

Father Louis A. Rowen Knights of Columbus Council #3670

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September 2015

Grand Knight's Report

On August 17, the slate of officers for the 2015-16 fraternal year were installed at a ceremony held at Church of the Incarnation. Thank you to all Knights and family members for attending as well our Chaplain, District Deputy, and District Warden, who played integral roles during the installation. Best of luck to all the officers during their service to the Council over the next twelve months.

The positions of Deputy Grand Knight and Lecturer are vacant. If positions are not filled at the next business meeting, the District Deputy will appoint members to those roles. Any 3rd Degree Knight in good standing is eligible (in either event). Charity of the Month: The Council will strive to donate to specific charities each month. If you are aware of a worthy local, national, or international charity that you wish to have the Knights consider supporting, please contact me prior to that month's meeting.

As summer winds down, the Council will be ramping up activities again, and we appreciate any support (in whatever fashion suits you best) you can offer towards our efforts. Please be advised that the Council meeting usually held the first Monday each month will not take place September 7 as that is Labor Day. Moving forward, the meeting will only be held if special projects need attention. I hope to see a large contingent at the business meeting on September 21 as we move into our busiest portion of the year. The meetings are at Church of the Incarnation's Stone Chapel with the rosary starting at 6:30 p.m. and meeting with refreshments to follow. Volunteers are needed to procure/setup/cleanup refreshments (expenses reimbursed). We have two Pavilion opportunities this month to raise money for our council. We need eight volunteers to check IDs from 5:15-8:15 Friday night, September 4 at Fridays After Five. We need five volunteers from 1:30-7:00 on Saturday, September 26 for the Top of the Hops Beer Fest. You'll get free pizza and beer at the end of this event if you volunteer.

Also on September 26, six volunteers are needed to help out with parking and route marshalling for Charlottesville Catholic School's 5k. The report time is 6:00 a.m.

Larry Hance
Grand Knight, Council 3670

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal

That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people

Evangelization

That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim

2015/16 FRATERNAL YEAR OFFICERS

GRAND KNIGHT – Larry Hance – 434-990-0497

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

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR NOTES

September 3 – Saint Gregory the Great

September 5 – Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

September 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom

September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

September 16 – Saints Cyprian and Cornelius

September 17 – Saint Robert Bellarmine

September 21 – Saint Matthew

September 23 – Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

September 26 – Saints Cosmas and Damian

September 27 – Saint Vincent de Paul

September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

September 30 – Saint Jerome

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 Larry Hance at koc3670@yahoo.com by the end of the month.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Larry Hance

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Bill and Betty Phillips

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – LARRY HANCE

The Knights of Columbus Council 3670 Knight of the Month for September is Larry Hance. Larry, his wife, and son are parishioners at Church of the Incarnation. He stepped up to be council's Deputy Grand Knight after serving a three-year term as Financial Secretary, and with the departure of Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann, Larry was installed as our council's Grand Knight in August. Larry maintains and promotes our council's Facebook page and contributes newsletter items. He joined the Knights in 2011, took his 2nd Degree in 2012 and his 3rd Degree less than a month later. Larry actively helps with pancake breakfasts, events at the Pavilion, and many other aspects of our council. We appreciate all he does for Council 3670. Congratulations Larry.

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>.

NEW KNIGHTS JOIN OUR COUNCIL

Congratulations and welcome to Kees Boogaart and Tom Ciaccio who joined our council at a First Degree ceremony at Church of the Incarnation August 10. Thanks to everyone who attended, and thanks especially to the Degree Team: Mike Cerruti, Dan Petruso, Larry Hance, Phil Carr, and Joe Ciaccio. Kees and Tom are both parishioners at Holy Comforter. Please congratulate them the next time you see them.

SIR KNIGHT FRANCIS BURNS PASSES AWAY



Sir Knight Francis Burns passed away August 28. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3 at Hill and Wood Funeral Home. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Holly Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Senior Center, 1180 Pepsi Place, Charlottesville, VA 22911. A full obituary is at http://www.hillandwood.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=3293042&fh_id=10702.

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 COUNCIL DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT, LECTURER, AND YOUTH DIRECTOR 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.

Frank O'Donnell served our council as Youth Director for the last few years, but Frank and his wife Dee moved to Utah in March. The Youth Director organizes our council's efforts to highlight the youth of our community, including the Essay Contest, Free Throw Contest, and Young Man/Woman of the Year.

If you're interested in more information about becoming our council's Deputy Grand Knight, Lecturer, or Youth Director please email Grand Knight Larry Hance at koc3670@yahoo.com or 434-990-0497.

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.

SEPTEMBER AND UPCOMING LOCAL DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES

4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday, October 31 from Noon-3:00 in Chantilly

3rd DEGREE

Saturday, September 26 from 11:00-1:00 in Alexandria

LOCAL 2nd DEGREES

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

Saturday morning, September 12 from 9:00-10:30 in Fredericksburg

Thursday night, September 24 from 7:00-9:00 at Bishop Ireton in Richmond

LOCAL 1st DEGREES

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

Wednesday night, October 14 from 7:00-8:30 at Sacred Hearts in Mineral

There are a number of Degrees throughout the state each month. If you're interested in attending any of these, contact Grand Knight Larry Hance at koc3670@yahoo.com or 434-990-0497. For more information, and for the full degree schedule, log on to <http://www.vakofc.org/> and click on Calendar.

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE REACHES GOALS

Thanks to everyone who has donated to our council's Ultrasound Initiative, which began in February. We've now raised over \$28,000 for the effort, and we have a donor that's willing to write a check for the remaining amount needed. 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 a second Ultrasound Machine for their Albemarle County location. The Supreme Council will match our fundraising efforts to purchase each new machine, which cost about \$30,000. Thanks for your support of 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 at www.virginiapregnancy.org.

PREGNANCY CENTERS CANDLELIGHT BANQUETS

The Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia will hold its annual Candlelight Banquets on Friday night, October 23 and Saturday night, October 24 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Charlottesville. The program begins at 6:30, and the night includes dinner and special speakers. Our council will be recognized for the Ultrasound Initiative. The council is signed up for a \$300 table sponsorship for the October 24 banquet. We've sponsored a table for a number of years. We have ten seats at the table for Knights and their wives and guests. If you attend, you can make a donation to the Pregnancy Centers if you'd like. The speakers are below.

Friday, October 23 – Fr. Agustino Torres, Evangelization through "Corazon Puro"

Saturday, October 24 – Gianna Jessen, Abortion Survivor and Pro-Life Advocate

More information is online at <https://pccvfriends.wordpress.com/fall-fundraising-events/>.

If you're interested in attending either banquet, please contact Past Grand Knight Jesse Boeckermann at jessebach7@gmail.com or 605-376-4234.

BROTHER KNIGHT NAMED NEW CHARLOTTESVILLE FIRE CHIEF

The City of Charlottesville named Brother Knight Andrew Baxter Charlottesville's new Fire Chief in August. Andrew is a parishioner at Church of the Incarnation and just joined the Parish Council. More information about Andrew's new job is online at <http://www.cvilletomorrow.org/news/article/21878-charlottesville-names-andrew-baxter-fire-chief/>. Congratulations Brother Baxter!

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.

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

3 GREAT READS

There's a story on the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in the Catholic Virginian. Log on to <http://www.catholicvirginian.org/archive/2015/2015vol90iss21/pages/article5.html> for the story.

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_8a5426a4-3300-11e5-87e0-0b2b2bb974c5.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>

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED

School started in central Virginia in August. Please consider donating school supplies to children in need. Our council donated \$125 to Backpack Buddies, 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 Church of the Incarnation, which is doing a supply drive for Agnor Hurt Elementary School. You can also buy a set of supplies to donate at a place like Wal-Mart. This year's kit is around \$17. Check is out at <http://championsforkids.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Bag-It-Forward.jpg>.

NOTRE DAME SOCIAL SEPTEMBER 11

There's a pep rally from 4:30-6:30 at Lee Park in downtown Charlottesville (<http://www.charlottesville.org/Index.aspx?page=355>) the night before the UVA football team's game against Notre Dame. After the pep rally, we can adjourn to a spot on the Downtown Mall for happy hour. Please wear your red Knights of Columbus shirts to stand out in the sea of green! More information is online at <http://charlottesville.undclub.org/s/1210/clubs-interior.aspx?sid=1210&gid=323&pgid=24240>.

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/>.

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 Fridays After Five on Friday night, September 4. We need eight volunteers to check IDs. On Saturday, September 26, we need five volunteers from 1:30-7:00 for the Top of the Hops Beer Fest. There will be pizza and beer testing at the end of that event for all volunteer. On Monday, October 26, we need ten volunteers from 5:45-10:30 p.m. to run the beer truck (www.thenteloswirelesspavilion.com/events/detail/modest-mouse) Please help our council take advantage of these opportunities by volunteering and spending some quality time with your Brother Knights. If we do not fulfill these commitments, we risk forfeiting future opportunities. Respond with interest to Grand Knight Larry Hance at koc3670@yahoo.com or 434-990-0497.

2016 ATTRACTIONS DINING AND VALUE GUIDES FOR SALE

The 2016 Attractions Dining and Value Guides are now available. \$10 from each \$25 book sold goes directly to the council. Coupons are redeemable now so don't delay in buying yours and let your family, friends, and neighbors know they can save money and support the Knights. Books are available at meetings and Knights of Columbus events. More information is online at <http://www.attractionsbook.com/local/Charlottesville/>.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS (KCIC) CARDS ARE AVAILABLE

Our council has Keep Christ in Christmas cards available once again this year. Please consider buying cards from the council as we cannot return unsold boxes. All the proceeds raise funds to support our council's efforts. Cards are available at meetings, K of C events, and (hopefully) churches as able when holiday season ramps up. Credit cards and PayPal are accepted for all sales of Attractions Books, KCIC cards, and t-shirts.

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 Grand Knight Larry Hance at koc3670@yahoo.com or 434-990-0497 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.

STARKIST TUNA LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT

Anyone who purchased Star Kist tuna (who hasn't!?) since 2009 is eligible for up to a \$25 refund or \$50 worth of tuna. Check out the story at <http://abc7news.com/business/starkist-settlement-means-free-cash-or-tuna-for-customers/959649/>. Please complete a claim and pledge to donate the proceeds to the Council or the tuna to the local food collection efforts at our churches. More info at <https://www.tunalawsuit.com/home.aspx>.

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

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.

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.

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>

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.

POSSIBLE COMMUNITY SERVICE VENTURE

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

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

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>

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. 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. Grand Knight Larry Hance suggested have someone from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes speak.

If you have any ideas for speakers, activities, or things we can do as socials, please contact Grand Knight Larry Hance at koc3670@yahoo.com or 434-990-0497.

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.

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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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN OUR COUNCIL

Kelton Flinn	September 1
Rev. Joseph Brown	September 5
Phil Carr	September 7
Mike Holian	September 8
Gene Markowski	September 16
Chuck McCurdy	September 28
Jesse Boeckermann	September 30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES IN OUR COUNCIL

Al and Eileen Bracuti	September 26
Jesse Boeckermann and Stacia Harris	September 27
Thomas and Dorothy Rogan	September 28

LIST OF KNIGHTS NOT ON EMAIL

Rev. Joseph Brown, Vincent Bucci, Phil Carr, David Casarez, Lawrence Chandler, 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, 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
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List of Deceased Brother Knights**

PGK Ambrose Bryne

Louis Chauvenet

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Frank Ix

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2007

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2010

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2012

Donald Firer

Henry Goforth

Nathaniel Long

2013

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2014

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Edward Morris

2015

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Francis O'Leary

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Francis Burns

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