



Pope John Paul The Great

Be Not Afraid



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The Grand Knight's Corner

From The Grand Knight:

Brothers,

As we say in the Navy - BRAVO ZULU !!! What a great month for the council, auxiliary, church and most importantly, the community. Special Olympics Virginia Fall Championships was a splendid event because of YOU! Our council sponsored event, bocce, was exceptionally well organized, professionally coordinated, personally satisfying and FUN for all that were involved, most especially, the athletes. Your support of our veterans, past and present, was noteworthy, whether at memorial ceremonies or at the parade. Another great Adopt-a-Highway effort continued our endeavor to improve the city and the environment. As we closeout the month of November, please make a special effort to support the upcoming blood drive - a great way to give thanks for all we have received. We all have a great deal to be thankful for but I am particularly thankful for being blessed as someone who reaps the praises for all you do from those outside our council.

Peace to you and your families,

Mike

Recent Accomplishments

- Special Olympics Virginia Fall Championships
- Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony and Parade
- Adopt-a-Highway
- Horseshoe Pit Construction
- Pampered Chef Fundraiser

Future Projects

- Blood Drive/Health Fair (26 November)
- Lights on for Christ/Social (4 December)
- Business Meeting (5 December)
- Church Cleanup (22 December)
- Midnight Mass (24 December)
- MERRY CHRISTMAS! (25 December)
- Family Blessing (29 December)

Degree News

Brothers,

As we approach the halfway point of our fraternal year, all of us should have candidates for membership in mind. It is also a good time to look ahead to see when you can attain the next degree. Initial schedule is included below:

December

- 4th First Degree
- 13th First Degree

January

- 17th First Degree

February

- 20th First Degree

March

- 5th Second Degree
- 8th Third Degree
- 13th First Degree

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is being planned for March/April 2008.

Check the Council Planning Calendar (link on website) for details on Degree locations and times.

Let the Membership Director, Chancellor, DGK or GK know when you can schedule your next milestone.

Membership

Now is the time to bring your friends and family into our fraternal organization. Carry an application (Form 100) with you and give it to someone that will help us carry on the great work we do for the church and community. Any questions, see the Membership Director, PGK Joe Leyes.

Honorary Life Membership

Knight must be 70 years of age and have 25 consecutive years of service or 50 years of consecutive service regardless of age. Honorary life members are exempt from all dues and charges.

COUNCIL NEWS

Blood Drive

Our semi-annual Blood Drive is only a few days away (Monday, 26 November, 3-8 PM). It's not too late to sign up (www.givelife.org). As always, you can "walk-in". We are also going to have a mini-Health Fair. Due to Thanksgiving, we are not having our usual social on the third Wednesday of the month but will have a small social at the blood drive so bring the family and enjoy the Ladies Auxiliary's great food and treats. Looking forward to seeing you there and keeping up our great tradition "saving a life".

Veterans Support

Will all of the other things going on this time of year, please remember our veterans. We hope to provide a supply of personal items to the VA Medical Center before Christmas. Just drop the items into the box in the commons.

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics Virginia Fall Championships was a grand event with council support in many areas - registration, security, Olympic Towne, soccer and our signature event, bocce. A great big "Thank You!" to all who volunteered to make this another memorable event. A special thanks to Bocce Coordinator, Art Fritz and "Beanie Baby" Coordinator, Shirley Hough. Mrs. Denise Tiedeman's donation of more than a thousand of the stuffed toys made this year's celebration even more magical. It's not too early to be thinking about how you might like to participate next year!

KOVAR

The CFC and United Way Campaigns are winding down. The donation numbers for the various campaigns are:

Combined Federal Campaigns
- CFC: #42569
Virginia State Campaign -
State Employees - #735
United Way Campaigns in the
Greater D.C. Area - #8838

We have done well with some members using this method to donate to KOVAR. Please remember to turn a copy of your donation slip to the Grand Knight so the council will get credit.

Check out the KOVAR website (<http://www.kovarva.com>) to see all the great work that is being done!

First Degree Team

We are planning to revitalize our First Degree Team efforts and be able to support upcoming degrees. If you are interested in being part of the Degree Team, please contact the Financial Secretary or Grand Knight. Practices will be scheduled beginning in January. If you have a book and do not wish to continue as a member of the Degree Team, please turn the book into the Financial Secretary.

Month of October

Knight of the Month is Roger Valdez and Family of the Month is the Kenn and Joanne White Family.

Congratulations to all of them.

Membership Drawing

Last meeting the name drawn was Ed Olson. The next "pot of gold" will be \$65. Just show up at the meeting (5 December) and you could be a winner!

COUNCIL WEBSITE

Visit the council website and use the link to the planning calendar to get information on upcoming activities.

VKCCI

In 1994, the Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus incorporated the charity commission to form the Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI). VKCCI helps support those citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia who are unable to provide support for themselves or their family members. VKCCI provides grants of up to \$1,500 to individuals in need. Utilizing funds provided by a KOVAR grant, VKCCI is able to provide funds to mentally retarded individuals.

The primary VKCCI fund raiser is the address labels that are in the process of being mailed out to each Knight. Donations have allowed 395 grants totaling more than \$550,000 to given over the years

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What is the VKCCI Label Program? Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. was formed in 1994 for the purpose of carrying out the first principal of our order, "Charity." VKCCI gives grants to individuals and families who are in financial distress. Through a grant from KOVAR, we can also assist an individual diagnosed with Mental Retardation. These grants provide some of the necessities of life for these individuals. Donations from you enable us to continue to give that financial assistance to those who have no other place to turn.

Here are some examples of recent grants:

- A grant to assist the family of a Brother Knight who had been injured and unable to work. His badly damaged hand required stitches and skin grafts. He had been unable to work but had not received workers comp or any other form of disability payments. The family has two sons and is about to adopt another child. The wife works but overall the finances of the family are very poor.
- A grant to assist a Brother Knight who is disabled and whose home was in need of repairs. The roof leaked and a tarp had been placed over it by the Council to prevent water access. The Council and members of the local Baptist Church proposed to make the necessary repairs and the request was to provide money to purchase the necessary materials.
- A grant to assist a Brother Knight and his family who needed help to pay their mortgage after he lost his job due to the downturn in the housing construction industry.
- A grant to the family of a 14 year old retarded child who also suffers from several physical handicaps and shows signs of autism. His physical therapist recommended a special therapeutic tricycle to help him and we were able to provide funds to help.
- A grant to a single mother of three who had developed a fast growing stomach tumor. Concurrently with removal of the tumor she had a hysterectomy. Her job did not provide benefits and after paying the normal and routine bills she did not have sufficient funds to purchase medical insurance.

During the period July 1, 1994 through today, VKCCI has given 400 grants totaling over \$565,000

The major source of income for VKCCI is the Mailing Label Program. Each of you should have already received a set of mailing labels within the last few weeks.

We ask you to continue to support the Label Program again this year and we sincerely thank you for your generosity.

Richie Head, PSD, Vice President – Fund Raising



when i grow up...

Lily, age 3

I want to be a teacher...a doctor...a **blood donor**.

All kids dream of being heroes when they grow up... will you be one now?

Please give blood today.

Knights of Columbus

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@ St. Luke Catholic Church

2304 Salem Road, Virginia Beach

Monday, November 26th

3:00 – 8:00 PM

do the right thing.
donate **blood**.



**American
Red Cross**

1-800-GIVE LIFE
www.weneedblood.org

Knights of Columbus Emblem

The Emblem of the Order dates from the Second Supreme meeting, May 12, 1883. It was designed by James T. Mullen, a New Haven native and Civil War veteran, who served the Order as its first Supreme Knight from 1882-1886.

The emblem incorporates a shield mounted upon a formée cross (having the arms narrow at the center and expanding toward the ends). The shield is associated with a medieval knight, and the formée cross is an artistic representation of the cross of Christ, through whom all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.



Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces (a bundle of rods bound together about an ax with the blade projecting) standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces is from Roman days, carried before magistrates as an emblem of authority. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus. The short sword is the weapon of the knight when engaged in an errand of mercy.

Thus the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters K. of C., proclaims this specific form of activity. The red, white, and blue are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the color of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God, and of confidence in the protection of our country, established under God. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim, and of crucible-tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white, and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood, shed upon Calvary, and of the Martyr's blood shed in defense of the faith. Red, then, is the symbol of Faith.

White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man, and of the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity.

Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

The Emblem of the Fourth Degree

The Triad Emblem of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus features: the Globe, the Cross, and the Dove.



A Blue Globe with the lands of the Western Hemisphere in White
A Red Cross with gold borders, and gold knobs at the ends of the Cross
A White Dove.

The Dove, the classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth or Globe. Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, like that which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land.

Our Honored Order cherishes as its patron Christopher (Christ Bearer) Columbus (Dove of Peace), symbolizing the Paraclete.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the Union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead...the most blessed Trinity.

The Globe God the Father, Creator of the Universe
The Cross ... God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind
The Dove God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity

The colors of the symbols are Red, White, and Blue, the colors of the flag of the country in which our Order originated. They are used to stress the basic principle of the Fourth Degree: **Patriotism**.

Bearers of this emblem are committed to conduct themselves honorably as Christian gentlemen in their private and public lives, as well as acting patriotically for the good of their nations. Likewise, the Fourth Degree sword represents the bearer's reverence for the Eucharist and the Pope, bishops and hierarchy of the Church, and displays publicly his willingness to protect his Church and priests.

Considered under a religious aspect, we have the honor and privilege of wearing on our swords and our lapels the sacred symbol of the Most Blessed Trinity. This should always remind us to live a good Christian life, and that we should never bring dishonor on the emblem we have been privileged to wear. By this, others may see our good works, through which we will glorify our Holy Religion, our Honored Order and our Beloved Country.