

Father Louis A. Rowen Knights of Columbus Council #3670

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August 2015

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knight Charles Ciaccio passed away July 1. Please keep his son, Past Grand Knight Joe, and his family in your prayers. A link to Charles' obituary is on page 3. My wife, Stacia, accepted a new job in Asheville, North Carolina, which means I will be leaving Charlottesville to move to Asheville. I will no longer be the Grand Knight of Council 3670. I'm sorry to have to resign the position, but I will be leaving Charlottesville in late August or September, depending on when I get a new job and when we find a place to live in Asheville. I really appreciate all the support I've received in my year as Grand Knight. It's been so much fun being a part of this group of Catholic men. My six years in Charlottesville have been great, and I will truly miss the council and Virginia. Thanks for all the kind words and well wishes you've given me. At our meeting August 3, Deputy Grand Knight Larry Hance expressed his willingness to accept the Grand Knight role. He really wants a committed Youth Director to take over for Frank O'Donnell and someone to handle public relations. Jim Morrisard has agreed to fill the vacant Treasurer role. Norm Balwinski will slide into a Trustee role, and Frank Squillace, who just reactivated his membership, will serve as Advocate. Our council is in need of a new Deputy Grand Knight and a new Lecturer for the 2015-16 Fraternal Year. Please contact me if you're interested in helping our council, or if you'd like to nominate someone to fill these roles. More info is on page 4. Our council will host a First Degree ceremony Monday night, August 10. The degree begins at 7:00 in the conference room at Church of the Incarnation. There will be food and drinks after the degree. Our council's Installation of Officers will be held Monday night, August 17 at Incarnation's Stone Chapel. Wives, children, and guests are invited. There will be a dinner and ceremony. All Brother Knights should plan to attend this social and celebration of the 2015-16 Fraternal Year officers.

Jesse Boeckermann
Outgoing Grand Knight, Council 3670

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

Universal

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy

Evangelization: That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society

2015/16 FRATERNAL YEAR OFFICERS

GRAND KNIGHT – Larry Hance – 962-7492
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - VACANT
CHANCELLOR – Chuck McCurdy – 293-3210
RECORDER – Joe Ciaccio – 995-5886, 566-5921
TREASURER – Jim Morrisard – 973-6570
FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Kelton Flinn – 296-6224
ADVOCATE – Frank Squillace - 295-2702
LECTURER - VACANT
WARDEN – Dan Petruso – 540-664-6272
INSIDE GUARD – Phil Carr - 953-6097
OUTSIDE GUARD – Alan Isak – 977-0902, 434-296-1190
TRUSTEE ONE YEAR – Norm Balwinski – 973-8774
TRUSTEE TWO YEARS – Joe Murray – 971-2737
TRUSTEE THREE YEARS – Bill Phillips – 973-6726
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 – Kevin Choate
Phone Number: (804) 377-9110
E-mail Address: kevin.choate@kofc.org

AUGUST LITURGICAL CALENDAR NOTES

August 4 – Saint John Vianney
August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord
August 8 – Saints Dominic and Mary MacKillop
August 10 – Saint Lawrence
August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary
August 16 – Saint Stephen of Hungary
August 17 – Saint Joan of the Cross
August 21 – Saint Pius X
August 22 – Queenship of Mary
August 23 – Saint Rose of Lima
August 24 – Saint Bartholomew
August 27 – Saint Monica
August 28 – Saint Augustine of Hippo
August 31 – Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

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 outgoing Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at jessebach7@gmail.com by the end of the month.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Norm Balwinski

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

John and Diana Kost

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – NORM BALWINSKI

The Knights of Columbus Council 3670 Knight of the Month for August is Norm Balwinski. Norm and his wife Ann Marie are parishioners at Church of the Incarnation and usually attend the 5:30 mass Saturday night with Norm serving as an usher. He joined the Knights in April of 2010, advanced to his 2nd Degree in May, and 3rd Degree in June of 2010. Norm has served our council as Chancellor for two years. He's taking on the role of a Trustee this Fraternal Year to help our council through the resignation of our Treasurer. Norm attends meetings regularly, serves as Church Director for Incarnation, and is one of our council's best recruiters. He's been involved with many aspects of our council in his five years as a Knight: coordinating and volunteering at many pancake breakfasts at Incarnation, leading KOVAR collections at Incarnation, volunteering at Pavilion events, helping with the Ultrasound Initiative collection at Incarnation, and attending socials. We appreciate everything Norm does for Council 3670. Congratulations Norm.

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. 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 new 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. Have them send their completed Form 100 to:

Knights of Columbus Council 3670

P. O. Box 7251

Charlottesville, VA 22906

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECRUITING NEW KNIGHTS, NEW RECRUITING APP AVAILABLE

Supreme now has a Membership App to help you recruit. This was in a recent Knightline and is an excellent recruiting tool. Go to the App store and download it for free. It works on both iOS (iPhone, iPad, etc.) and Android operating systems. The new Knights of Columbus "Join Us" app shows what the Order has to offer eligible Catholic men and their families. This app features an overview of the Knights of Columbus' work in providing security to families, as well as our charitable and faith-based programs. It's a concise and engaging way to share with prospects the good works and top-rated insurance protection made possible by joining the Order. Through the app, one can also access the online form interested prospects can complete as the first step in becoming a Knight of Columbus. This tool is available for download on any compatible device. Download it and encourage your fellow Knights to do the same. With such a convenient recruitment tool available at our fingertips, we can all the more easily show qualified Catholic men what the Knights of Columbus can provide for both him and his family. Also, below is the link to the Supreme Knight's Membership video. This video crystallizes a vision for why we do what we do and why we must invite all eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus. Copy this link into your browser and go to the 2nd video called "Supreme Knight on Membership." <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/videos/videolibrary.html#1680544792001>.

BROTHER KNIGHT CHARLES CIACCIO PASSES AWAY



Brother Knight Charles Ciaccio passed away July 1. His funeral was held July 8 at Holy Comforter. Thanks to all the Brothers and their wives who attended. Charles was a parishioner at Holy Comforter and was a consistent presence at church and at the Soup Kitchen for a number of years. Please pray for the Ciaccio family, including Past Grand Knight Joe Ciaccio, who is one of Charles' sons. Charles' obituary is online at http://www.dailyprogress.com/obituaries/ciaccio-charles-joseph/article_8dc4c1be-a978-562f-a8a9-9acef6f535c5.html.

BROTHER KNIGHT IN NURSING CENTER

Sir Knight Francis Burns is now in Our Lady of Peace Nursing Center in Room 14A. Please pray for Francis and this family, and if you're able, please visit him.

BROTHER KNIGHT IN NEED

Brother Knight Peter Manuel is looking for a used car at a low price. If you know of a used car for sale, or a good place to look, please email Peter at petermanuel_2978@yahoo.com or give him a call at [703-844-2326](tel:703-844-2326). Along with a used car, Peter is also looking for a new job and a new place to live in Charlottesville. If you have any job connections or know of any apartments for rent at a good price, please contact Peter.

NEW KNIGHTS JOIN OUR COUNCIL

Congratulations and welcome to Ron Davis, Garrett Smith, Gordon Thatcher, and Robert Tracci who joined our council at a First Degree ceremony at Church of the Incarnation July 6. Thanks to everyone who attended, and thanks especially to the Degree Team: Mike Cerruti, Dan Petruso, Larry Hance, Phil Carr, and Bob Maher (from Palmyra's council). Ron, Garrett, Gordon, and Robert are all parishioners at Holy Comforter. Please congratulate them the next time you see them.

And welcome also to Frank Squillace, who reactivated his membership in the Knights of Columbus and agreed to be our council's Advocate. Welcome also new transfers Bill Farley and Tom Davenport. We look forward to all the contributions of our new members.

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.

NEW COUNCIL DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT AND LECTURER NEEDED

Our council is in need of a new Deputy Grand Knight and Lecturer. The Deputy Grand Knight acts as a sort of Vice President of the council. He needs to be there to run meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight and serve as the Grand Knight's sidekick for support. More information is online at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/officers/officers.pdf> on page 13.

Bill Phillips has served our council for a number of years as Lecturer. Thanks to Bill for all his efforts over the years. The main duties of the Lecturer are to provide suitable educational and entertaining programs at council meetings. This may include such items as food, drinks, speakers, presentations on special topics, etc. Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight. The council works with the Lecturer to plan the food and drink for each meeting, coordinating with that Brother Knight to make meetings fun.

If you're interested in more information about becoming our council's Deputy Grand Knight or Lecturer, please email or call outgoing Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at jessebach7@gmail.com or [605-376-4234](tel:605-376-4234).

AUGUST AND UPCOMING LOCAL DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES

3rd DEGREES

Saturday, August 22 from 11:00-1:00 in Glen Allen

LOCAL 2nd DEGREES

Saturday morning, September 5 from 9:00-11:00 at Isidore the Farmer in Orange

LOCAL 1st DEGREES

Monday night, August 10 from 7:00-8:30 at Church of the Incarnation

Wednesday night, August 12 from 7:00-8:30 at Sacred Hearts in Mineral

Monday night, September 7 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 outgoing Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at 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.

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE REACHES INITIAL GOAL

Thanks to everyone who has donated to our council's Ultrasound Initiative, which began in February. Representatives from the Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia spoke after all the masses at Holy Comforter the weekend of June 27-28 and at Incarnation the weekend of July 25-26. Thanks to Brother Knight Tom Strassburg for leading the collection at Incarnation. We raised \$2,036 that weekend, and more checks are coming in the mail. We've now raised about \$25,000 for the effort. That means we can buy a new ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy Centers to replace a 2008 Ultrasound Machine with out-of-date technology at their downtown Charlottesville location, and we're within \$5,000 of buying a second Ultrasound Machine. The Supreme Council will match our fundraising efforts to purchase each new machine, which cost about \$30,000. If you haven't already donated, please support the amazing pro-life work of the Pregnancy Centers to save lives in our community at four locations: two in Charlottesville, one in Orange, and one in Culpeper. More information is online at www.virginiapregnancy.org.

If you would like to donate, send a check made out to "K of C Council 3670" with "Ultrasound Initiative" in the memo line to:

Knights of Columbus Council 3670

P.O. Box 7251

Charlottesville, VA 22906

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>

PAST GRAND KNIGHT BOB MARINCHICK IS NOW AN AUTHOR

I've just been informed by Lulu Publishing that my first E book, titled New Trails - Rebirth, has been published in E-book fashion. It's available for download now at Lulu.com, and in a few weeks, it may be available at Amazon and Barnes and Noble if it meets their requirements. If you like light reading in a western/Science-fiction genre, give it a read. It should cost one dollar. If you read it and like it, or not, please let others know about it.

Thanks,

Bob Marinchick

Past Grand Knight, Council 3670

2 GREAT READS

If you didn't get a chance to see the story on Brother Knight Greg Brown in the Charlottesville Daily Progress over the weekend, you can check it out online at http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/local/local-guitarist-s-cancer-fight-inspires-album/article_8a5426a4-3300-11e5-87e0-0b2bbbb974c5.html.

Also, if you didn't see the July 6, 2015 version of The Catholic Virginian, there's a story on Father Gregory and his 25-year anniversary to the priesthood. Check it out at <http://www.catholicvirginian.org/archive/2015/2015vol90iss18/pages/article4.html>

AUGUST KNIGHTLINE IS ONLINE

The [August 2015 issue of Knightline](#) is now available online.

In this issue you'll find information on:

- Recipients of the 2014-15 Council Awards
- Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles
- Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program
- Reminders and information on council activities
- And more

This notification has been sent to all members who have an email address on record. To help your council take advantage of this new and timely system, please pass the word to your fellow members. Those who do not currently receive these notifications can register for the mailing list by providing an email address to their local Financial Secretary.

Please be advised that paper copies of Knightline will continue to be mailed to all listed officers.

Click here to read the [August 2015 issue of Knightline](#).

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED

With school starting in central Virginia this month, please consider donating school supplies and/or money to Backpack Buddies. Our council donated money to the effort last year, and more information, including a supply list, is online at <http://www.backpackbuddiesva.com/donate.html>. If you have any school supplies lying around your house, please bring them to the installation August 17 and/or the First Degree August 10. You can also buy a set of supplies to donate at a place like Walmart (<http://championsforkids.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Bag-It-Forward.jpg>). This year's kit is around \$17. Church of the Incarnation is also doing a supply drive for Agnor Hurt Elementary School.

COURAGE LION

For more information on the children's hospital program, check out www.couragelion.org. The Courage Lion Program, which our council has participated in, is now helping 62,000 children at 158 hospitals and other facilities. There are nine tools currently being used (books, music, lions, etc.). It started in 2006. More information is online at www.couragelion.org.

FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FOOTBALL FRENZY SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS AVAILABLE

The 2015 Football Frenzy Sweepstakes Tickets are now available. There's \$10,000 in total cash prizes to be won over ten weeks from November 1-January 3. Tickets are \$10 and \$2 of that comes back to the council. Tickets are available at all council meetings and gatherings. You can check results online at www.vakofc.org each week. Each ticket has four NFL teams listed each week. If you teams that score the most points or the least number of points each week, you're a winner.

FRIDAYS AFTER FIVE AND PAVILION EVENTS

Our council will have the opportunity at concerts and Fridays After Five to check IDs and work at the beer, alcohol, and soda carts to raise money for our council this summer. Our next scheduled Pavilion opportunity is Monday night, October 26. We need 12 volunteers from 5:45-10:30. Please help our council take advantage of these opportunities by volunteering your time and spending some quality time with your Brother Knights.

T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

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). Contact Larry Hance at 434-962-7492 or hance331@embarqmail.com if you're interested in purchasing a shirt and/or to help raise awareness of our place in the community. You can also buy shirts at all meetings.

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

http://www.dailyprogress.com/entertainment/volunteering-for-august/article_0b4f84a6-36fd-11e5-9eed-977dcf27883d.html

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Volunteer needs are online at <http://www.cvillehabitat.org/volunteer-needs>. No construction experience is necessary. All training is provided on site. Incarnation's next Build Days are October 3 and November 7. There are signup sheets in the Narthex at Incarnation if you're interested in helping.

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) 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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WORLD MEETING ON FAMILIES IN PHILADELPHIA

Brother Knights,

The World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia (September 22-27, 2015) is expected to attract well in excess of a million people to the City of Brotherly Love. Archbishop Chaput and the Philadelphia archdiocese need volunteers to welcome and assist the many visitors and support the scheduled events. In a spirit of service, Knights and their family members are invited to volunteer during the course of the six days of activities. Opportunities are available for a variety of tasks and events; multilingual volunteers are requested in particular to assist with translation. All volunteers must be 18 or older, reside in the United States and apply through the World Meeting of Families website. For security purposes, all applicants will be subject to background screenings. A Vatican-sponsored international gathering and visit from the Holy Father are not only rare, but a blessing for the United States and the Greater Philadelphia area. Please consider the significance of this occasion and the unique opportunities it offers to participate in such important events. Please volunteer. Sign up at <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-positions/>.

RESURRECTION CHALICE PROGRAM FOR VOCATIONS

Brother Knights that 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>

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SUPPORT PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Dear Brother Knight,

During my annual report at our Supreme Convention this week, the delegates from every jurisdiction in our Order stood and held up an olive wood cross made in Bethlehem as a pledge of support for our brothers and sisters suffering persecution in the Middle East. Then, at our States Dinner, we heard stirring testimony from Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil, Iraq, and Archbishop Jean Clement Jeanbart of Aleppo, Syria. Rarely in the history of our Order have we heard such words, delivered by men who daily risk their lives for the Faith. We have already donated more than \$3 million to this cause, and, as an Order, we have pledged to redouble our efforts to do even more.

Please visit www.ChristiansAtRisk.org and help support these brave men and women who have lost everything, simply for their belief in the One who taught us to love one another.

As I noted in my report on August 4, we need "a season of truth," to help bring their story to the attention of the world. I also said:

In Iraq alone, the Christian population has fallen by at least two-thirds, from 1.5 million to less than 400,000. Many of these Christians have fled to the city of Erbil.

In Syria, almost 10 percent of the population is Christian. There, too, violence against Christians has caused a refugee crisis. Thousands have fled for their lives to escape forced conversion and martyrdom.

Just days ago, a headline in *The New York Times* asked, "Is This the End of Christianity in the Middle East?" The world remains largely silent. These refugees' cries for help remain largely unheard. ... But neither the United States government nor the United Nations are doing enough.

The blood of these martyrs cries out to heaven for justice. And the blood of these martyrs cries out to you and to me for help.

Through our Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, we have already delivered more than \$3 million to assist our brothers and sisters in Iraq and Syria. Our dollars provide housing and medical care, but we can and must continue to do more.

The Holy Father has also expressed his support for this initiative. The papal greeting to our convention, read Tuesday, was clear.

On the issue of the "protection of religious freedom," and "in response to the attacks unleashed on minority communities, most often Christian, in various parts of our world," the letter noted that Pope Francis is "profoundly grateful for the efforts of the Knights to raise public attention to this grave humanitarian tragedy." It also expressed the pope's gratitude "for the practical solidarity shown to suffering individuals and families through the recently established Christian Refugee Relief Fund." And the pope asked the Knights and Catholics throughout the world to pray for "a conversion of hearts, an end to fanatical violence and intolerance, and a general recognition of those fundamental human rights which are not granted by the state, but from the hand of the Creator, whom all believers invoke as a God of peace." The letter expressing the pope's sentiments was signed by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin.

So once again, I ask for your renewed support for these brave, persecuted Christians. Please visit www.ChristiansAtRisk.org to learn more about what is happening there, to help us bring attention to their cause, and to help us support these Christian refugees financially.

Every penny of your donation directly supports humanitarian assistance and raising awareness for persecuted Christians and other religious minorities, especially in the Middle East.

Sincerely,
Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight

POSSIBLE COMMUNITY SERVICE VENTURE

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

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, Brother Knight Nick Redmond. Keep him in your prayers.



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 outgoing Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at jessebach7@gmail.com or 605-376-4234.

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.

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.

A CAREER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Greetings Brother Knight,

You and I are part of a tremendous organization. Not only is the Knights of Columbus one of the globe's greatest forces for good, but we're also a tremendously successful and unapologetically Catholic business. Our Order's growth, both in business and in charitable giving, continuously improves: This year marked the fifteenth consecutive year of charitable growth, and the fourteenth consecutive year of business sales growth for the Knights of Columbus.

All of this success means that we need more brother Knights to serve the Order and our communities in a unique way. Right now, we are looking for more than 400 good, Catholic men to serve as field agents in territories all across North America. For the 1,400 men who serve in the field today, this is an incredibly rewarding career. Maybe this is the perfect opportunity for you too.

I've written a [column](#) on KofC.org that helps explain what I mean. I hope you'll read it, and I hope you'll share it with anyone who may benefit from it. If you (or they) are interested in having a conversation about the field agent career, simply [fill out this form](#), and we'll be in touch. Thank you for your time, and thank you for helping us to fulfill Father McGivney's mission of protecting Catholic families.

Vivat Jesus!,

Thomas P. Smith Jr.
Executive Vice President and Chief Insurance Officer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS IN OUR COUNCIL

David Manka	August 7
Vincent Bucci	August 17
Joe Murray	August 17
Don Burch	August 21
Bill Golden	August 21
David Keller	August 23
Keith Kroll	August 23
Richard Ziminski	August 23
Al Bracuti	August 30
Steven Miller	August 30

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES IN OUR COUNCIL

Bernard and Barbara Morin	August 15
Tom and Nancy Strassburg	August 17
Jerry and Mary Ellen Bambrick	August 27
Donald and Eileen Warner	August 27

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, Derrick Graham, Patrick Hanley, Rev. John Hickey, Andrew Hucek, 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, Gary Sloan, 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.

**FATHER LOUIS A ROWEN
COUNCIL #3670
List of Deceased Brother Knights**

PGK Ambrose Bryne

Louis Chauvenet

Cornelius Connelly

Edvin Farinholt

Andrew Gallagher

J.O. Hutchinson

Frank Ix

Kenneth Jaycox

William Maher

Robert Martin

Rev. Bernard Moore

Dominic Pologruto

Earle Rowan

Edward Sisselberger

Dr. John Thornton

John F. Finn

Carl Strahle

PSD Bernard McCusty

Samuel Lancaster

John Kivilighan

Breece Pancake

Col. Louis G. Klinker

Rev. Joseph Wingler

Rev. John Cummings

PGK Dick Cox

George Williams

John Mueller

George Harrington

Gerald Gallager

Dewey Graley

PGK Julian Hanlon

Hubert Glancy

Frank Oravec

Peter Pizza

Frank Doherty

PGK Robert Severin

Raymond White

Robert Mead

Clifford McQuilken

Anthony Guttile

Larry Swinburne

Leo Connelly

John Tonsler

James Looney

Rollin Stanton

PGK William P Maher

PGK Michael Stewart

James Duffy

William Suggs

Marcel Cloutier

John Wojnarowski

Raymond Cronin

Charles Foley

George Sylvia

2007

Tony Gambatesa

Glen Edgell

Wesley W. Clegg

2008

Jerome A. Ix

Charles Callaghan Jr.

PGK John (Jack) Cornachio

E.T Cason

PGK Peter M. Colo – Charter Member

Rev. Carl J. Naro – Chaplain

2009

Lew C. Stokes

PGK Randall W. Miller

2010

Daniel Dorsey Jr.

2012

Donald Firer

Henry Goforth

Nathaniel Long

2013

Conrad Isak

2014

Msgr. Chester Michael

Edward Morris

2015

PGK Tom O'Rourke

Ernie Sardi

Francis O'Leary

Charles Ciaccio

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