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Grand Knight Message

In the last few weeks, there have been numerous articles about how the forecasters are predicting that there will be a severe falloff in charitable giving because there is projected to be a large reduction of those people who will be able/willing to itemize their tax deductions. Therefore, the articles contend, since they cannot deduct their donations, they will simply forego donating to charities.

I follow the logic, but we'll just have to see. I do not doubt that the charities will use this forecast to show why it is more important than ever to donate to them, and the impacts may be quite small. That is, for the big

guys who can afford the major donation campaigns, or charitable organizations that are quite local in nature and can reach out to their friends and neighbors and make a very personal appeal for help.

We have to hope that our Brother Knights are not hugely influenced by whether a tax deduction exists or not. They would like to take advantage of one if it is available, but a tax deduction is not a deal breaker. We have all sworn allegiance to an organization whose guiding principle is charity to all. I think we can be quite confident that men who are thoughtful enough to join such an organization will be incentivized by the joy and self-satisfaction that we feel when we complete acts of mercy and charity that we will continue to do so. People are ultimately good and caring, we may have to remind them once in a while about the needs that exist, but I think we can be very optimistic about the future.

I hope that we find that the people we ask for help, such as collecting for KOVAR in our communities or our parishioners for food patty collections or our members to help with fund raising efforts such as fish fry's and triathlons will respond as generously as they always have. (Jim Marstall, GK)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/10 – (6:15 PM) – Monthly Council Meeting (SJ)
- 1/13 – (9:45 AM) Basketball Free Throw Contest (Betty Queen Center)
- 1/13 (1 PM) – Family Matinee (St Jude Parish Hall)
- 1/19 - March for Life (Washington DC)
- 1/23 – (6:30 PM) – 4th Degree Meeting (St Jude)

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1/28 – (6 PM) – Officer Meeting followed by family social (IC)

2/11 – (Time TBD) – Sweetheart Dinner & Dance (SJ Parish Hall)

2/14 - (6:15 PM) – Monthly Council Meeting (SJ)

2/25 – (6 PM) – Officer Meeting followed by family social (IC)

2/27 – (6:30 PM) – 4th Degree Meeting (St Thomas Aquinas (C'ville))

COUNCIL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

General Program Director: DGK (PGK)

Joe O'Connell – (540)

Vocations: Phil Trayer - (540)

Membership: GK Jim Marstall - (540)

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9675277 for SJ and PGK George O'Connell – (540) for IC

Retention: PGK Gene Rainville - (703)

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Council: PGK Dennis Roerty - (540)

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

Bob Weiner

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Bob and Karen Harvey

Knights of the Month

It has been more than 5 years since we have honored Bob Weiner for his many contributions to our council and our parish. And that is much too long!

Bob Weiner, PGK 2004, is a fixture in our council. He is the man we all turn to for information about our faith, St. Jude parish, and our fellow parishioners. He has held the position of Advocate for our council 4 different times. As the Director of the RCIA for many years, he has had direct contact with those people who wish to convert to become informed members of the Catholic religion and receive the sacraments; or to renew their standing in the church and reacquaint themselves with the grace of the sacraments. As a result, it has been Bob's guidance that has led a number of converts to join the Knights very soon after entry. It is an excellent way for a new Catholic to experience the positive impact that charity can have on the lives of others and on himself.

We are lucky to have Bob as our mentor and example. As we enter a new calendar year, filled with opportunities to serve others through acts of charity and fraternity, we are

proud to follow the example of Bob and Mary Carol to show us what a blessed life looks like. (GK Jim Marstall)

Family of the Month

There are so many K of C supported activities in December, and so many people who respond to the call for assistance in our community; that it is really difficult to choose one family over another. But in this December, the activities of Bob and Karen Harvey are notable and demand recognition.

Bob & Karen started the month by marching in the Dec 2nd Louisa County Christmas Parade in our Council's KOVAR display. They walked along the parade route (clothed in the lovely KOVAR vest) and handed out Tootsie Rolls and literature to the appreciative crowds. Later in the next week, they were part of the distribution of almost 500 meals and gift bags to needy families sponsored by the Louisa Resource Center Santa Council. The involvement of the Knights in our Community is solidly established by dozens of Knights and their families participating in this popular program.

Starting in Mid-November, Bob came up with the idea of celebrating the 180th anniversary of the coming of the Louisa Rail Road to Fredericks Hall by holding a special celebration at Tavern on the Rail, the terminus point for the railroad in 1837. The hours upon hours of planning, constructing displays, setting up the menu, advertising tickets for sale, writing publicity materials, dressing the part of a 19th century RR engineer all culminated in a very friendly affair attended by 84 interested parties – including two members of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors and the CEO and the President of the current

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Buckingham Branch Railroad. Everyone was very complimentary about the professionalism and completeness of Bob's speech and slide show. Karen and Linda Salisbury played Christmas music applicable to the mid-19th century after Bob's speech and Karen had arranged for baskets of items to be raffled off. Bob & Karen's efforts resulted in approximately \$300.00 being raised in support of the Louisa County Historical Society. Oh BTW, as if Bob didn't have anything else to do the week before the railroad celebration, he gave a presentation on the history of the Louisa Railroad during the civil war to a group of ladies interested in the genealogy of their families in our County.

It is this kind of community support and involvement that reflects highly on everyone in the Catholic Community. To top it all off, B & K are planning to conduct the first every family movie matinee on Saturday, January 13th at St. Jude at 1:00 PM for parish adults and children. Please come and see Zootopia. And when you do, say THANKS to Bob & Karen!! (GK Jim Marstall)

A WINNER in the Knight's 2017 Football Frenzy Sweepstakes

One of our Council members won the highest prize (\$400.00) in the week 8 (Dec 17) VA state football sweepstakes. \$1,000.00 is awarded to 9 different winners each week. There is one week remaining. Good luck! (GK Jim Marstall)

Three Generations of Knights at IC:

On December 13th, just prior to our normal monthly council meeting, Mathew Clune became a member of

the Knights of Columbus. Mathew (18), and his brother Jonathan (23), are sons of David Clune (52) who, in turn, is the son of Tom Clune (82). All 4 men are active members of Immaculate Conception Church in Buckner, VA as Eucharist Ministers, Acolytes, readers, ushers, and Pastoral Council members. It is heartening to see this kind of continuity within our Order. (GK Jim Marstall)

DUES ARE DUE!

If you have not yet sent in your dues, please do so to avoid the cost of another stamp to send out a reminder per the by-laws. Also, for those who are waiting to pay at the next meeting, you will avoid a line and also you will have a current membership card the minute you walk in. It also helps your friendly Financial Secretary get the records in to supreme caught up. Thank you for your kind consideration. (Al Ptasznik, FS)

Family Matinee

The Knights of Columbus Council 11262 invite the youth and families of both parishes to a matinee showing of "Zootopia" on January 13, 2018 beginning a 1:00 P.M. and ending at 3:30. We will provide pizza, popcorn, and drinks for the parish family. Adults (parents and grandparents) are welcome and if you haven't already seen this fun movie, we think you will have a wonderful time. (Bob Harvey)

Save the Date – February 11

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a "Sweetheart Dinner" on February 11, 2018, from 6 – 10 PM. More details to follow at a later date. This is open to all parishioners from IC and St. Jude. (Bob Harvey)

Position of Council Treasurer Open in June

With the front half of the 2017 – 2018 Fraternal year passing, it won't be long before our council will be looking for new officers for the 2018 – 2019 year. I want to inform everyone that the position of Council Treasurer will be vacated this year. I have had the pleasure of serving as your Treasurer for the past eleven years. I feel that it is now time to step aside and let another member experience this duty for the Council. I ask that you give it some thought and consideration and step forward in filling this position. If you are interested let me know and I will make the transition for you flawless.

There are two realities here; One) I am stepping down and, Two) if you want the position it is yours, unless there are more than one interested in filling the position. (Steve Falkenthal Treasurer, #11262)



"What will you sacrifice to build a culture of life?"

"Love Saves Lives" is the theme for the upcoming 2018 March for Life. The 45th annual March for Life, the world's largest annual human rights demonstration, will be held on January 19, 2018.

"Choosing life is not always easy, but it is the loving, empowering, and self-sacrificial option. Love is universally attractive because it is directed towards others. Love is what we all strive for because deep-down we are all drawn to give of ourselves

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in this way. Love saves lives in countless ways," said Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life.

Virginia Knights of Columbus demonstrate their love for others each January by serving as marshals for the March for Life. As Jeanne Mancini has told us many times, "Without the Virginia Knights of Columbus we could not have the March for Life." And in the same way, we are blessed to be able to help make the March for Life happen each year.

Think of what we "put up" with each year. Some frigid cold, some almost spring-like, once with snow that closed the eastern seaboard – but not the March for Life – but always unique and life affirming in a special way. Each year filled with hope and love, prayer and song. And last January, the first ever personal appearance by the sitting Vice President, Mike Pence and his wife. This was an historic first for the March for Life.

If you have attended you recognize the importance of Virginia Knights of Columbus in making the March for Life happen. We assist and direct marchers, provide first aid to marchers, security for the dignitaries speaking at the rally, help with lost persons, police up litter after the rally, and coordinate the banner and flags that lead the march. Others provide support and refreshment for the marshals or collect funds to help pay the March for Life expenses.

But the rally and march are not the only events! People from across the country come to Washington for more than the March for Life. They come early to pray, to attend the March for Life Conference and Expo. They stay to speak with their congressmen, and attend the annual Rose Dinner, which was organized to recognize pro-life

leaders. Other organizations host events as well. This shows a level of commitment to building a culture of life we should all strive for. So in addition to participating as a marshal in the upcoming March for Life, what will you sacrifice to build the culture of life?

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1/2 Rick Cuevas
1/3 Lana Rainville
1/6 Pat Fischer
1/7 Tony Petrini
1/10 Joanne Barta
1/12 Sandra Brassard
1/13 Jerry Gerwitz
1/13 Dorothy Sabelhaus
1/14 Patricia Becker
1/14 Dan Verjinski
1/15 Maureen Kopf
1/17 Patrick O'Connell
1/18 Larry Fridley
1/20 Bob Weiner
1/22 Gerald Fisher
1/22 Ron Majtyka
1/24 Mary Ann Antal
1/24 George D'Antonio
1/27 Karen Donnelly

Anniversaries

1/18 Gene and Lana Rainville

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Basketball Free Throw Contest – Help Needed

Sacred Hearts council will hold our Free throw contest on Saturday January 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM. We are looking for 4 or 5 brother knights to assist us at the Betty Queen Center. Thank you for your support of our

youth program. (Lee Barta & Brian Johnson)

Santa Council Thanks You

On Tuesday, December 5th, our council rolled up their sleeves to help with packing 450 food boxes. On Friday, December 8th, we assisted with delivering food boxes to the Epworth Manor Residents in the morning and delivering food and gifts to recipients at the Mineral Baptist Church in the afternoon. Finally, on Saturday, December 9th, we assisted with the final distribution of the presents and food boxes. 26 Brother Knights, family members and friends helped over the three day event. The Santa Council wishes to thank you for all your time and energy. (PGK Joe O'Connell)

KOVAR Christmas Parade

On December 2, 2017 the Knights of Columbus participated in the annual Louisa County Christmas Parade. Rather than presenting the Honor Guard as in years past Gene Rainville suggested a KOVAR theme. Ten Knights participated in this year's event and in a matter of fifteen minutes we handed out over 800 Tootsie Rolls and 300 Kovar flyers. We were very well received....especially from the children. I would like to thank the following Knights for their time: Brian Johnson and his son Trey, Lee Barta, Gene Rainville, Joe O'Connell and his son, Ron Brassard, Ron Canada.

The Parade route is short and the crowd is enthusiastic and very supportive of the Knights. For those Knights who were unable to attend please consider participating in next year's event. As an FYI, we are planning on scheduling three

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collections this Spring during the months of March, April, and June. More will come out on that in the coming weeks. (Phil Trayer)



(KOVAR Marchers in Louisa County Christmas Parade)

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

23 January – St Jude

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 for details on how you and your family can join. There is no charge for membership in the Guild.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Donna Chadwick – For the Repose of her Soul
Jack Simmons Jr – For the Repose of his Soul

Army Burroughs – For the Repose of his Soul
Daisy Clawson – For the Repose of her Soul
Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo – For the Repose of his Soul
Bob Schafer – For the Repose of his Soul
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
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 Schwarzenboeock
Howard Smogor
Bob Kreamer
Pat Engle
Stephanie Mazzone
Robert Tahaney
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



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Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a terrific Christmas! New Years is a time for resolution and goal setting. An important resolution should be to review your financial health and goals. Are your beneficiaries the way you want them. Do they need updating? How are your retirement plans doing? What percentage of your funds are 100% Guaranteed to grow every single day with Zero Risk? These are a few of the questions we can help you with. Remember our services and expertise are part of your member benefits. No Fees, Loads or Commissions. We are just following Father McGivney's mission of Protecting our Knight's Families. Please call to set up an appointment at 804-729-6899 or my cell of 804-922-6054, thank you.

(Sal Filippelli)

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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