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Mount Vernon Council #5998

**Council Meetings - First and Third Thursday of the Month
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September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Novena after 10:30am mass at SL. Bingo 2pm</p>	<p>2 Labor Day/Holiday GS InterNat'l Festival Youth Soccer</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 1st Degree 7:30pm</p>	<p>5 Officers Meeting, 6:30pm; Rosary, 7:30pm Council Business Meeting, 8pm.</p>	<p>6 First Friday Bingo</p>	<p>7 First Saturday Honor Flight DCA 9am Patriotic Rosary at #5998; 11:00 am</p>
<p>8 Novena after 10:30am mass GS BBQ - Youth Programs Kickoff 2pm</p>	<p>9 Corporation Board of Directors Meeting 7pm.</p>	<p>10 Suicide Prevention 54Day Kickoff 630pm Ladies Luncheon 1230pm 2nd Degree 8pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Bingo</p>	<p>14 3rd Degree 11am</p>
<p>15 Novena after 10:30am mass at SL. GS Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Fraternal Benefits Pot-Luck Social 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20 Bingo KC Quote Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>21 3rd Sat ProLife Group Activity: Pray At Abortion Clinic, Whiting Street 9am</p>
<p>22 Novena after 10:30am mass at SL</p>	<p>23 Potomac Assembly Meeting 7:30pm; Officers 7pm.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Arlington Diocese 40 Days for Life</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Bingo KOVAR Bake Sale 5pm</p>	<p>28 Ladies Tea with Grand Knight 1pm NATS at 4pm</p>
<p>29 Novena after 10:30am mass at SL.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Monthly Dedication: Seven Sorrows of The Immaculate Heart of Mary</p> <p>Note: 54 Day Novena for Life 9/10 - 11/3 40 Days for Life, 9/25—11/3</p>			



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** Required Programs for Faith in Action

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Grand Knight's Message



Brothers, Ladies, Families and Friends,

September 2019

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. It seemed to be a long, hot one but as we begin September, change is in the air. Children are back in school and our calendar starts to become very busy, very fast with an abundance of opportunities ahead of us.

We kickoff the month by supporting the Good Shepherd International Festival with the Council supporting parking, Bingo, kicking off the Youth Soccer Challenge, and providing some excellent food via the German Food Booth. Looking forward to making and serving the best wurst food you can possibly imagine!

Immediately after that, we will be on a path of supporting multiple ceremonials with an Admissions Degree Ceremony on September 4, a Formation Degree Ceremony on September 10, and a Knighthood Degree Ceremony on September 14. If you haven't been through these ceremonies before, I encourage you to put them on your schedule and participate. If you are already a 3rd Degree Knight, I encourage you to attend the ceremonies as every time you go, you see and learn something new or so it seems to me!

Also in early September, we will be supporting an Honor Flight from Indianapolis arriving at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport at 9:00 am on first Saturday. Doors at the Hall will open at 7:30 am, we'll have some breakfast bites and coffee available before carpooling up to DCA at 8:15 am to greet the arriving veterans and help them to their buses for their visit of a lifetime to our Nation's Capital. After the Veterans are on the buses, we'll return to the Hall for some lunch. This is a great event for families and the Veterans absolutely love seeing children at the airport greeting them. If you are available, I encourage you to attend as it is special for the Veterans and for those who greet them.

On September 19, we will be having a potluck social that will also serve as our Fraternal Benefits Night. There are a lot of new services and opportunities being offered by the Knights of Columbus and our Field Agent Dan Garrigan will be providing what promises to be an entertaining overview of what is available to you and your families. More will be coming out on who brings what to the potluck but please mark your calendars as this promises to not only be a good social opportunity but also a very informative one for your benefit. As I mentioned last month, if you have attended before, you haven't heard it all so come on out!

On September 28, the Ladies of our Council will be having a tea in the Lounge. I'm really looking forward to this, as they do so very much for our Council and I want to make sure they know how much we appreciate everything they do as well as share my areas of priority for the coming year (I'll be brief!) and what events we have planned as well as listen to their thoughts on our Council. Still studying up on tea etiquette but I'll be ready!

There are many other things going on throughout the month with continued support needed for Bingo on Labor Day Weekend Sunday and every Friday during the month, the NFL is back and so will be Football in the Lounge, our Business Meeting the first Thursday of the month starting at 8:00 pm with the Rosary beforehand at 7:30 pm, and our monthly Officer's Meeting at 6:30 pm.. Whew!

Again, I greatly appreciate all that you do to support the Knights of Columbus and our Council.
THANK YOU!!!!

Vivat Jesus! Joe

Mount Vernon Columbus Club, Inc.

From the Board Room!

September 2019

Well, that did not last long. After a rather brisk, sub-hour July meeting, our second corporation meeting went over two hours. Yet, it was a productive meeting.

With a list of 30+ tasks your Board of Directors are addressing, there is much to discuss and prioritize. I will use this forum to provide the Cliff's Notes version because, as we all know, time is valuable!

Our top priority concerns the HVAC unit on the roof that is quickly reaching its end of life. Our Business Manager, Ms Eve Dellett, has contacted our HVAC technician, Mr Pat Houser, to look into a replacement for the 12.5-ton Carrier unit (with a manufacture date of 2002). On a previous visit on the roof, Pat confirmed that the unit might fail at any time. Since we have already budgeted the monies for the replacement, the board is promptly moving out, as it will take time to build the unit. We anticipate a fall or winter installation when HVAC operators enter their slow season (and prices are a bit friendlier).

Another priority on our *bucket list* is the renovation of our BINGO operations. Long-range planning chairman, Mike Sprung, continues to work on gathering the requirements for this upgrade. I have asked Mike to provide a schematic diagram at our next corporation meeting. This will provide an opportunity for the Board to visualize the project and provide any recommendations.

A third priority is getting the fence surrounding our property repaired. Alex Amari has lead on getting quotes for either the repair or replacement of the wood. Vendors are telling us that a replacement is not necessary, so we are looking at approving the work during our upcoming meeting.

With funds approved, as well as a vendor, the re-striping of our parking lot will commence soon. PGK Bob Reynolds has gathered quotes from three striping companies. The Board believes that we have selected the right company at the best price.

One last note: there are no more leaks above the men's bathroom. Thanks to PGK John Dougherty who identified a reputable roofer, all known leaks are sealed. The roofer says we have 3-4 more years of use before we need to consider a replacement.

The Parking Lines are completed. There are many other items we are addressing, yet they are too numerous to list here. Again, the minutes are available for your review in the Business Manager's office. Our next meeting is Monday, September 9 at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

Mike Murphy
President, MVCC, Inc.



PGK SK Michael J. Murphy

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Save These Dates!

Bingo every Friday

Sunday Bingo September 1

Board of Directors Meeting on September 9 at 7 pm in the Hall



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2019



Jim McCracken can often be seen around the Hall coordinating the many moving pieces (literally I guess) of the Bread for our Brothers Program but also in the kitchen whether it be supporting a social or Bingo. He has also graciously accepted the role of the St. Louis Roundtable which is critical to enabling us to properly address one of our main goals to better support our parishes and improve communications. Lastly, he coordinated a Service Project to our benefit for one of the Local Boy Scout Troops that use our building by repairing the new old chairs we have here in the Council Chamber. This was a mutually beneficial effort to provide a service project for the Boy Scouts that was meaningful and of benefit to the Council.

For dedicated service to your Council, parish, and community, and living your faith in action ... thank you SK Jim McCracken.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
SK FDD PFN PGK Jim McCracken

FAMILY OF THE MONTH– AUGUST 2019



FAMILY OF THE MONTH
SK FDD PFN PGK Jim McCracken
JoAnn & Sk Joe

The Worthy Knight of the Month for August (SK Jim McCracken) doesn't do all this alone or without significant support. Thanks and recognition also have to go out to his wife JoAnn and his son, our Brother and Sir Knight Joe McCracken.

They often pitch in without being asked as they did at the Installation with JoAnn working in the kitchen alongside Bob Reynolds and Jim. That alone must be a qualification for sainthood but seriously, JoAnn selflessly pitches in and provides a significant amount of much appreciated help and support to our Council, to Jim and to our Brother Joe.

This is truly a Family Award as we can also always count on Joe to be there supporting our many efforts as well. Recently, Joe capably filled in as the Worthy Advocate in our Installation Ceremony as well as assists in our Admissions Degree

Ceremonies and frequently supports the snack bar at Bingo, which is critical to our charitable endeavors and the sustainment of the facility we call home.

Thank you Jim, JoAnn and Joe for living the exemplary example of a Catholic family supporting your Council, your Parish, your Community and living your faith in action.

District Deputy Corner



SK DD Dave Lewis

My Brothers all,

We are starting on a New Fraternal Year. The State Deputy has said he will not beat us up on numbers of new members, but he is very concerned about individual council health. He has organized a Council Health group to obtain and monitor various parameters indicating the status of each council.

These parameters include total members of the parish(es), total council members, how many inactive members, how many Honorary Life members, members in arrears, and a breakdown of members by age and degrees attained.

As you can see, membership is an important aspect of council health, but it is not all.

Also addressed are the activities of the council and what, if any, additional activities are being done each year. He has asked that each council try to do at least one charitable event or parish support activity that they hadn't done the year before.

This is not a difficult thing to accomplish, given our four main facets of Faith in Action. In addition to the many things we do, there are many activities supporting Faith, Family, Community and Life that remain unaddressed. I will not attempt to address them here as that remains the prerogative of the individual council.

One Life activity will be a prayer service which will take place on September 14th at Truro Anglican Church at 10520 Main Street in Fairfax. I encourage you to attend.

In addition to council health, the State Deputy is putting an emphasis on support for Special Olympics. He has noted that if every council could increase their commitment to Special Olympics by only \$187 this year, we would reach \$50,000 for SO.

The Nationals Baseball Team has instituted a "Nationals Faith Day", September 28th. The Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson and the State Deputy, Bob Szerszynski, will be recognized in the infield. I encourage all Knights to attend. I believe there will be a block of seats for Knights. We must fill, or mostly fill, that block to have this become an annual event. September 28th at 3:30pm. See you there!

Dave Lewis,
District 13 Deputy





Upcoming Exemplifications

First Degree exemplification
Admission Ceremonial
Mt Vernon Council 5998, 7:30 pm
Wed, Sept 4, 2019

Second Degree Exemplification
Formation Ceremonial
Host 9407, 8:00pm
Mt Vernon Columbus Club
Tues, Sept 10, 2019

Third Degree Exemplification
Knighthood Ceremonial,
Mt Vernon Council 5998, 11am
Sat, Sept 14, 2019

Fourth Degree Exemplification
Sir Knight—Patriotism
Manassas, Virginia at 10 am
Sat, November 2, 2019



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Donald P. Britcliffe	2	Richard T. Hayden	17
Eric P. Schmalz	2	Thomas V. Kireilis	20
Rev. Paul T. Lamb	3	Orly E. Verdesoto	20
Deacon Patrick A. Ouellette	3	Walter Matthew Cekala	21
Stephen W. Kulinski	4	Most Rev. Macram M. Gassis	21
F. Moises Loza	4	Michael F. Dorman	22
Anthony M. Deardurff	6	Kevin L. McGinley	22
Michael J. Stehn	6	William D. Murphy	22
John J. Dina	7	George L. Tanner	23
Karl B. Knoblauch	8	Paul Begovich	24
John Lane Jr.	8	Steven E. Maceda	24
Nicholas L. Bona	10	Gregory F. Holden	25
Thomas J. Doherty Jr.	10	David H. Lohman	25
Michael J. Murphy	10	Eric M. Schoennauer	26
Sebastian J. Carrado	11	Timothy D. Kelly	27
George W. Davis	11	Peter K. Nganga	27
Michael E. Bennett	12	Andrew J. Beatty	29
John J. Hannon	15	Steve Overton	29



Prayer List



The following Brothers, relatives and close friends are in need of your prayers. Please pray for them and the other personal intentions of our Brother Knights.

Pray for Brothers and their families who are sick or in need:

A Brother Knight's niece with colon cancer
 SK Dutch Anderson
 SK Michael and Margaret Argo
 Pope Emeritus Benedict
 Antonio Bennet
 SK Bruno Bottcher
 Susana Bottcher, SK Bruno Bottcher's mom
 SK Bob Botto
 Lois Bowman
 Peter Butler Jr.
 Aurora & Ramon Caraq, widow SK David Hsu, Becky's parents
 Johanna Dietrick, SK Larry Dietrick's mother
 Father John Dorgan
 SK Ray Duff and Renee Duff
 Eleanor Dywer
 Pat Dzanis
 SK Carl Eifert, and Bette Jo Eifert
 Father Ettner
 Tom Fahey upcoming surgeries
 Susan Fecher
 Prayers for Father Tom and Joe Ferguson's father
 Wendy Finn wife of Pat Finn
 SK Freddie Flowers
 Brother Bishop Gassis
 SK Ernie and Connie Graves
 SK Reyes Guerra
 Richard Hammendel
 Fr Mike Hann, resident of GS
 Monsignor Hill
 Magda Holmes, wife of SK David Holmes
 Marty Kelly and niece Ashley
 Marilyn Kempton grandmother to GK
 Paula Lockhard
 SK Robert Kopasz
 Rich Koslow
 Jim Krebs
 Father Hans Kung
 Dave Lane
 SK Pete Lockard and family

Fr Stanley Krempa, Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Winchester, Virginia
 Maria Malicki
 Carol McCracken, sister-in-law of Jim McCracken
 Joan Murphy, SK 2PGK Michael Murphy's mother
 Prayers for Matulich family
 SK Paul Mehler
 Harriet and SK Christopher Moore
 Patricia Moran
 Brian Neinaber's Mother
 SK David Noon and wife Pat
 Tofi Owen
 SK Vic Perez
 SK Jeff Petrino
 SK Bud Powers for health and recovery
 Padama Reilly, 7, granddaughter PGK Jim Reilly & Janis tumor of eye
 PGK Robert T. Reynolds
 Pam Rubin, wife of SK PGK Larry Clark
 Brother-in-law of SK Pablo Ruiz-Rodriguez
 SK Donald Rogan & Son Donald Rogan Jr
 Gretchen Reilly, daughter of James Reilly
 Janice Reilly recovery from replacement surgery and rehab
 SK Fred "Fritz" Scheuren
 SK Randy Schlosser
 Sean Sansbury, grandson of SK John Dougherty
 Bob Schwenk's niece, and her daughter Ariel
 Patty Shanahan of GSCC and friend of Paul Sonosky
 Prayers for Amy Snyder, Larry Dietrick's niece
 Cheryl Masaitis-Spychaj, & her children Kristin, Charity, Jennifer, & Joseph
 John and Dorothy Thibeau
 Nelly Verdosoto, mother of Brother Orly Verdosoto
 Robert Vermont, father of Dave Vermont, son-in-law of SK Bud Powers
 Athena Volante
 Bishop Wilton
 Jim Winkler
 Eleanor Wood
 Christine Zuniga, wife of GK Fred Zuniga, Ft. Belvoir Council

Pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved deceased:

Ronald Barckhoff
 PGK SK Maj Gen Dick Bowman who will be interred at Arlington
 Cemetery in October
 Joe Deem PGK friend of PGK Kevin Moran
 Pat Fahey and prayers for the Fahey family
 Dorothy Healy and the Healy Family
 Tim Kelly's father
 SK John Lannon
 SK Jay Landreth
 Edna Lenz, grandmother to the SK PGK Robert K. Reynolds
 Betty Lowman
 Stephanie Koslow and for Koslow Family
 Mary Mag
 Tim McCauley's father

Paul Preston
 PGK Jim Reilly
 Clare Satta
 Richard Scheber



May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen..

To be placed on or taken off of the Prayer List, please contact the editor of the
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September Social:

Please mark your calendar for our potluck and “Fraternal Benefits Night” for our Council with our key speaker Field Agent, Brother Dan Garrigan on Thursday, September 19 beginning at 6pm in the Lounge .

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert which serves 8 to 10 hungry people. Main dish will be provided.

Please RSVP by Tuesday the 17th by phone message to 703-360-1964 to tell us how many are in your party, so we can figure how much food to prepare In advance.

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How Do You Feel?

When someone asks you this it could be just to know how you are doing. This can be a bit of a self-examination of conscience when not expected.

In Luke Chapter 12 verse 35 - 36, when Jesus says, “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning. Like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so when he comes and knocks, they can immediately open the door for him.”

So how do you feel when any friend or family member dies unexpectedly? After the initial shock is over, do you ask yourself, am I ready? Is my family ready? What is ready?

There are many levels of ready. The one level that I look at is, what do you leave behind? Fr. McGivney’s vision of the Knights of Columbus has put together programs to help make sure you are dressed and ready and your lamps are burning for your family’s needs when you are gone.

Be Prepared!
I look forward to serving you and your families!

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Just thinking . . .

Greene in Mexico

It's 1938. Author Graham Greene is on assignment in Mexico to write about conditions as the purge of priests continues in a country where churches have been razed.

No hope anywhere: I have never been in a country where you are more aware all the time of hate. Friendship there is skin deep -- a protective gesture. That motion of greeting you see everywhere upon the street, the hands outstretched to press the other's arms, the semi-embrace -- what is it but the motion of pinioning to keep the other man from his gun? There has always been hate, I suppose, in Mexico, but now it is the official teaching: it has superseded love in the school curriculum. Cynicism, a distrust of men's motives, is the accepted ideology. Look through the window of the Workers' Syndicate in Villahermosa and there on a wall of the little lecture-room are pictures -- of hate and cynicism: a crucified woman with a lecherous friar kissing her feet, a priest tipping with the wine of the Eucharist, another receiving money at the altar from a starving couple. . . .

Greene, a Catholic, opines that about halfway through *The Lawless Roads*. His assessment of Mexico some 80 years ago might warn our generation about how current conditions in the good ol' US of A could worsen unless we give heed.

Friendship? We do have our true friends, of course. But partisan politics is beginning to permeate relationships. Familial rupture over excessive argument about current affairs is becoming more common. Now and then we read or see on TV families drawing guns during heated fights --- still rare, but sobering.

Official teaching of hate? Well, not officially. But reports of school principals or teachers or professors espousing politically correct speech are more frequent. Those T-shirts with messages found hurtful to some are in the news time and again. Teachers advocating sexual actions repugnant to Christians are being discussed more often. Some Instruct tykes that sexes number more than the two set by the Creator.

Cynicism? Attitudes of distrust, attacks on the integrity of opposing political thought ooze through public discourse and commentary, sometimes news media coverage. Distrust, even disbelief, of news reports grows in a time when an elite disdains the ingrained common sense of lesser educated people.

Religion? Is it an exaggeration to wager that a majority of Americans think Catholic priests are pedophiles? Besides that, church attendance is remarkably down among all faiths, including Catholics. Really sobering is a recent poll by Pew Research Center showing less than a third of American Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the body and blood of Jesus; 69 percent think the bread and wine are just symbolic.

Country? Even patriotism is being confused with extreme nationalism. The American nation, a coalescence of people of many ethnic backgrounds, is seen rather as multicultural, thus diversified not unified.

Just Thinking ... (Continued from page 14)

Back to Mexico --- many, many priests were martyred over a long period of persecution that did not ease until about 1940. In the 1920s, six priests belonging to the Knights of Columbus were killed for their faith. They and 19 other Mexican martyrs were canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II in 2000.

Greene described the “anonymity of Sunday” in Tabascan as “nothing else to divide this day from all the other days, no bells to ring. . . . There were no secret Masses in private houses such as found in neighboring states, only a dreadful lethargy as the Catholics died slowly out - - without Confession, without the Sacraments, the child unbaptized, the dying man unshriven. I thought of Rilke’s phrase, ‘An empty, horrible alley, an alley in a foreign town where nothing is forgiven.’”

We Americans have not come to that. Our religious freedoms -- while under attack and upheld to some degree in court cases -- have not descended to the depths of martyrdom.

A mood of secular righteousness grows in the modernity of America. Some politicians feel that mood and would suppress Christian-Judeo moral principles espoused from the Founders’ era and beyond. A persecution likened to that witnessed by Greene in Mexico may not be in our future. But there could be oppression unprecedented in the Land of the Free and the Brave.

Catholics could increase their fervor buttressed with vigilance to defend religious and other freedoms listed in the First Amendment. Those declared rights retained by the people are off limits to lawmakers’ restraint, according to the Constitution undergirding our government. Such liberty aligns with trust in God.

Carl Eifert

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ Lord. Amen.

Vocations Committee, Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus

Parish Support Activities for August:

Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast on Sunday August 18, 2019



Knight Volunteers From Left to Right: Knights Steve Higgins, Joe Zelinka, and Ray Duff. Robert K Reynolds, Raphael Genuino, and Steve Higgins. Brian McCrumb loading the griddle in anticipation of the after mass crowd.



Good Shepard Volunteers From Left to Right: Connie Genuino, wife of Knight Raphael Genuino. Knights Larry Dietrick, Tom Gibbon, and Joe Zelinka. Knights Steve Higgins and Tim McCauley.

St Louis PTO invited Knights to have a table to explain youth programs on Sunday August 18 2019



From Left to Right: Father O'Hare, Pastor of St Louis, Joe Graf, Grand Knight of Council #5998, and Bill Buffaloe, parent and Knight Volunteer from St Louis Parish

5998 Council Youth Programs September 2019 Report

Welcome to the New Fraternal Year! The Youth team is looking forward to an exciting campaign, beginning with the International Festival, Sep 2 at Good Shepherd Parish. This is an awesome opportunity to meet community families and interface with youth who will realize success in a sporting activity.

The Soccer Challenge is fun and culminates in November at Bishop Ireton HS with our Council hosting a state level competition. Please plan to attend and assist our efforts to expand outreach to the youth! Details are available on the KofC 5998 website.

We are exploring options for an autumn Altar Server Recognition event, something to promote comradery and allow for Knight mentorship (eg. Potomac Nationals, DCU, etc). If you are interested in leading this activity please inform.

Youth Programs additional events planned:

Sept 8—GS BBQ—Youth Programs Kickoff, starting 2pm; More info forthcoming

Sept 28—Faith Day at Nationals 3pm

October 26—the District Soccer Challenge

November 9—the State Soccer Challenge at BIHS

Any help that can be provided to support our Council and the youth of our parishes will help and promises to be a ball!

Contact Brother Tim Kelly at timkelly0927@gmail.com, (301) 980-5775

2019/20 Mission:
Support Parish Youth Strengthening
their Catholic Journey

Young Man - Young Woman of the Year Awards
Sports Games
Soccer Challenge
Free Throw Challenge

Altar Server Recognition Events & Awards
Essay Contests
Scout Support

Mt. Vernon Council #5998
POC: Tim Kelly 301- 980-5775

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Good Shepherd International Festival

Monday, September 2, 2019 (Labor Day)

Good food (American, German, Italian, and Hispanic!)
and Entertainment!

Visit your friends from Church and the Knights of
Columbus!

Volunteers Needed!!!

Volunteers are needed for the Good Shepherd International Festival. Our Council is responsible for the parking, the German Food Booth, Bingo, and the Knights of Columbus Youth Soccer Challenge. The International Festival has activities all weekend long with most of the activities we support occurring on Monday, September 2 (Labor Day).

For the Parking Detail, contact SK Steve Higgins at higginssmh8@gmail.com. The parking detail usually runs a couple of hours per shift – if we get 8 volunteers. With the number of people that attend the festival every year, this is a critical function to ensure ease of access and most important, the safety of festival attendees.

For the German Food Booth, contact SK Bob Reynolds at reynoldsrt@cox.net. The German Booth will require quite a few Knights to provide the best of the wurst to festival goers. The more volunteers, the easier it is and the more time available to enjoy the Festival!

For the Knights of Columbus Youth Soccer Challenge, contact Brother Tim Kelly at timkelly0927@gmail.com. This is the first of many opportunities to help with our Council Soccer Challenge leading up to the District Challenge in October and then the State Soccer Challenge in November! Any help that can be provided to support our Council and the youth of our parish will help and promises to be a ball!

Special Fraternal Opportunities and Notices

Bread for Our Brothers is looking for help sorting bread on Friday afternoons for 2 - 3 hours, at the Hall. Also need drivers for Saturday & Monday deliveries. For more information contact PGK Jim McCracken, at 703-593-4546 or jimmcva@verizon.net.

Target Practice

SK Kerry McCabe is looking for a few good men to accompany him to a designated safe area for target practice (possibly in advance of hunting for Wild Game Feast?) If interested in practicing gun safety, and/or target shooting, please call 703-577-9704

BINGO Volunteers and **Snack Bar** Volunteers earn an hourly wage applicable toward a charity of their choice. Volunteer Knights and Volunteer Family members and friends may come to Columbus Club Hall on the first Sunday of the month at 2pm, or any Friday of the month at 7pm to see how they can assist our Bingo and Snack Bar operations. The proceeds from Bingo pay the bills for our facility as well as support for over 80 different charities in the community.

Bingo and Snack Bar Contacts:

Larry Dietrick is Bingo Chairman 703-799-4193

Robert T Reynolds overall Snack Bar Manager 703-799-7260,

Jim McCracken in charge of Snack Bar alternating Fridays 703-960-4546

Marvin Spychaj in charge of Snack Bar alternating Fridays 703-780-3498

(To qualify for **ACE Wings** you need 5 or more Pro Life events in a fraternal year.)

Pro Life opportunities:

Pray with group on 3rd Saturday of month at 9am at Abortion Clinic, on Whiting St., Alexandria, VA. For more information contact our Life Director, SK Richard Hayden at 703-799-2646

54 Day Novena for Life from from Suicide Prevention Day on September 10 until "Vote Pro-Life" day on November 2. Novena Kickoff will be Sept 10, at 6:30pm at council home. Novena for Life Prayers pdf are forthcoming. Please bring a copy with you to share.

Attend an ecumenical life activity, prayer service which will take place on September 14th at Truro Anglican Church at 10520 Main Street in Fairfax, call (703) 273-1300.

Look for special 9 day Novena for Life coming in January to coincide with March for Life.

Plan to help with March for Life on Friday, Jan 24, 2020. Volunteer for assistance to out of town participants from High School and College Campuses staying locally.

4th Degree, Potomac Assembly 2204



Worthy SKs of Potomac Assembly,

The next Assembly meetings are scheduled below.

Patriotism,
SK PGK FN Robert T Reynolds,
703-799-7260, reynoldsrt@cox.net.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 FR CAPPODANO MASS AT CRYPT CHURCH, BASILICA 5:30PM
- 7 HONOR FLIGHT FROM INDIANA TO DCA AT 9:00 AM
- 7 PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT COUNCIL 5998
- 23 BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:30 PM, OFFICERS 7:00 PM

OCTOBER

- 5 PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT COUNCIL 5998
- 28 BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:30 PM, OFFICERS 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER

- 2 PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT 11:00 AM AT COUNCIL 5998
- 2 FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION IN MANASSAS AT 10AM
- 24 BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:30 PM, OFFICERS 7:00 PM



Knights of Columbus

**FOURTH
DEGREE**

Patriotic degree of the Order.

Ladies Corner

We have several upcoming events for your calendars. Following is for your planning over the next couple of months:

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| Saturday, September 7 | Honor Flight from Indianapolis at National Airport (9:00 am) Meet earlier at 5998 and carpool |
| Tuesday, September 10 | Ladies Lunch at Burtons near Wegmans 12:30 pm |
| Thursday, September 19 | September Social - Fraternal Benefits Night |
| Friday, September 27 | KOVAR Bake Sale during Friday Bingo. All proceeds will benefit KOVAR and Virginians with intellectual disabilities. Bake goods should be dropped off 5:00 pm at the Hall. (Pulley fridge) |
| Saturday, September 28 | Ladies tea with the Grand Knight in the Lounge 1:00 pm |
| Tuesday, October 8 | Ladies Lunch at 12:30 pm |
| Saturday, October 19 | Oktoberfest!!!! |
| Saturday, October 26 | Childrens' Halloween Party |

The support the Ladies of our Council provide to the Knights of Columbus and directly to the efforts of the Council is greatly appreciated and critical to what we do in supporting our parishes and our community. Thank you for all you do!

BINGO

Event Decorations

Vocations

Auctions

March for Life

MaRih Center



REMINDER: KOVAR Bake Sale, Friday, September 27, 2019
Please bring donations to Bingo Hall at 5pm

ACE Wings Program / Pro Life Activities



My brother Knights, ...
(This is a repeat of the program that was introduced in the last newsletter)



...
There is a new program for the knights of Columbus in Virginia, "Pro-Life ACE Wings" which will be awarded for activities supporting Pro-Life with out **A**pology, without **C**ompromise and without **E**xception. The wings can be earned through participation in **five or more** public Pro-Life activities in the fraternal year. These are not limited to Knights only as they can be presented to a strong Pro-Life non-Knight individual in the parish.

The State Deputy referred to the no Exception aspect in the terms of, "when a camel gets his nose under the tent, he is in the tent."

Let your Light Shine,
Dave Lewis, District Deputy #13

40 Days for Life Sep 25—Nov 3 See signup schedule on Diocesan Website <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Family-Life/Respect-Life/Praying-to-End-Abortion/> Then select "40 Days for Life"



Pray for Life with our group at Abortion Clinic, on Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA on any 3rd Saturday of the month at 9am. For more information contact our Life Director, SK Richard Hayden at 703-799-2646

District Deputy encourages us to attend an ecumenical life activity, a prayer service which will take place on September 14th at Truro Anglican Church at 10520 Main Street in Fairfax. Note: The March for Life on Jan 24, 2020 will include pro life activists from all faiths praying and marching together to end abortion.

PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of our life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, Creator and lover of life. Amen.

***Pope John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae, 1995***

A LOOK AHEAD AT THE ACTIVITIES OF OCTOBER 2019

October 2019	Queen of the Most Holy Rosary			
3	Thursday	630,pm 730pm, 8pm	Council Officers, Rosary, Business	GK, Faith Director, GK
4	First Friday	7pm	Friday Night Bingo	Bingo Chairman
5	First Saturday	11am	Patriotic Rosary	Potomac Assy 2204
6	Sunday	2 pm	Sunday Bingo	Bingo Chairman
7	Monday	All Day	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary	End 54 Day Novena
8	Tuesday	1230pm	Ladies Monthly Luncheon—Loc TBD	Ladies
11	Friday	7pm	Friday Night Bingo	Bingo Chairman
13	Sunday	8am— noon	St Louis Pancake Breakfast	St Louis Roundtable
13	Sunday	8am— noon	KCIC Sales Begin @ St Louis	Chancellor/ Roundtables
14	Monday	All Day	Columbus Day Holiday	—
14	Monday	TBD	Youth Dodgeball/Soccer	Youth Director
14	Monday	7pm	Corporate Business Meeting	Corporation Board
18	Friday	7pm	Friday Night Bingo	Bingo Chairman
19	Saturday	8am	St Louis Hawk's Day	Family/Youth Director
19	Saturday	TBD	Social—Octoberfest	Council Director
20	Sunday	7am	GS Pancake Breakfast	GS Roundtable
20	Sunday	8am— noon	KCIC Sales Begin @ GS	Chancellor/ Roundtables
25	Friday	7pm	Friday Night Bingo	Bingo Chairman
26	Saturday	2pm	Children's Halloween Party	Family/Youth Director
26	Saturday	TBD	District Soccer Challenge	Youth Director
28	Monday	730 pm	Potomac Assy Business Meeting	GK/DGK council report
28	Monday	9-30 to 10-30	Pro Life Activity Planning	Faith Committee

Events in the next month are
subject to change.

Address Correction Requested

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