

# Father Louis A. Rowen Knights of Columbus Council #3670

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January 2015

## Grand Knight's Report

Congratulations to Mark Conaway, Greg Gerling, and Nick Redmond for becoming members of the Knights of Columbus at the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in Orange December 15. Welcome to Council 3670 gentlemen. We look forward to getting to know you. Please consider advancing in your degrees in 2015. There's a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree ceremony in Fairfax January 31 and many 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees. There are also a number of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremonies in our area at the beginning of 2015, so let's continue to think about each recruiting one new Knight per month into our council. If you're interested in advancing in your degrees, please let me know. As you can see to the right, our council is still in need of a new Treasurer. Please contact me if you're interested in helping our council fill this important officer role, or if you'd like to nominate someone to fill the role. More info is on page 3. Our council's meetings this month are Monday nights, January 5 and 19. On January 5, we'll be gathering at Church of the Incarnation's Stone Chapel for a potluck social. All Knights, their significant others, and children are invited. Our monthly business meeting January 19 is also at Incarnation's Stone Chapel. Rosary begins at 6:30. The meeting starts at 6:45 with food and drink afterwards.

Thanks to Chuck McCurdy, Bill Phillips, Joe and Marie Murray, and all the Knights who attended and/or helped with the memorial service and reception for former Holy Comforter pastor, Father Dennis McAuliffe, December 9 at Holy Comforter. It was a great celebration of life.

Our council will be exploring the possibility of raising funds for an ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia, which is in need of a new ultrasound machine at their downtown location. If you're interested in helping with this initiative, please let me know.

Frank O'Donnell is our council's Knight of the Month. More info about Frank and his efforts are on page 2.

Jesse Boeckermann  
Grand Knight, Council 3670

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

### Peace

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace

### Consecrated Life

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal

## 2014/15 FRATERNAL YEAR OFFICERS

GRAND KNIGHT – Jesse Boeckermann - 605-376-4234

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - Mike Cerruti - 801-584-9157

CHANCELLOR – Chuck McCurdy – 293-3210

RECORDER – Bill Ashe – 882-0236

TREASURER – VACANT

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Larry Hance – 962-7492

ADVOCATE – Frank O'Donnell – 540-819-5235

LECTURER - Bill Phillips – 973-6726

WARDEN – Daniel Petruso – 540-664-6272

INSIDE GUARD – Phil Carr - 953-6097

OUTSIDE GUARD – Alan Isak – 977-0902, 434-296-1190

TRUSTEE ONE YEAR – Joe Murray – 971-2737

TRUSTEE TWO YEARS – Jim Morrisard – 973-6570

TRUSTEE THREE YEARS – Joe Ciaccio – 995-5886, 566-5921

DISTRICT DEPUTY – Gordo Genovese

CHAPLAIN – Father Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi – 295-7185

**Any Knight who is sick** or in need of transportation to a doctor or to get medication, please contact Brother Joe Murray at (434) 971-2737.

**Insurance Agent** – Steve Larson

Phone Number: (434) 326-3535, (434) 823-2141

E-mail Address: [stephen.larson@kofc.org](mailto:stephen.larson@kofc.org)

## JANUARY LITURGICAL CALENDAR NOTES

January 1 – Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day

January 2 – Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

January 3 – Most Holy Name of Jesus

January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord

January 11 – The Baptism of the Lord

January 13 – Saint Hilary

January 17 – Saint Anthony, abbot

January 20 – Saints Fabian and Sebastian

January 21 – Saint Agnes

January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 24 – Saint Francis de Sales

January 26 – Saints Timothy and Titus

January 28 – Saint Thomas Aquinas

## **PLEASE NOTE!**

The Newsletter will be published monthly, around the first of the month and at least one week prior to the business meeting on the third Monday of each month. 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 Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com) by the end of the month.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

**Frank O'Donnell**

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – FRANK O'DONNELL**

The Knights of Columbus Council 3670 Knight of the Month for January is Frank O'Donnell. Frank is our council's Advocate. He also serves as Youth Director in his Service Program Personnel role and has done so admirably the last three and a half years. He also served our council as Recorder for three years. Frank joined the Knights in 1996 and took his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees in 1997. He became a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight in 2009. Frank and his wife Dee attend Church of the Incarnation. He leads our council's Free Throw Competition and actively helps with the Essay Contest, pancake breakfasts, and events at the Pavilion. We appreciate all he does for Council 3670. He'll be moving to Utah in 2015 as Dee has taken a job promotion, and we'll miss him a lot. Congratulations Frank, and thanks for all your contributions to our council and community.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Remember, we have an ongoing membership drive. Have you asked someone to join our council recently?** The goal is one new Knight per council per month. We beat it in 2013-14. Let's do it again. Talk to your friends, co-workers, and fellow parishioners. As you recruit practicing Catholics ages 18 and older, remember to print your name clearly on the Form 100, so we have a contact should we be unable to reach the candidate. Also, please date the form. When you hand out information or talk to a potential Knight, get their contact information and follow up with them. Please have them send their completed Form 100 to:

Knights of Columbus Council 3670  
P. O. Box 7251  
Charlottesville, VA 22906

### **2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Assessments will be mailed in early 2015. Submit your \$25 dues (additional \$3.65 Penny per Knight per Day suggested) at any meeting or via mail to the Financial Secretary at the address below.

Larry Hance  
204 Cottonwood Drive  
Barboursville, VA 22923-2741

### **NEW TIMES FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

At our October business meeting, our council voted to tentatively change the start time for our meetings to 6:30 with the intention of officially changing the times in our bylaws during our next business meeting. There are two meetings held each month. They are on the first and third Mondays at the Church of the Incarnation's Stone Chapel. The meeting on the first Monday of the month is a social/organizational meeting. This Monday, January 5, we're having a potluck with spouses and children invited. Our next council business meeting will be held **Monday night, January 19**. The Rosary will be recited at 6:30 with the meeting starting at 6:45. Food and refreshments will be served after the meeting. This is YOUR council. Please make plans to attend our monthly meetings with the new, earlier start times.

### **COURAGE LION**

For more information on the children's hospital program, check out [www.couragelion.org](http://www.couragelion.org).

## **BROTHER KNIGHT BOB HAMLIN PASSES AWAY**

Robert L. Hamlin, 76, a resident of Wheaton, Illinois and former 23-year resident of Charlottesville, passed away November 28, 2014. He was a longtime member of the Church of the Incarnation and the Charlottesville Rotary Club. Bob joined the Knights in 1966 and was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sharon; his children, Lisa Hamlin (T.J. Kapetanopoulos), Karen, Steven (Jennifer), and Brian (Sharon); his grandchildren, Hannah, Zachary, and Adam Hamlin; his siblings, Charles (Esther), John (Terry), and Marilyn (George Jeffries), a sister-in-law Kathy Hamlin; and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations to CNS Hospice, 690 E. North Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188 or the American Cancer Society, 1801 S. Meyers Rd., Suite 100, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. His full obituary is online at [http://www.williams-kampp.com/mgxroot/page\\_10780.php?task=All](http://www.williams-kampp.com/mgxroot/page_10780.php?task=All).

## **NEW COUNCIL TREASURER NEEDED**

Our council is in need of a new Treasurer. Bob Strassheim resigned his position as Treasurer for personal reasons at the beginning of November. We appreciate Bob's four months as our council's Treasurer along with his service as a council Trustee last Fraternal Year.

If you're interested in more information about becoming our council's Treasurer, please email or call Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com) or [605-376-4234](tel:605-376-4234). If you are interested in nominating someone, please let Jesse know as well.

The main duties of the Treasurer are as follows:

1. Charged with handling council funds
2. Receives money from financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
3. Responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council

## **JANUARY AND UPCOMING LOCAL DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES**

### *3<sup>rd</sup> DEGREE*

Saturday, January 31 from 11:00-1:00 in Fairfax

### *2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREES*

Thursday night, January 15 from 8:00-10:00 in Fairfax

Monday night, January 19 from 7:30-9:00 in Roanoke

Tuesday night, January 27 from 7:30-9:00 in Front Royal

Tuesday night, January 27 from 7:30-9:00 in Fairfax Station

### *LOCAL 1<sup>st</sup> DEGREES*

Monday night, January 5 from 7:30-9:00 at Saints Peter and Paul in Palmyra

There are a number of Degrees throughout the state each month. If you're interested in attending any of these, contact Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com) or 605-376-4234. For more information, and for the full degree schedule, log on to <http://www.vakofc.org/> and click on Calendar.

## **MASS IN CROZET**

Our council chaplain, Father Joseph Mary, began offering Mass in Crozet at The Field School on the second Sunday morning of each month at 10:30. The first mass was March 9<sup>th</sup>. Organizers expected about 75 people, and more than 200 showed up. Since then, about 225 people are showing up for these special masses. Please tell fellow Catholics and Knights about this opportunity in Crozet.

## **BROTHER SEEKS RIDE HOME FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Brothers,

I am looking for one or more Brothers who attend the monthly business meeting who can give me a ride home after the meeting. I do not drive, and my wife brings me to the meeting, so all I need is a ride home.

I live in downtown Charlottesville off Park Street, not far from the 250 Bypass. I have a wheelchair, which can be disassembled to fit in the trunk. If you attend the meetings and you can help out, please contact me at [kelton\\_flinn@embarqmail.com](mailto:kelton_flinn@embarqmail.com) or 434-296-6224. Thanks!

Vivat Jesus! Kelton Flinn

## **COATS OF KIDS COLLECTIONS CONTINUE**

For the fifth winter, our council is collecting donations for Coats for Kids to purchase jackets for children in need in our area. Our council collected over \$4,500 last winter to purchase 20 cases of coats (240 coats). We work with Holy Comforter, Incarnation, and St. George to meet the needs of needy children in the churches and in the community. The cost per case of coats is \$220, which includes shipping. The boys and girls coats are \$18.33 a piece (including shipping) for brand new, high quality coats from a major manufacturer. More info is online at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/community/coats-for-kids/index.html>.

This year, St. Thomas Aquinas Justin Cunningham Council 11324 is also collecting donations for Coats for Kids to assist our council's efforts. They'll be working with an Red Hill Elementary School in Albemarle County and the Salvation Army to get coats to children in need. We've already purchased 13 boxes of coats, raising well over \$3,000. All checks need to be made out to "K of C Council 3670" with Coats for Kids in the memo line. Donations can be mailed to Knights of Columbus Council 3670, P.O. Box 7251, Charlottesville, VA 22906. If you know of any coat needs in our community, please contact Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com) or 605-376-4234.



## **FRATERNAL HOURS SURVEY DUE**

The 2014 Fraternal Hours Survey is available at

[http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/circle/individual\\_survey1728a\\_p.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/circle/individual_survey1728a_p.pdf). Please complete this and email it back to Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com) or bring it to any of the next two meetings (January 5 or January 19). You can also send it to our P.O. Box below. Our council's total numbers are due January 31.

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## **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 11 IN FREDERICKSBURG**

Religious Freedom Day will be celebrated this year on Sunday, January 11 at 2:00 PM at the Religious Freedom Monument on Washington Ave in Fredericksburg.

Now more than ever we should support this event with our presence. A parade precedes the event, which begins at the train station downtown. Bring your families, guests and friends too.

The parade includes Fourth Degree Knights in regalia, Knights Templar, Boy and Cub Scouts, and many other civic and patriotic organizations and their families. Sir Knights wishing to participate in the parade should begin reporting to the train station at 12:45 PM. The parking lot is located on the east side of the train tracks and a block south of the Bavarian Chef Restaurant located in the old train depot. The Parade steps off at 1:30.

## **MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 22 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

We are just a few weeks away from the largest civil rights event of the year, the annual March For Life in Washington, D.C. January 22, 2015 marks the 42nd anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decisions in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, which made abortion on demand at any point in a pregnancy the law of the land. As Virginia Knights, we have a special place in the March For Life: we are the marshals that assist the marchers, organize the start of the march, render first aid, and otherwise assist the March For Life staff. Your help as a marshal is vitally important to the success of the March.

Please sign up today to help as a marshal using the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/KofC2015MFL>. Then check in at the First Aid RV that will be parked on the National Mall near where 12th Street would cross. Check in time on Thursday, January 22 is from 9:30-10:00 AM. And dress warmly for the weather!

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE MID-YEAR MEETING**

The State Council Mid-Year Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 17 at Edward Douglass White Council #2473 in Arlington (5115 Little Falls Road). Recommended attire for the meeting is jacket and tie.

Hotel reservations may be made at the Holiday Inn (1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209 at 703-807-2000). The room rate is \$74.99 plus tax per night. Be certain to ask the hotel for the Knights of Columbus rate. Hotel Reservations must be made no later than December 26, 2014. The day will conclude with 5:30 p.m. Mass at Edward Douglass White Council home followed by a fun filled Winter Fest dinner. If you are interested in attending, please contact Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com) or 605-376-4234.

## **WINTER FEST DINNER DANCE**

Please join the Virginia State Officers, District Deputies and State Staff for an evening out at the Mid-Year Meeting/Post Holiday *Winter Fest* on January 17 at 6:30 p.m. being held in the historic Edward Douglass White Council Home in Arlington (5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA 22207).

This is a night to relax and reflect on all you are doing and continue to do for our Brother Knights and their families. No speeches – just good food, fun and dancing with friends and Brother Knights and their guests. A 50/50 and door prizes are also in the making. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Reservations are required. Please RSVP by January 4 to Kelly Mortensen, PSD at 804-674-6895 or [kmortensen@verizon.net](mailto:kmortensen@verizon.net). Dress for Gentlemen is Coat and Tie. Dress for Ladies is Cocktail Dresses. Please include your dinner selection w/RSVP (Peppercorn Crusted Sliced Sirloin, Broiled Flounder, or Chicken Marsala).

## **SPANISH SPEAKING DEGREE TEAMS NEEDED**

There is a growing need for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Spanish speaking Degree Teams in Virginia. There is a 1st Degree in Spanish on CD, but receiving this first lesson of our order by a qualified Degree Team in a language understood by the new Knights would provide a more meaningful event.

The Virginia Ceremonials Chairman is working on forming teams that could be available throughout the State. If you speak Spanish and are interested in joining a Degree Team, please contact Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at 605-376-4234 or [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com).

## **VIRGINIA DIOCESE MEN'S CONFERENCES**

Our Bishops have scheduled Men's Conferences that promise to be outstanding opportunities for us to grow in faith. Both of these Annual Conferences have steadily grown in attendance, and I strongly encourage each of our Brother Knights to consider joining other men from across their diocese in a day you won't soon forget. More information or links about these conferences are provided below.

### **January 10, 2015 - Richmond Diocese**

## **2015 Catholic Men's Conference:**

*"Lions to Lambs"*

Saturday, January 10, 2015 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Eastern Time)  
Greater Richmond Convention Center  
403 N. 3rd Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
United States

Registration now open: <https://www.regonline.com/lionstolambs2015>

### **March 7, 2015 - Arlington Diocese**

## **2015 Men's Conference**

*Defeating the Common Enemy*

*Overcoming Sin & Evil*

Fr. Larry Richards and Neal Lozano will join us on March 7th for the diocesan Men's Conference. Fr. Larry and Neal will explore sin, repentance, and our battle with evil in a day that promises to be both fascinating and thought-provoking.

***Please note our NEW conference venue: Fox chase Manor in Manassas, VA.***

Registration begins January 1st, so stay tuned for more details!

## **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***ATTRACTIONS BOOKS AND T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE***

Our council is selling new Attractions Books with coupons good through the end of 2015 for \$25. Please plan on purchasing your Attractions Books from the Knights, because \$10 of each purchase goes to our council. The coupons will garner you thousands in potential local deals at restaurants, car care places, sports stores and attractions, and other local businesses. Don't buy them elsewhere - support your council! They make great gifts! More information is online at

<https://www.attractionsbook.com/store/view/highlight/p/1015/Charlottesville>.

Red Knights of Columbus XL t-shirts are also available for \$12 each or two for \$20. A total of three Knights of Columbus BBQ aprons are also available: yellow, natural, and white. First come, first served for \$22 each. ([http://www.cafepress.com/+knights\\_of\\_columbus\\_bbq\\_apron,179214278](http://www.cafepress.com/+knights_of_columbus_bbq_apron,179214278)).

Contact Financial Secretary Larry Hance at 434-962-7492 or [hance331@embarqmail.com](mailto:hance331@embarqmail.com) if you're interested in purchasing a shirt and/or to help raise awareness of our place in the community.

### ***MEMORY STUDY***

UVA is paying \$120 for people to participate in this memory study at the Cognitive Aging Laboratory (<http://faculty.virginia.edu/cogage/participate/>). Call 434-982-6320 if you're interested.

There are three two-hour sessions, and you can set your own schedule. Larry Hance, Bob Strassheim, and Jesse Boeckermann have participated and pledged the proceeds to the council. Please consider doing the same.

## **MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***HABITAT FOR HUMANITY***

Fall volunteer needs are online at <http://www.cvillehabitat.org/volunteer-needs>. For more information, contact Sheila at Church of the Incarnation at [sheilah@incarnationparish.org](mailto:sheilah@incarnationparish.org) and [434-973-4381](tel:434-973-4381).

### ***INCARNATION FOOD MINISTRY***

Incarnation is seeking parish food ministry members to help pick up bread/pastries from a bakery and donations from Trader Joe's, helping prepare the bags of food, assisting with Sunday distribution, and more. Please contact Tom ([tcross48@hotmail.com](mailto:tcross48@hotmail.com)) for more information. If you have an over-bountiful garden, bring any excess to our council meetings at Incarnation. The parish has a table to share/trade surplus vegetables, fruits, and plants. Thanks for your help and donations.

### ***GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE***

Please visit <http://www.vablood.org/> to donate at other times or call Virginia Blood Services at 434-977-8956.

### ***BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION***

Please check your pantries for items that participate in the Boxtops for Education program. Simply tear off boxtops from a host of products and bring them to our council meeting or to your parish. Each boxtop is worth ten cents each and that can quickly add up if everyone participates. All boxtops will benefit Charlottesville Catholic School. Also, look for special "double boxtop" offers from the same brands and retailers (Walmart, etc.) during back to school season. More info: [www.boxtops4education.com/products/participating-products](http://www.boxtops4education.com/products/participating-products).

## **FATHERS FOR GOOD**

Fathers for Good is an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus. Whether you are a seasoned dad, a new dad, a dad to be, or a single guy wanting to know more about fatherhood, this website is for you.

There is a role only a father can fill and gifts only a father can give. In a culture that often does not favor fatherhood or masculine virtue, we wish to highlight the unique contributions of men, husbands and fathers. The world would be lacking without them. We also welcome wives who want to support their husbands in becoming the best. See more at <http://www.fathersforgood.org/en/index.html>.

## **CHECK OUT OUR COUNCIL AND THE KNIGHTS ONLINE**

Council website - <http://kofc3670.avenue.org/>

Council Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/478466338832149/?fref=ts>

Worthy Sirs,

Please take a moment and check out the Virginia State Council's Facebook page. John White, Grand Knight of Council #2473, is doing an excellent job in keeping the site current and interesting. Once you have visited the page, please click on "Like" which will improve our rankings (<https://www.facebook.com/KofCVa>)

Thank You to John White.

Kelly Mortensen, PSD, Executive Secretary

## **KNIGHTS GEAR**

You can now order all kinds of Knights of Columbus gear online. Get name brands like Adidas, Nike, Cutter & Buck, and Columbia. You can even get new gear personalized with our council or assembly info. Log on to <https://www.knightsgear.com/>.

Knightsgear is your premier source for K of C products, from books and videos to council supplies to apparel that can be worn at leisure or when working for Church and community with your brother Knights. Recently added items include K of C caps; a DVD about our founder, Father Michael McGivney; as well as a documentary on the life of Pope Francis; St. John Paul II prayer cards; and more.

## **RESURRECTION CHALICE PROGRAM FOR VOCATIONS**

Brother Knights, who are Members of Holy Comforter Church,

The purpose of the Chalice Program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the Church. Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very special way. The Vocations Chalice Prayer Program at Holy Comforter is simple. Just sign up on the calendar that is on the credenza. You will be called the beginning of the week as a reminder. During Mass you will be called forward to receive the Chalice to take home for the week to offer prayers for vocations. Prayers will be included in the Chalice box to start you off. Bring the Chalice back the following week when it will be given to the next Parishioners. This is such a beautiful way to pray for priestly vocations.

The Second Vatican Council instructs us that it is the job of the laity to pray for an increase in vocations. We are asking all of our parishioners to join together and pray for vocations.

Each Sunday, a parishioner or parishioners, will take home a consecrated chalice and use it as a focal point while praying daily for an increase in religious vocations. In successive weeks, the chalice is passed to other parishioners. We all are well aware of the urgent need for an increase in religious vocations. This is an opportunity for our Knights of Columbus at Holy Comforter to spearhead the Resurrection Chalice Program for Vocations; and thus by our example, encourage other parishioners to join us in this effort.

Details from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops can be found here:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/vocation-directors/chalice-program-info.cfm>

## **RSVP (REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM)**

Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), councils, assemblies and Squires circles “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. RSVP money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, emergency expenditures and other living expenses.

Knights provide more than financial support, though. Members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations.

Last year, financial help from 2,628 councils, assemblies and circles to future priests, sisters and brothers, exceeded \$3 million. Since 1981 the Order has provided more than \$52.9 million in aid through RSVP, helping more than 85,900 men and women follow their vocations. Qualifying councils and assemblies receive a \$100 refund for every \$500 donated, up to a limit of \$2,000 donated to an individual.

*Description from Knights of Columbus website at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/vocations/rsvp/>*

Pictured below is our council’s recipient for RSVP, Nick Redmond. Please keep him in your prayers.



## **BROTHER KNIGHT ADVERTISING**

Brother Knight Robert Neitz of Council 3670 has a handyman business and has performed jobs for members of our council. He is offering a 10% discount to all Knights for most any type of home repair and maintenance services. Please contact Bob at 434-981-3124 or [robertneitz@gmail.com](mailto:robertneitz@gmail.com).

## **KOVAR (KNIGHTS OF VIRGINIA ASSISTING CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES)**

During its December 13th meeting, the KOVAR Board approved 5 grant requests for a total of \$89,710. \$19,676 was given to purchase 32 IPAD mini devices to serve students with intellectual disabilities at the preschool, elementary, middle and high school level. Students in these classes will utilize these devices as communication devices on a daily basis.

\$19,962 was given to help underwrite the transportation costs for Weeknights at Jill's House. This is a short-term residential facility and treatment center for children and young persons with Intellectual Disabilities. It operates a weeknight program that is intended to provide a respite for family caregivers of children with ID. \$18,757 was provided to the Richmond Area Association of Retarded Citizens to help toward the purchase of van and van equipment needed to assist disabled users to get in and out of the van. In addition, funds were provided to purchase special equipment for use in its facilities to aid those with physical therapy needs and bathing and eating needs. Funds were also allotted for musical instruments to help with language development, play skills, physical development, relationships and emotional development.

\$14,360 was provided to the Virginia Institute of Autism to establish a multipurpose room which will bring students with ID together for meals, group enrichment activities and social skill development.

\$16,955 was provided to Linden Resources, Inc. to purchase a folding, sealing, and inserting machine which will enable them to train and employ 10 individuals with significant disabilities to work on jobs that they previously were unable to do because of their physical and/or cognitive limitations.

## **KOVAR VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM**

The KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities) Vehicle Donation Program is a free, convenient service for converting that extra car, truck, or RV into a tax deductible donation benefiting **KOVAR Corporation**. You can donate online or call 877-999-8322 to make your donation.

Don't donate your car or truck to some charity you have never heard of. Our trusted service makes sure your vehicle is properly handled so you get your tax deduction and your charity, **KOVAR Corporation**, gets the benefit of your donation. Visit <http://www.v-dac.com/org/?id=237337216> for more information.

## **POSSIBLE COMMUNITY SERVICE VENTURE**

Adopt - A – Highway <http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/prog-aah-terms.asp>

## **PROPER FLAG DISPOSAL**

If you have upgraded your American flag for Memorial/Flag Day/4th of July, the American Legion post in Keswick handles proper disposal of old flags. More information is online at <http://alp74.avenue.org/>. Feel free to bring any old flags to our council meetings. Larry Hance will see that that they are taken care of.

## **SOCIAL IDEAS**

We've had a few suggestions involving future Social Meetings for our council. Currently, the Social Meetings are held the first Monday night of each month at Church of the Incarnation's Stone Chapel. It's been suggested to hold future social meetings at Holy Comforter and St. George.

One suggestion is reaching out to Tom O'Brien, one of UVA's assistant football coaches. O'Brien coached at UVA with George Welch, and his family was active at Church of the Incarnation.

Past Grand Knight Joe Ciaccio has also contacted Cursillo to have a representative come to one of our social meetings to give a presentation about their organization. Financial Secretary Larry Hance suggested have someone from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes speak.

If you have any ideas for speakers for speakers, activities, or things we can do with our Social Meetings, please contact Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com) or 605-376-4234. Any input for a theater outing can be proffered there or at the Council's organizational and business meetings held on the first and third Monday of each month, respectively.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Tom O'Rourke, Al Bracuti, Sherrie Kendall, Francesca Sarvello, Jack and Barbara Dougherty, Bill Norris, Ernie Sardi, Murray family, Council 11262 (social hall burned down in fire), Colette Hall, Ann Marie Balwinski, Al Harris, Past State Deputy Bill McCarthy, Lee Berkwitz, JoAnne Flinn, Linda Hall, Francis Burns, Frank Polgruto, Chuck McCurdy, Joan Hall, Rev. Father Frank Ready, Rich Aleksy

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS IN OUR COUNCIL**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Francis Olimpio     | January 1  |
| Lemi Hilary Samuel  | January 1  |
| Rev. Gerald Fogarty | January 7  |
| Francis O'Leary     | January 8  |
| Celso Tabilas       | January 9  |
| Charles Phillips    | January 16 |
| Timothy Furin       | January 18 |
| Charles Orton       | January 19 |
| Vicente Ramirez     | January 22 |
| Donald Warner       | January 22 |

## **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES IN OUR COUNCIL**

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Bill and Betty Phillips    | January 17 |
| Thomas and Monica Gearhart | January 25 |

## **NEW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE AGENT**

Our council's new insurance field agent is Steve Larson. He's available to do solid insurance reviews of council member's insurance policies and talk about the different Knights of Columbus insurance programs that are available. Steve looks forward to working with you for many years to come. You can reach Steve by phone at 434-326-3535 and by email at [stephen.larson@kofc.org](mailto:stephen.larson@kofc.org).

## **LIST OF KNIGHTS NOT ON EMAIL**

Rev. Joseph Brown, Vincent Bucci, Francis Burns, Philip Carr, David Casarez, Lawrence Chandler, Charles Ciaccio, Richard Cook, Frank D'Alessandro, Samuel Goble, Derrick Graham, Patrick Hanley, Rev. John Hickey, Andrew Hucek, Alan Isak, Rev. Robert Keeler, David Keller, Robert Knapp, Keith Kroll, George Krynitsky, Gene Markowski, David Miller, Bernard Morin, Rev. Dennis Murphy, Eugene Musolf, Francis O'Leary, Henry Oswald, Paul Peck, David Peterson, Frank Pologruto, Thomas Rogan, John Schultz, Robert Schwagerl, Gary Sloan, Lee Stone, Donald Warner

**Please reach out to them when you see them at church or otherwise and let them know about what is happening. Copies of the newsletter are available at Holy Comforter and Church of the Incarnation or upon request. We invite all practicing Catholic men 18 years or older that want to help others and give back to their church and community to consider joining our council. To learn more about our organization, please contact Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com) or 605-376-4234 or any other Knight.**

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Edvin Farinholt

Andrew Gallagher

J.O. Hutchinson

Frank Ix

Kenneth Jaycox

William Maher

Robert Martin

Rev. Bernard Moore

Dominic Pologruto

Earle Rowan

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Dr. John Thornton

John F. Finn

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PSD Bernard McCusty

Samuel Lancaster

John Kivilighan

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John Mueller

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John Tonsler

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Rollin Stanton

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PGK Michael Stewart

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William Suggs

Marcel Cloutier

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**2012**

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Nathaniel Long

**2013**

Conrad Isak

**2014**

Msgr. Chester Michael

Edward Morris

Robert Hamlin

Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord.  
and let perpetual light shine upon  
them. May the souls of the faithfully  
departed through the mercy of GOD  
rest in peace. AMEN