



The Knightly News

Roanoke Council No. 562

ROANOKE COUNCIL 562: SERVING OUR PRIESTS, PARISHES AND COMMUNITY SINCE 1901

Grand Knight's Report



Grand Knight, Bobby Ellis

I can't believe this newsletter is the last one for 2013, and the holidays are just around the corner! With the holidays coming up, let's not forget to acknowledge the service several special knights have given to our council: The Grand Knight's appreciation certificate goes to our Club Room's co-chairs: PJ Lyons and Tom Huck. PJ and Tom have constantly given

considerable time and efforts this fraternal year in various Club Room events and projects. We thank you!

Our Family of the Month is John and Sandi Krumpas for their extra efforts in the council home's fall cleaning in October -- especially the windows that now sparkle. John and Sandi certainly were prime examples of putting in hard work and making it fun, along with various other brother knights, with their family members, who also graciously gave time and efforts to spruce up the council home. It was my understanding they "didn't do windows" like Sandi did - so -thanks, Sandi and John!

Our Knight of the Month is none other than Brother Dave Chopski. Brother Chopski spent numerous hours, a lot of dedication, and hard work in our successful October membership drive. Dave (and all the brother knights who assisted in the membership drive) got our council a good start on this year's membership goals. Thank you, Dave!

There's plenty more ahead in 2014, and lots of new goals to work on, so join the "562 Team" for both hard work, dedication and lots of fun! I'd like to also take this time, on behalf of Council 562 and my wife/Susan and me to wish each and every knight and their family and friends a joyous and safe Christmas season, and Happy New Year.

Your Friend in Christ,

Grand Knight Bobby Ellis

New Council Spiritual Leader

Supreme bylaws require a Knights of Columbus Chaplain to be both a knight and a priest. Ever since Father Rene' was transferred, we've been missing that special spiritual guidance; however, Deacon Stephen O'Connell, from St. Gerard's parish, has graciously accepted the position of Spiritual Lender for Council 562, in absence of a Chaplain. Deacon O'Connell serves St. Gerard's a both a parish deacon and bookkeeper, and is a member of their Father Maurice McDonald, Council 13046. His spiritual guidance will greatly enhance our meetings and social events, so please extend a big welcome - and thank you - to him, and his wife, Barbara!

Spiritual Leader Message

Brother Knights,

The Liturgical year is winding down; soon we will mark the feast of Christ the King and move into the preparatory season of Advent. The Gospel readings recently have been calling us to prepare for the coming of Christ and to undergo conversion. The story of Zacchaeus from the thirty-first Sunday tells us of the extreme conversion which this individual underwent when he responded to Jesus call. Tax collectors like Zacchaeus were seen as turncoats by their Jewish brothers; they worked for the hated Roman invaders and made a living (or in this case, a fortune) by extorting taxes at a higher rate than the Romans called for and pocketing the difference.

Zacchaeus soul was touched by the presence of Jesus; Jesus called him by name and he responded positively. He vowed to repay all he had extorted fourfold and promised to give half of all he possessed to the poor. The Grace of God prompted a complete change in this self-indulgent puppet of the Romans. He moved from savoring his own wealth to caring for the needs and rights of others.

The coming Holiday Season is a great opportunity for all of us to look after the needs of other people. It is easy to get caught up in the materialistic swirl of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Instead, let us focus on Advent and reflect on how to open our hearts to Christ and His poor.

Deacon Stephen O'Connell

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
Dep. Grand Knight	Bill DeBerry	343-7849
Spiritual Leader	Stephen O'Connell	525-9408
Chancellor	Pat Reidy	725-8206
Recorder	Stephen Ratliff	774-4796
Financial Sec.	Mike Lazzuri	774-8482
Treasurer	Brian Ripple	776-8285
Lecturer	Alex Nelson	774-5079
Advocate	P.J. Lyons	562-8332
Warden	Eric Schmucker	309-1417
Inside Guard	Joseph Colosimo	989-7969
Outside Guard	Steve Wirth	797-8812
Trustee, 3rd Year	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
Trustee, 2nd Year	Bob Canfield	774-7554
Trustee, 1st Year	Richard Sparks	563-1387

Committee Chairmen

Program Director	John Krumpos	989-1985
Council Activities	Bill DeBerry	343-7849
	Glen Waldis	982-0835
Community Activities	Joe Colosimo	989-7969
Family Activities	Alex Nelson	774-5079
	Tom Huck	740-749-3018
Youth Activities	Eric Schmucker	309-1417
Church Activities	Pat Reidy	725-8206
Pro Life Activities		
KOVAR	Don Feick	774-0187
	John Krumpos	960-1825
Newsletter	Glen David Waldis	982-0835
Kitchen	Tom Engl	989-3708
	John Church	588-7968
	Mike Lazzuri	774-8482
	Steve Wirth	797-8812
Basketball Tournament		
KCIC	Karl Kleinhenz	982-8140
	Joe Devlin	206-2622
Membership	Dave Chopski	344-0901
	Charles Hatcher	314-3360
	Steve Wirth	520-2885
Ceremonials	Dave Chopski	344-0901
Canfield Scholarship	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
	Jim Sullivan	774-7034
	Pat Patterson	815-6105
	Joe Moses	389-0309
	Bob Canfield	774-7554
Retention Committee	Bill DeBerry	343-7849
	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
	Bob Canfield	774-7554
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	Joe Devlin	206-2622
	George Cuadrado	989-1758
	P.J. Lyons	562-8332
House	Joe Colosimo	989-7069
	Jan Hodnett	772-4215
Club Room	P.J. Lyons	562-8332

**IN CASE OF ILLNESS, NEED OR DEATH,
PLEASE NOTIFY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Grand Knight	366-5102
Spiritual Leader	525-9408
Financial Sec.	774-8482

562 COUNCIL HOME

3136 Harris Street, Roanoke, VA 24015
Mail: PO Box 20974, Roanoke, VA 24018

Welcome

We would like to welcome two new members to the Council, Glenn C. Hall and Casimir Dadak and also a welcome to Scott Kuhn who transferred into the council. Welcome and we are happy to have you aboard.

Retiree's Luncheon

Come join us for another Retiree's Luncheon on December 12th at the Council Home. It is a great time to get out and socialize with your friends. Everyone is welcome and will enjoy a wonderful meal. December's menu will be a salad, Pork Loin Roast with green beans and mashed potatoes followed by a dessert. No charge but donations are accepted. After lunch stick around and join in some games. Doors open at 11:30 Am and Lunch is served at Noon.

Squire's Circle

In case you missed it, the Council is once again sponsoring a Squire's Circle. It is based at Roanoke Catholic School. Like all student groups, they have limited money to buy their supplies. If you would like to help them get started, they are in need of a lockable box to keep their Bursar supplies, Circle records and minute book. If you have something you can let them use, call Brother John Krumpos (540-960-1825).

Clubhouse Renovations

The Board of Directors of our corporation is committed to maintaining your Clubhouse so as to provide you with a pleasant place to meet and to socialize. A lot of work has been done over the last few years...from painting much of the interior to replacing the heating and cooling systems...and we would like to do even more. Of course that means we need more money!

To fund additional renovations, your Board has established a Renovation Fund. Several members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians have already made sizable donations to it. We are asking ALL Council members to step up to the plate and make similar donations. Together, we can make our home beautiful.

Make your donation payable to Roanoke Knights of Columbus Incorporated and mail it to KC Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 20974, Roanoke, VA 24018.

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

Domenick E. Centrone	Richard L. Waddell	Charles W. Blevins
Timothy J. Rowe	David A. Cummings	Theodore G. Wierzbicki
Raymond J. Biggio	Francis H. Casola	Jan M. Hodnett
Michael J. Lazzuri	Daniel J. Turk	Christian A. Hoesser
Albert G. Bruzgul	Jack D. Ellinwood, Jr.	Michael J. Slenski
John Sheridan	Daniel A. Torres	Nicholas r. Waddell
Kevin P. Oddo	Alexander M. Nelson	Joseph V. De Riggi
Robert C. Poole	Gary W. Boyd	Robert M. Kennedy
Charles H. Hatcher	Joseph A. Colosimo, Jr.	Matthew J. O'Herron
Alexander P. Fekas	Casimir Dadak	Richard A. Taylor
Edward J. Zaleski	Donoald M. Grabowski	



Knights of Columbus Council 562 Community Activities Project 2013-2014 Feeding Needy Kids During Their After School Activities



Pete Ragone, Agnes and Tom Engle



Tom Huck, Ed Myers, Officer Olichmier, Mike Lazzuri, Joe Colosimo, Tom Engle, Eugene Brady and Gordon Dewhurst



Ed Myers and Officer Olichmier



Joe Colosimo and Officer Olichmier

Program Directors Report

The Kid's Halloween Trunk or Treat held at the end of October was well received. Ten Knights and their Ladies volunteered to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy to the kids. A huge thank you to those couples!!! November was also another full month. In addition to the Memorial Mass held on Nov. 18th and the Past Grand Knight dinner on the 23rd, Community Program Director Joe Colosimo was extremely busy organizing food collections for hungry Roanoke school children at the local Kroger stores and coordinating the events with the Police and Fire Chiefs. Well done Joe!

Brunch with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 15th at the clubhouse from 11:00 to 1:00. The Adult party will be a Christmas/epiphany Party on Jan. 4th also at the clubhouse. See the announcements for details.

LAST ITEM: December is the month that our Financial Secretary sends out the annual dues notices. When you get your notice, remember that until the Council receives your dues, there are programs and charitable requests that must be deferred for lack of money. Also remember that your Council must pay the Supreme and the State Councils almost \$10 per year on your behalf... even if you don't pay your dues! **So pay your dues as soon as you get your dues notice!**

LADIES: Just a reminder, there is a 1st Degree Exemplification to initiated new members in December. Since that event is open only to Knights, there will not be an open social in December. We have not forgotten you! We will be scheduling another Social evening with the Ladies in January. Watch for the January Newsletter.

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December 2 – Business Meeting 7:30 PM
December 12 – Retiree's Luncheon 11:30am
December 15 – Brunch with Santa 11:00am
December 16 – First Degree Meeting 6:30pm

Brunch with Santa

This annual event will be held on Sunday, December 15th at the Clubhouse. Brother Tom Engl will once more be organizing a delicious brunch buffet. Doors will open at 11:00 AM. Plan now to bring your children and/or your grandchildren. Since this event is being opened to all fellow parishioners, bring your friends and their children to. Santa does request that you tell him how many children you are bringing. [Please call Eric Schmucker at 540-309-1417.]



Adult Christmas / Epiphany Party

Having our Adult Christmas Party after the hubbub of the pre-Christmas rush was well received last year and so we will once again have a Christmas / Epiphany Party this year. This event will be on Saturday, Jan. 4th, 2014 at the clubhouse. Social hour will begin at 6:30 and continuing until dinner is served at 7:30 PM. A fine dinner is planned; cost will be \$15 per person.

We have traditionally played 'Dirty Santa' after the dinner. Gifts were previously amassed by Brother Gene Stupin, who shopped throughout the year to find the best deals. Gene was unable to do the shopping this year, but we want to continue this tradition. Pleased bring a wrapped gift (\$5 - \$10, please) and mark it Knight or Lady if it is gender specific. Those who bring a gift will participate in the 'Dirty Santa.' Everyone is encouraged to bring a gift! [Note: re-gifting is approved and even encouraged! Also, take advantage of the after-Christmas sales.]

RSVPs are not required, but it would be helpful for those planning if you would let them know if you plan on attending. [Call John Krumpas at 540-989-1985.]