

Father Louis A. Rowen Council #3670

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December 2008

Grand Knight Report

I want to thank those nine stalwarts that attended the last meeting. Although a quorum was not present many things were discussed. With the January meeting, we'll move the meetings back to the third Monday of each month. Hopefully more Brothers will be able to make the meeting and a little work can get done.

John Chiumento vacated the DGK position because of his extended (5 months) stay in Florida, and Ernie vacated the IG position for medical reasons. These two offices must be filled by vote of the Brothers, hopefully at the next meeting. Please make an extra effort to be there to vote. Currently, Bob Marinchick has expressed an interest in running for the DGK position, and Phil Carr for the IG position. If you wish to run for one of these positions, please call Jim Morrisard expressing your interest.

Again this year, we have an opportunity to work the Wild Wings concession at UVA basketball games. However, only 4 dates are available; Jan 24, Feb 14, Feb 28, and Mar 7. Five guys per game are needed for this gig. Please consider working at least one of the games. Call Bob Marinchick if you're available.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

General:

That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.

Mission:

That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world.

OFFICERS

Grand Knight - Tom O'Rourke - 244-2852

Deputy G. K. - Vacant

CHANCELLOR - Vacant

RECORDER - Dennis Koziol - 973-7806

TREASURER - David Gamache, Sr. - 980-2937

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Kelton Flinn - 296-6224

ADVOCATE - John Andrews - 977-0429

Lecturer - Bill Phillips - 973-6726

WARDEN - Chris Winter - 465-7135

INSIDE GUARD - Vacant

Outside Guard - Mark Sissons - 973-1288

TRUSTEE ONE YEAR - John Kost - 293-7864

TRUSTEE TWO YEARS - Dennis Koziol - 973-7806

TRUSTEE THREE YEARS - Joe Murray - 971-2737

District Deputy - Robert Maher - 589-1170

Any Knight who is sick or in need of transportation to a doctor or to get medication, please contact Brother Joe Murray at 971-2737.

Insurance Agent - Colin Kearney
Phone: 540-290-0122 or 540-866-0374

E-mail: colin.kearney@KofC.org

LITURGICAL CALENDAR NOTES:

Dec. 8th - Immaculate Conception
Dec. 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 25th - Christmas
Dec. 28th - The Holy Family

PLEASE NOTE!

The Newsletter will be published monthly, at least one week prior to the Business meeting. It will contain notes of the previous meeting plus any other topic of interest to the Brothers. If you have an item you want included in the newsletter, please e-mail it to the editor at r_marincic@comcast.net at least two weeks prior to the Business meeting.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:
December**

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH:
December**

BUSINESS MEETING

The January Business meeting will be held on January 19th, Rosary at 7:15; Meeting at 7:30.

Membership – Dave Gamache

Remember, we have an ongoing membership drive. Have you asked two new people to join our council?

Chuck Rockacy obtained his First Degree on Dec. 4th and his Second on Dec. 11th. Welcome Chuck!

Bob Venere obtained his Second Degree on Dec. 11th.

Deputy Grand Knight Report – Vacant

Chancellor's Report – Bob Marinchick (434) 823-4068 r_marincic@comcast.net

As of Dec. 15th, I have resigned my position as Chancellor to run for Deputy Grand Knight.

The Church of the Incarnation has begun the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Every one is welcome.

If you need or would like any Knights of Columbus memorabilia, e.g., Prayer cards, rosaries, medals, K of C hats, shirts, etc., please see me.

From time to time, we receive a request from a Church that we represent for help in painting, minor repairs or general landscaping. If you are interested in helping out in these areas, please let me know. I want to develop a list of people that I can call, rather than have to search through our entire membership roster seeking help. Thank you.

Financial Secretary Report – Kelton Flinn

No Report this period.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Gamache

No Report this period.

District Deputy's Report – Bob Maher

No Report this period.

Notes From The Fourth Degree – Courtesy of George Kuhlow - Council 11475

On Sunday, January 11th, at 2:00 there will be a ceremony marking the 232nd anniversary of the drafting of the Virginia Act for Religious Freedom in Fredericksburg. The Rappahannock Assembly will be hosting the event. Every year since 1974 the Knights of Columbus have honored both the Act and President Jefferson, who drafted it, in a ceremony for all faiths at the Monument for Religious Freedom in Fredericksburg. To take part, please contact Bob Jankovits 540-752-1642 or e-mail bjankovits@msn.com.

The Fourth Degree is looking for members for the Provincial Color Corps/Flag Team. They will be taking part in ceremonies through four states as well as Washington, D.C. It is a rigorous undertaking with practices throughout the state and they must meet the criteria of the Corps. Of all the names submitted throughout the state as well as the other states in the Province it will come down to six to ten people. It will be a tremendous sacrifice of time and travel for those making the cut, but in terms of personal honor and satisfaction, it's immeasurable. Anyone interested please contact George Kuhlow 589-6158, who will submit your name.

Election Of Officers

Over the past month, two offices have become vacant and must be filled expeditiously to ensure continuity within the council. The Deputy Grand Knight office became vacant when John Chiumento left for an extended stay (5 months) in Florida. The Inside Guard position became vacant when Ernie Sardi resigned for medical reason. Phil Carr agreed to run for the Inside Guard position, and Bob Marinchick agreed to run for the Deputy Grand Knight slot. Bob has resigned his "Chancellor" position which becomes vacant and that must also be filled. We can do the whole thing at the next meeting, provided we have a quorum – 12 Brothers. So, please make a special effort to attend the next meeting. If you are interested in running for one of the vacated slots, please call Jim Morrisard 434-973-6570.

UVA Basketball Concessions

Again this year we have an opportunity to raise money for our favorite charities. Tony DiTolve has ask us if we'd be interested in working the "Wild Wings" concession at some of the JPJ UVA basketball games. There are only four games available, all ACC Conference games. We would need to supply five workers. Game days are: Saturday, January 24th, Saturday, February 14th, Saturday, February 28th, and Saturday, March 7th. If you are interested, or feel committed to the Council, please call Bob Marinchick, 434-823-4068; E-mail: r_marincic@comcast.net

"Consider Your Call" – A Search For Vocations

Consider Your Call is a set of regional gatherings that will be hosted by the Vocations Offices of the Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond. These gatherings are for men (ages 16 – 35) who are interested in learning more about how they can discover the Call of God in their lives. These gatherings, which will take place in various geographical regions of both dioceses, will provide an opportunity for young men to reflect, ask questions, and interact with other men who are discerning the Lord's call in their own lives. The Vocational Director of each diocese will lead each of the regional gatherings that take place in his diocese. This program is designed to show young men the many ways that God speaks to our hearts, and the unique ways that God invites some men to consider a life of ordained ministry.

The Vocation Directors, Fr. Brian Bashista (Arlington) and Fr. Michael Renninger (Richmond), want to ask the Knights of Columbus to help with the process. The Directors are asking each Council for the names of two young men that we think will benefit from this kind of gathering. If you know young men who attend Mass, are prayerful, involved in parish life, such as, church ministries or services, or are trying to live their faith day by day, talk to them about this "Consider Your Call". If they want to follow up on it, they, or you, can contact Rich Aleksy, VA State Council Vocations Chairman, who will submit their names to the Diocesan Office to have the Invitations prepared. Richard S. Aleksy, PSD, FM 8203 Claremont St., Manassas, VA 20110; rswa@att.net Phone 703-901-6874

Special Olympics – Alpine Games

On January 26th and 27th, the Special Olympics Alpine Games will be conducted at Wintergreen Ski Resort. They are looking for volunteers from the Knights of Columbus and their family members to help during the two days of competition. They are, also, asking any Sir Knights if they are available for their Opening Ceremony and award presentation. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Lenny Pulizzi, IPSD, Email: lpulizzi@cox.net, Bob Maher, DD, paws618@embarqmail.com, or Tom O'Rourke, GK, tmorourke@aol.com.

March For Life

The annual "March For Life" will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at Noon on the Mall in Washington, DC. If you are considering attending, please check your church bulletin for any scheduled bus transportation.

Fraternal Hours Survey

Return of the survey has been very sporadic. We've about 70 active Council members, and I've only received 17 surveys. I know many of you are active in parish and civic life. Anything you do in those areas for which you are not reimbursed can and should be counted toward fraternal hours. The Grand Knight needs this information for his January 11, 2009 meeting. Please fill out the form and return it to me ASAP. Need another blank survey sheet? Call or email Bob.

Louisa City Christmas Parade

Joe Murray and Phil Carr were two of the participants in this years Louisa City Christmas Parade. All the participants received these accolades from Jim Marstall, Grand Knight, Sacred Hearts Council # 11262.

Brother Knights,

On behalf of all the members of the Knights of Columbus Sacred Hearts Council #11262 of Louisa County, VA, I want to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the participation of the Father Cunningham Assembly Color Guard and the Honor America Corps (HAC) in the annual Louisa City & County Christmas parade. Not withstanding the positive impact you had on the hundreds of children and families that were awed by the reverent passing of our nation's colors and historic flags, the real beneficiary of your dedication of time and enthusiasm is our local Council.

It is our reputation as an active contributor to the local community that has been truly enhanced. It is a willingness to join in our sponsored events like area blood drives that has been substantially increased. It is an understanding of the giving spirit of the Catholic Community in Louisa that has been accentuated. It is a readiness to stop by our church facilities and join in our fund raising events such as Lenten Friday Fish Fries and SummerFest Arts & Craft shows that has been improved. And, it is the swelling pride that Catholic men of St. Jude and Immaculate Conception churches of Louisa County feel about their faith that will make them wish to join our Order that has been expanded.

We, who are the recipients of your largess, say — Thank you for coming to Louisa. Thank you for putting on long johns and braving the cold wind, blowing flurries of snow, and marching with such goodwill and season's warmth. We will do our best to keep building for the rest of the year, the momentum of goodwill that you started.

God bless you all,

Jim Marstall, Grand Knight

Sacred Hearts Council # 11262

Father Carl Naro – 12/18/1926 – 12/09/2008

Father Carl Naro, a resident of Our Lady of Peace retirement community, and a member Knights of Columbus, passed peacefully on December 9th. Father was ordained in the Diocese of Richmond in 1952 and served as Pastor for various parishes throughout the Diocese. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Good Of The Order

Please pray for:

Sylvia Murray, Randy Miller, Ed Morris, Ray Craig, Nat Long, and the families of our deceased Brothers.

Meetings

Our next meeting is January 19th. Rosary at 7:15 PM, Business meeting at 7:30 PM.

Second Degree Exemplification is Saturday, February 7th, in Harrisonburg (AM).

Third Degree Exemplification is Saturday, February 7th, in Harrisonburg (Noon).

Fourth Degree meeting is at St. Jude on January 27th.

For those of you who have not filled out the fraternal hours survey and cannot find the original sent last month, I have provided another on the next page. Please fill it out and return it to:

**Bob Marinchick
4795 Mechums River Road
Charlottesville, VA 22901**

Brothers, please take an hour of your time to fill in this survey. You can include that time in miscellaneous under Newsletter preparation, "Survey Column"

Survey of Fraternal Activity – Entire year – January – December 2008

The Office Of the Supreme Council is asking all councils to file a Survey of Fraternal Activity. The information required is listed below. **We need your address, phone number, church that you attend and services that you perform for that church.**

1. **Number** of visits you made to:
(Did you visit your wife or friend or any one else in the hospital?)
A.) Sick – Caring for the sick / nursing homes / hospitals _____
B.) Bereaved – visits of condolence (Attend any wakes?) _____
2. **Number** of times that you gave blood _____
3. **Estimated hours** of community related activities:
A.) Church activities – Service in all Church related activities _____
(Count length of Mass if you are an usher, reader, greeter, etc)
B.) Community Activities – Service in all related Community activities _____
(Attend any city or county meetings, PACEM, IMPACT?)
(Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Salvation Army anything else?)
C.) Youth Activities - Service in all youth related activities _____
(Provide rides for Soccer, football, basketball, etc. games/practice,
Shown anyone how to throw a curve?)
D.) Habitat for Humanities – Service in related activities _____
(Built a house, ran wiring, pipes? Carried water/food for workers?)
E.) Miscellaneous – Service in all other areas _____
(Have you helped anyone at all?)
4. **Number of hours** of fraternal service:
Sick/disabled members and their families – household chores,
Transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc. _____

Name:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Church you Attend:

Service performed:

Please fill in the information above, and send it to :

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Don't forget your return address.