

# COLUMBIAN CALL

**Knights of Columbus Sacred Hearts Council 11262, Mineral, VA**  
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## Grand Knight Message

In the July 2017 Edition of Knightline, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told Knights of Columbus leaders during the 2017 Organizational Meeting that according to the figures from the 2016 Fraternal Survey, Knights gave \$177,500,673 in charitable donations. This is a more than \$2.4 million increase over the 2015 donations. In addition, the Knights volunteered 75,11,694 hours to charitable initiatives, up from the 2015 total of 73 million hours.

Last month I asked, "Why do we volunteer money and time and interest?" I remain convinced that it is because we recognize how very lucky we are to be associated with a faith, a church, and an order that encourages

us to be better men. And that we also realize that since we are so blessed, we have an obligation to give back to our fellow men and our community. Participation in the Knights gives us the organization and the opportunities to fulfill our obligations.

But do you realize that donating and volunteering are good for your health! The July issue of the AARP Magazine says that volunteering "Is the closing thing to a silver bullet we have discovered for personal and societal well-being."

If you have ever volunteered by sharing your skills and passion with others, you know about the positive jolt that you get that is known as "a giver's high". The obvious payoff is the social good that you have done. But there are numerous individual benefits as well:

- Lower mortality rates – you live longer
- Less depression
- High rates of self-esteem
- Lower rates of heart disease and diabetes
- Increased happiness

Study findings indicate that volunteers who contribute about 100 hours of service to others per year are the most likely to experience definite health benefits.

And the findings also indicate that – "in general, the older the volunteer, the greater the personal benefits of volunteering."

So, what are you waiting for. Now is the time. Volunteering is good for you, the Knights have the organization and projects to help you identify good works, the needs here in Louisa County exist and are real, and you get to work side-by-side with some really nice guys. Please look for the opportunities listed in this Newsletter

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throughout the year. Give the project director a call and say: "How Can I help!" **Vivat Jesus!** (GK Jim Marstall)

9/26 – (6:30 PM) – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting (St Thomas Aquinas – C'ville)

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

*Al and Mary Ann Ptasznik*



*(Knights' Annual Picnic)*



*(Young Man of the Year Mark Schoenster)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

8/9 – (6:15 PM) – Monthly Council Meeting (St Jude)

8/11 – (5 PM) – Council Friday After Five (C'ville)

8/22 – (6:30 PM) – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting (St Jude)

8/24 – (6 PM) – Past Grand Knight Dinner (Roma's – Louisa)

8.27 – (6 PM) – Officer Meeting followed by Family Social (IC)

9/13 – (6:15 PM) - Monthly Council Meeting (St Jude)

9/17 – (9 AM – 5 PM) – KOVAR Collection (Louisa Food Lion)

9/22-23-24 – Triathlon (Lake Anna State Park)

9/24 – (6 PM) – Officer Meeting followed by family social (IC)

## COUNCIL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

**General Program Director:** DGK (PGK)

Joe O'Connell – (540)

**Vocations:** Phil Trayer - (540)

**Membership:** GK Jim Marstall - (540)

**Recruitment:** PGK Butch Conner – (540)

7 for SJ and PGK George O'Connell – (540) for IC

**Retention:** PGK Gene Rainville - (703)

**Church:** Jerry Fisher - (540)

**Culture of Life:** Deacon Al Benet - (540)

**Council:** PGK Dennis Roerty - (540)

**Community:** Mike Carioscia - ((540)

**Family:** PGK Bob Harvey - (540) 894-

**Youth:** Brian Johnson - (540) with assist from PGK Lee Barta – (540)

**KOVAR:** Phil Trayer - (540) with assist from PGK Gene Rainville - (703) 489-

**KCIC:** Jim Hogan - (540)

**Benevolence Committee Chairperson:**

Bill Kliner - (540)

**Council Blood Drives:** Rick Kortze - (540)

**Public Relations & Columbian Call**

**Newsletter Publisher:** PGK Ron Canada - (540)



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## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

*Joe O'Connell*

## Knights of the Month

Joe O'Connell is being honored as our Knight of the Month for July 2017 as much for what he is going to do this coming year as for what he has just done for the council the last fraternal year. Joe just finished a year in which he led us as the Service Program Director through many initiatives in the community, the church, our families, and our Order. He had good project directors for the many charitable programs in our council, but each of them will tell you that his firm, knowledgeable leadership was instrumental in ensuring that we approached each of these charitable initiatives with calm and expert planning. He oversaw the donation of over \$3,700 to programs in our church, our community, and supporting K of C "Highlight Projects". He has done all these jobs before in his decades of participation in the Louisa Knights – came in with his brothers in February 1994. But last year, when no one else would step up to the Program Director's job, Joe once again stepped in to do his duty and follow his conscience. The same is true for this year. Joe has ONCE AGAIN agreed to be the Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director. He is our example of how to live up to our responsibilities. We all have one more year to learn from Joe and continue his legacy.

## Family of the Month

It would be obvious to honor the outgoing Grand Knight with a Knight of the Month award, but you can

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hardly ever think about Al Ptasznik without picturing Mary Ann. So, we want to pay special honor to both Al and Mary Ann Ptasznik for the partnership that they displayed in leading all the Knights and their spouses in our pursuit of growing in our faith and community the past 12 months. Thank you for being our role models, our guiding light, and our companions. Al showed us how to translate ideas into projects, and concepts into actions. He guided us through our normal fund-raising initiatives so that we could live up to our reputation and desire to be a CHARITABLE fraternal organization, but also helped us regain our position in a newly constructed parish facility and a newly enlarged fish dinner operation. We essentially doubled our income from the Lenten Friday events. All this was done with calm assurance and steady handed leadership.

Mary Ann of course was side-by-side with Al through it all. Attendant at our social functions and adding her own brand of caring attention to everyone's needs. Meanwhile, Mary Ann was pursuing her own special goals with her participation in the Eucharistic Minister program and heading up the Bake Sale rack after Mass. The new facility and the new emphasis has generated funds for the Women's Guild from the bake sale that were unheard of in the last few years'. Between Al and Mary Ann, we have ensured that St. Jude will continue to recover and improve from the fire of three years ago.

Thank you Al and Mary Ann; we know that you are just getting started in supporting the Catholic Community of Louisa County.

**Past Grand Knights Dinner**  
Thursday, August 24, 2017. Roma's Italian Restaurant, Louisa, VA.  
Start time is approximately 6:00 pm.  
Dress is church attendance casual.

It will be a buffet meal with open bar. The meal will include salad with bread rolls and chicken parmesan, meatballs, and penne with ham and bacon and penne vegetable. App;e pie and Italian donuts for dessert. Soft drinks are also included.

The price per person is \$23. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased separately.

Please join us to fete all past grand knights as well as our most recent PGK, Al Ptasznik.

Please let Dennis Roerty know as soon as possible that you will attend. His contact info is (540)894-4982 and dennis.roerty@gmail.com

## **Fridays After 5**

Thanks to all who attended the June one and made it through the rain storm. We have one more coming up on August 11th. I will email the people who signed up this week up to confirm numbers.

Thanks and see you in a couple of weeks. (Brian Johnson)

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **Birthdays**

8/2 Bill Kliner  
8/2 Dan Schoenster  
8/4 Paul Mader  
8/4 Carroll Rice  
8/8 Stephen Brown  
8/9 Gerald Fisher  
8/13 Dennis DiDonna  
8/15 Daniel Budi  
8/16 Richard Day II  
8/16 Larry Fridley  
8/17 Matt Largo  
8/17 Rev Paul Fitzpatick

8/18 Larry Kavanagh  
8/21 Don Hurd  
8/22 Tom Worosz Jr  
8/23 Wayne Gretencord  
8/30 Bob Falkenbach  
8/30 Joe Seubert  
8/31 David Clune

### **Anniversaries**

8/1 Lee and Joanne Barta  
8/1 Patrick and Cathy O'Connell  
8/2 Tony and Dorothy Sabelhaus  
8/4 Bill and Dee Kliner  
8/9 Parker and Mary Northrup  
8/12 Joe and June Lucas  
8/14 Paul and Barbara Brown  
8/15 John and Edith Leake  
8/15 Stephen and Cheryl Monoski  
8/24 Tony and Jeannie Petrini  
8/28 Butch and Lil Conner  
8/30 Steve and Joanne Falkenthal  
8/30 David and Kathy Zeiler

*Editor's Note: If I missed your birthday or anniversary, or the birthday of your spouse or minor child, please let me know so that I can update my records: phone (540) 854-6130 or e-mail: [seeheim@verizon.net](mailto:seeheim@verizon.net)*

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITES**

### **KOVAR**

Our first collection for Fraternal Year 2017/2018 will be at the Food Lion in Louisa on September 17, 2017. There will be four two hour shifts beginning at 9 a.m. and ending 5 p.m.. We will need a minimum of 2 people per shift. The shifts will be as follows: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - 1p.m. to 3 p.m. and finally 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.. If you can help in any of these shifts, please call Phil Trayer at 540 327 2796 or "P\_Trayer@yahoo.com" or you may contact Gene Rainville at 703 489-7321 or "rainvillegl@gmail.com. Your assistance in this effort will be greatly

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appreciated. Thank You - KOVAR  
Council Director Phil Trayer."

## 2017 Triathlon

The next Triathlon fundraiser for our council will be on Friday thru Sunday, September 22, 23 & 24, 2017 (Lake Anna State Park)

Again, we will be doing the following events, approximate times given: Packet Pick-up on Friday, 3:45 to 7:00 PM, and Saturday, 4:45 to 7:00 PM.

The parking of vehicles will be on Saturday, 6:00 to 9:00 AM and Sunday, 6:00 to 9:00 AM.

Remember you can volunteer for the entire weekend or just one event, I have a position for anyone who volunteers.

Wives and older teenagers can help support these events also. Please mark these dates on your calendar and consider volunteering. Call (804.448.4767) or email me (sfalkenthal@gmail.com) with your availability to help and I will put your name down on the roster.

As always thanks for your support,  
(Steve Falkenthal)



*(Chalice Honoring SK Joe Wiedel presented to Fr. Boniface-Uganda Priest)*

## SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES



### Prayers for Beatification of Fr. McGivney

Please offer your prayers for the beatification of our founder, Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. You can also help promote the cause by becoming a member of The Father McGivney Guild. See your monthly *Columbia* magazine or access: [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) for details on how you and your family can join. There is no charge for membership in the Guild.

### REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Joe Wiedel – For the Repose of his Soul  
Fr. Nott – For the Repose of his Soul  
Carolyn Delgrosso - For the Repose of her Soul  
Roger Rasooli – For the Repose of his Soul  
Judy Burroughs – For the Repose of her Soul  
Gertrude DeVince – For the Repose of her Soul

Josephine E. Worosz – For the Repose of her Soul  
Edna Rainville Bailly – For the Repose of her Soul  
Anita DeCarli – For the Repose of her Soul  
Antoinette Esposito – For the Repose of her Soul  
U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families  
Romko Jaciuk  
Joann and Tom Bossi  
Samuel Epps  
Al Gutekenst  
Patrick Gutekenst  
Joe Milkevitch  
Sr. Anne Schwarzenboeck  
Howard Smogor  
Bob Kreamer  
Pat Engle  
Stephanie Mazzone  
Robert Tahaney  
Army Burroughs  
Daniel Mahoney  
Darlene Gerwitz

*If you or any family members are in need of prayer, or if you want to remove a name from our council's prayer list, please contact me by return email or telephone 540-854-6130. This prayer list will be updated monthly as I receive your requests and/or quarterly – Ron Canada*

**NEXT 4TH DEGREE (FATHER JUSTIN CUNNINGHAM ASSEMBLY #2518) MEETING**

**22 August– St Jude - Mineral**



**Your Field Agent: Mr. Sal Filippelli**

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**BUILDING A BETTER WORLD ONE COUNCIL AT A TIME**

Every day, Knights all over the world are given opportunities to make a difference, whether it's through community service, raising money for their parish or prayer. We celebrate each and every Knight for his strength, his compassion and his dedication to building a better world.

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