraternally,
Al Grimmig
Newsletter Editor

Council Elections – May 2nd

In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, our Council elections will be held on May 2nd. The Slate of Council Officers for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year was presented at the April 4th meeting and was subsequently

published. The requirement for holding office is that a nominee must be a Third Degree Knight in good standing. Nominations can be made at any time, including the night of the elections.

The following is the Council 10947's Slate of Officers Under Nomination for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year:

Officer Positions	Nomineess
Grand Knight	Michael Paulucci
Deputy Grand Knight	Thomas Reynolds
Chancellor	Alvero Rodriguez
Treasurer	Michael O'Grady
Recorder	Kevin Brendel
Warden	Tom Canavan
Inside Guard	Robert Murphy
Outside Guard	Kyle Brendel
Advocate	Mauricio Bertrand
Trustee - 1 Year	Al Grimmig, PGK
Trustee - 2 Year	Thomas Martin, PGK
Trustee 3 Year	Jim Adams, PGK

Help Wanted

Council 10947 is seeking a WEBMASTER. Duties include maintaining the Council website calendar, photo gallery, and other content on the UKnight-based website. Time sink is approximately 4 hours per month. If interested please contact the Grand Knight or one of the Trustees.



Degree Knights Eligible for the 2nd Degree

Ronnie Buda
Matthew Buonocore
Thomas Clarey
Thomas Cox
Matthew D'Ercole
Henry Di Toro
Edmond Duggan
Bennett Ellis
Michael Gambone
Anthony Gomes
Trevor Gonsalves
Terrence Gregory
Karl Heintz
J Michael Hoffman
Brian Hudson
Kenneth Janoski
Naim Kassar
Eric Klos
James Landzinski
Matthew Lannon
John Long
John Lovejoy
Carlos Lozano
Thomas Markel
Korey Mc Cabe
Sam Mc Cormick
Charles Mc Cullough
Christopher Moses
Michael Murphy
Michael Olszewski
Marco Ortube
Jeffrey Pichocki
Richard Popp
Nathan Poumade

Peter Princi Jr
Barnabas Rebeiro
Larry Schechtel Jr
Patrick Scholl
Rafael Sepulveda
Aaron Skouby
Mark Sobczynski
Joseph Strada
Gregory Strauch
John Taylor
David Tubach
Todd Ungerecht
Daniel S Warcholak
Frank Zapiain
Randel Zeller



Second Degree Knights Eligible for the 3rd Degree

Daniel Browne
Joseph Catalano
Thomas Curtin
Craig Eichenlaub
Richard Ferrick
James Ferrick
John Henebery
Sean Hill Sr
Richard Hott
Tim Hugo
Bill Jugus
Andrew Lynch
Michael Mancil
William Mc Menamin
David Metcalf
Neal Miller
Stephen Sawka II
Brian Shaw

Edward Shedlick
Christopher Smith
Thomas Smith
Tim Speidel
Jeffrey Williams



Third Degree Knights Eligible for the 4th Degree

Rev. Joseph Bergida
Rev. Justin Puthussery
Alex Abraxas
Pedro Alvarez
Samuel Aronhime
Steve Bahr
William Banick III
Richard Barrett
Joe Bartoletta
Larry Bifareti
Frank Bonsiero
Thomas Botticelli
Shane Bowie
Stephen Bozzo
Kevin Brendel
Kyle Brendel
Arnold Brown
Jan Burford
Richard Burnham
Michael Byers
James Caputo Jr
Russell Carolla
Matthew Carr
Louis Cernak Jr
David Chechile
Michael Chechile
Kevin Clune
William Coy
Frank Delisi III

Chancellor's Corner

By Sir Knight Thomas P. Reynolds

Knight Progression:

I am happy to report that we had several Knights progress in their degrees of Knighthood in the past couple of months. On March 12, 2017, the following Knights were exemplified in their 3rd degree at the Columbus Club in Arlington, VA:

- Kyle Brendel
- Charles Kelly
- Freddie Paras

On April 1, 2017, the following Knights attained their 4th Degree of patriotism at George Brent Council and are our new Sir Knights in the council:

- Sir Knight Kevin Brendel
- Sir Knight Kyle Brendel
- Sir Knight Freddie Paras

For those who have attained their 3rd degree, you know that not only is fraternity the principle imparted in this degree, but we also are made aware of how important vocations are to our order and how our mission is to support and defend our priests. Many Knights may not know this fact, but priests also become Knights of Columbus. Please congratulate the following priests who were exemplified as 3rd degree Knights at St. Louis Martin Council on April 22, 2017:

- Father Joseph Bergida
- Father Justin Puthussery

Recruiting Blitz

Our recruiting blitz was a great success on Palm Sunday weekend and we managed to collect about 10 prospective Knights in our council. I would like to thank the following Knights that assisted in the drive:

- Alvaro Rodriguez
- Mauricio Bertrand
- Tom Canavan

- Rich Flaherty
- Jeff Gillespie
- Al Grimmig
- Kurt Hoffman
- Chuck Kelly
- Tom Martin
- Robert Murphy
- Mike O'Grady
- Mike Paulucci

I also would like to thank all the Knights who stopped by the Knights table in the vestibule and said hello and obtained information to recruit some of their friends. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Who are the Syro-Malabar Parishioners?

Finally, I would like to inform everyone about our latest project of trying to recruit members of the Syro-Malabar congregation who have been attending mass at St. Andrew's on Sunday evenings. The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church is one of the 22 Eastern (Oriental) Catholic Churches in full communion with Rome. It is the second largest Eastern Catholic Church after the Ukrainian Church and the largest of the Saint Thomas Christian (Nazrani) denominations with 4.6 million believers. It is a sui juris Church governed by the Synod of Bishops headed by the Major Archbishop. The Syro-Malabar Church, with its deep-rooted spirituality and high rate of vocations to priesthood and religious life, can be considered as the most vibrant Catholic community in the world. Father Mould has allowed them to use St. Andrew's for their masses and activities on Sunday evenings while they try to obtain their own church and facilities. Worthy Grand Knight Jason Seiler and I

have been working with Father Justin Puthussery, their pastor, to indoctrinate the men into the Knights with the hopes that some will join our council and eventually start their own council when they obtain their own church. On Sunday, April 30, 2017, Field Agent Jim Bertine and I will be meeting with the parishioners after their 4:30 pm mass.

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday was an 'egg-ceptional' day for Easter Hunters young and old thanks to the efforts of Jeff and Trish Gillespie, Rob Kara, and Donovan Davis and Alvaro Rodriguez who hid 1,000 eggs (and I am not egg-xaggerating). As you can see below a good time was had by all.



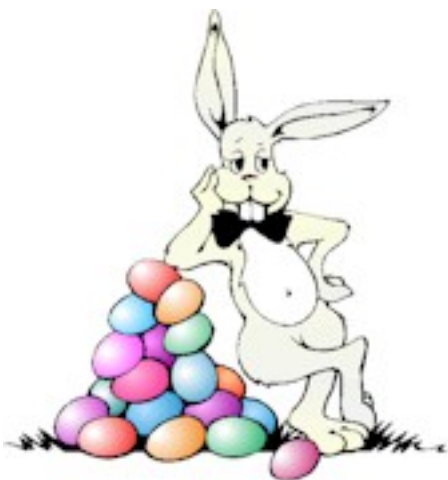
The Egg-ceptional Crew



Lining up for the Hunt



Egg-cited kids looking for eggs



Holy Thursday

To add to the solemnity and beauty of the Holy Thursday mass at St. Andrew the Apostle, eleven Sir Knights, members of the ACTS of the Apostle Assembly, served as the Color Guards. Seen below were Sir Knights: Al Grimmig (Associate District Marshal Virginia District – North), Vice Commander John Titus, Faithful Navigator Thomas Yehl, PGK Tom Martin, DGK Mike Paulucci, Anthony Estrada, Tom Canavan, Mark Barnes, Brian Skokan, Jim Tierney and Henry Cruz.



(left to right: Al Grimmig, Tom Yehl, Tom Canavan, Jim Tierney, Henry Cruz)



(right to left: Anthony Estrada, Mike Paulucci, Brian Skokan, Mark Barnes, Tom Martin, John Titus)

Iconic Needlework

As part of our Council's and Parish's continuing Spiritual Outreach Program, Fr. Ruskamp gave a presentation on holy icons that he has cross stitched on April 18th. Monsignor Hannan Hall was adorned with eleven of his icons. Realizing he needed an activity to occupy himself with during the winter months when he is unable to ride his motorcycle, he took up cross-stitching. "Burly motorcycles? Yes, but I also stitch" Fr. Ruskamp explained in his humorous mid-western style. Ms. Elizabeth A. Elliot reported on this event in the Arlington Herald. Please see her article for complete details (some of which I captured here). What motivates Fr. Ruskamp to create these works of art that are so intricately done which resemble oil paintings is, in his words, "As you're stitching, you're seeing the face Mary or our Lord emerge out of the little squares. All of a sudden it's like you are looking at the face of Jesus."

Most of his projects take six months to complete. The Pieta, the largest of the icons, took a year and a half to complete.



May Birthdays

Roxana Bertrand	5/1
Charles Kelly	5/1
Rob Morson	5/1
Liza Bowie	5/2
Debra Reynolds	5/2
Michael Paulucci	5/3
John Roser	5/3
Vincent Ruvolo	5/4
Alexander Alvarez	5/5
Judy Cooney	5/5
Susan Henebery	5/8
Joe Micari	5/8
Jocille Donahue	5/9
Laura Jackson	5/10
Magda Ungerecht	5/10
Daniel Browne	5/11
Kevin Clune	5/12
Olivia Ferrick	5/12
Michael Humm	5/12
Lawrence Schechtel	5/12
Aaron Skouby	5/14
Joseph Catalano	5/15
Thomas Cox	5/15
Terrence Donahue	5/15
Sherri McMEnamin	5/16
Alvaro Rodriguez	5/16
James Feeney	5/17
Andy Ferrick	5/17
Maxine Paulson	5/17
Joseph Murphy	5/19
Arnold Brown	5/20
Terrence Gregory	5/20
Sylvia Schechtel	5/20
Robert Rey	5/22
Roxana Bertrand	5/23
Andy Lynch	5/23
Alvin Grimmig	5/24
Thomas Curtin	5/25
Derek Millis	5/25
Tim Speidel	5/25
Joseph Strada	5/25
Rev Justin Puthussery	5/27
Larry Bifareti	5/28
Yukari Tortorich	5/28
Emma Botticelli	5/29

Rickey Dean 5/30
 Stephen Sawka 5/31

May Anniversaries

Thomas and Claire Botticelli 5/1
 Johnnie & B Claire Titus 5/1
 Al & Debbie Grimmig 5/6
 Martin & Anita Hungate 5/7
 David & Dorothy McGinn 5/8
 Anthony & Carol Bocchichio 5/17
 John & Melanie Lovejoy 5/18
 David & Mary Ralston 5/18
 Frank & Connie Zapiain 5/18
 Mark & Joyce Hoffman 5/20
 Lou & JoAnn Cernak 5/21
 Mike & Valerie Cestare 5/22
 Timothy & Andrea McCrum 5/22
 Peter & Judy Princi 5/23
 Patrick & Margaret Scholl 5/23
 Mark & Cindy Friedlander 5/25
 Ronald & Susan Buda 5/27
 Jim & Nicole Caputo 5/27
 Thomas & Donna Curtin 5/29

Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Robert Ruskamp 5/11
 Fr. Christopher Mould 5/21



May is Mary's Month



**Remember to Pray
 the Rosary**

**Mary Queen of the Knights
 Pray for Us**

Council Officers for Columbian Year 2016-2017

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Recorder	Alvaro Rodriguez	Denise	703-598-0074
Treasurer	Tom Browne	Sue	571-236-6860
Advocate	Mauricio Bertrand	Roxana	703-815-1891
Warden	Tom Canavan	Pong	703-968-6531
Inside Guard	Bob Murphy	Joyce	703-968-4288
Outside Guard	Mike O'Grady	Deb	703 530-9831
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1-Year Trustee	Al Grimmig, PGK	Debbie	703-802-0530
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Insurance Field Agent	Jim Bertine, PGK		703-845-3402

Council Committee Directors

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Youth			
Council			
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