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The Grand Knight's Corner

From The Grand Knight:

Brothers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I just returned from the Virginia State Council Mid-Year Meeting. The theme centered around "people." As a Fraternal organization our main focus is and should continue to be "people" - starting with our Brother Knights and their families. It is important that we always practice the tenets of our order - particularly charity, unity and fraternity. We need to reach out to our Brothers that we haven't seen in a while and ensure that they are well or see if they could use some help. Do they need a ride to events? Are they or a loved one ill? Have they fallen on hard times for one reason or another? If we know that a Brother is away, especially if he is deployed, we must look out for his family. The Worthy State Deputy has challenged us to put the "people factor" back in our Order. Our record of support for the church and community is exemplary. Let's shift some of that focus internally - see what you can do for a fellow Knight to improve his quality of life and

let us all know how we can help - the by product will be that we all will benefit from our efforts far more than anyone we help.

Peace to you and your families,

Mike

Recent Accomplishments

- 2-Year Trustee Election
- State Mid-Year Meeting
- Financial Planning Seminar/Social

Future Projects

- Adopt-A-Highway (19 January)
- March for Life - Washington, DC (22 January)
- Spaghetti Dinner (25 January)
- Special Olympics/ Polar Plunge (2 February)
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (5 February)
- Ash Wednesday (6 February)

- ***NOTE CHANGE***

- Business Meeting (20 February)
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 - Soup Supper (22 February)

- Church Cleanup/ Chair Repair (23 February)

Degree News

Brothers,

Upcoming Degrees:

February

- 20th First Degree

March

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

Fourth Degree

The Exemplification dates for 2008 have now been finalized. There will be two Degrees - one on May 17th at St. Timothy's in Chantilly and one on November 8th in Richmond.

The candidate fee will be \$70.00, as established by Supreme. This will include the candidate's banquet ticket. Fees for additional banquet tickets and tickets for the Ladies program will be available no later than January 31st.

Attached is a letter that is given to all new Third Degree

Knights on the day they take their Third Degree.

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

Membership

Membership Director position is vacant - let the Chancellor, DGK or GK know when you can schedule your next milestone.

We are in the process of initiating suspension procedures for members not in good standing. Contact a Brother Knight that you haven't seen in awhile and invite him to an event!

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.

Honorary Life membership applies to those who are 70 years of age and have 25 consecutive years of service or 50 consecutive years of service regardless of age.

COUNCIL NEWS

First Degree Team

Brother Jess Dabu has volunteered to undertake the Chancellor position. Other brothers have offered to participate but we need those that currently have a book to inform me whether or not they wish to continue to learn

a position so we can sort out the cast and get the right brothers a book so they can get started learning their role. It is very important that if you have a book and do not wish to continue as a member of the Degree Team, you turn the book into the Financial Secretary.

Fraternal Surveys

2007 Summary of Fraternal Activity has been submitted. Many thanks to those that turned in their surveys and to those that gave countless hours of service. Our contribution included more than \$2000 in charitable donations and over 16,000 service hours. Well Done!!!

Council Elections

Election for next Fraternal Year will be here shortly. The Trustees and Deputy Grand Knight will be forming a Nomination Committee. If you are interested in serving as a Council Officer next year, let one of them know. If you are not sure about what some of the positions entail, contact the Grand Knight. Additionally, if you would like to be an Activity Director or Standing Committee Chairman, see the GK or DGK. Nominations will be announced in April with election in May.

End of Fraternal Year Awards

Each year, recognition is given to the Council Family of the Year, Knight of the Year,

Young Man of the Year and Young Woman of the Year. Those selected by the council then compete for recognition at the state level. If you would like to nominate someone for any of these awards, please contact the Grand Knight by 1 February 2008. Information will be required to be submitted to the Virginia State Council no later than 1 March 2008.

Virginia State Council Raffle

The Virginia State Council is raffling off a weekend getaway at Hotels, Motels and Bed & Breakfasts. The drawing will take place at the Saturday Convention Banquet. See the Grand Knight for tickets (\$5 each).

KOVAR

Special Update from the KOVAR Board:

At the request of the Supreme Council and in an effort to comply with the current thinking among psychiatrists and social workers, the KOVAR Board of Directors recently voted to replace use of the term "mental retardation" with the term "intellectual disability". The new terminology acknowledges the sensitivity of people with intellectual disability and their families and appreciates the dignity and potential of all God's people.

VKCCI

Since 1994, Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. has given over 400 grants totaling more than \$500,000. The major source of income is the mailing label program. Each Knight should have received a set of mailing labels within the past few weeks, yet only 12% have responded with a donation. Please support the Label Program and the new License Plate Frame program (see attachment) and let the Grand Knight know of any brother that might be in financial distress.

Vocations

Our Vocation remains very strong. Both of our senior postulants, Bro. Saul and Bro. Patrick, along with 15 Postulant Sisters and 5 Postulant Brothers were sent to the seminary in the Philippines two weeks before Christmas. If they successfully complete their studies, the brothers will return to us this time next year as Novices and the sisters will be fully veiled Temporary Profess, meaning full pledge Nuns. Please continue to pray for them to remain faithful and persevere in their religious journey.

Scholarships

This year's Father Bader Scholarship Program has been expanded to 8 scholarships. Details follow:

That time of year is once again upon us. High School Seniors

are beginning to think of Graduation and their plans for Higher Education. With his in mind, they need to be aware that now is the time to apply for a Father Bader Scholarship. These scholarships are available to children of Knights who are in good standing in their council, or deceased Knights that were in good standing at the time of their death, and are graduating from High School, and are pursuing their first year of higher education. The application forms can be obtained only from me and the requests for forms must be by phone, mail, or email (the contact information is at the end of the article). There are three forms to be filled out; the student and family complete one; the Financial Secretary of the Father's council completes another; and the student's principal completes the third.

Winners of the scholarships are determined by the student's involvement in Church, Community, and School, along with Grade point averages and financial need.

It is imperative that all three forms are completed and returned to me to arrive no later than March 14th, 2008. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. Also, any applications received that do not have all three forms will not be considered. All applications will be reviewed and judged to award the scholarships. The winners will

be announced at the State Convention in May, 2008.

If you have any questions about the scholarship please contact me.

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State Convention Resolutions

108th Annual Convention is in
Roanoke May 1-4, 2008

General Resolutions are due
60 days before the convening
of the Annual Meeting. The
annual meeting will convene
on Friday, May 2, 2008.
Therefore, General
Resolutions are due to the
State Advocate no later than
Monday, March 3, 2008.

If possible, all Resolutions will
be provided over the
signature of the Council Grand
Knight.

Supreme Convention

The Supreme Convention will
be in Quebec, Canada next
summer. You will need to
have a passport if you are
interested in attending. There
is currently is about a four
month lead time required to
get a passport application
processed by the State
Department so apply now.

Month of December

Knight of the Month is Ivol Sexton and Family of the Month is Gil and Adora Fontimayor.

Congratulations to all of them.

Membership Drawing

Last meeting the name drawn was Rufino Palma. The next "pot of gold" will be \$75. Just show up at the meeting (20 February) 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.

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<i>Grand Knight</i>	Mike Maliniak
<i>Deputy Grand Knight</i>	Bob Evans
<i>Chancellor</i>	Mars Marcelo
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Roger Martinez
<i>Treasurer</i>	Art Fritz
<i>Advocate</i>	Mars Maxino
<i>Warden</i>	Remy Varias
<i>Recorder</i>	Atlee Ladao
<i>Outside Guard</i>	Brandon Newsham
<i>Inside Guard</i>	Ivol Sexton
<i>Trustee—One Year</i>	PGK Edwin Malixi
<i>Trustee—Two Years</i>	Kenn White
<i>Trustee—Three Years</i>	PGK Jim Newsham
<i>Lecturer</i>	Ted Dumont.
<i>Membership Director</i>	Vacant
<i>Church Director</i>	Jess Dabu
<i>Community Director</i>	Art Fritz
<i>Council Director</i>	Lance Spencer
<i>Family Director</i>	Gil Fontimayor
<i>Youth Director</i>	PGK Jim Newsham

*** Please email Lance Spencer for any information not correct or missing. spencelr@cox.net ***

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Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree
Calvert Province – Virginia District



Worthy Knight of Columbus:

Congratulations. You have been Knighted as a Third Degree member of the Order and are now known as a full Knight of Columbus. There are, however, four points on the Compass of Virtue. The fourth point on the Compass is Patriotism. To complete your journey to Knighthood, and earn the title of Sir Knight, there is one final step in our Order that you are entitled to pursue. The lesson of Patriotism is exemplified in the Fourth Degree, the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was established in 1900, on the principle of patriotism – love for, and devotion to, one's country. Fourth Degree members compose a brotherhood united in their dedication to patriotism enlightened by the Catholic faith. The patriotic spirit of every Knights of Columbus member can be enhanced if he chooses to join the Fourth Degree.

As the Master of the Virginia District of the Fourth Degree, it is my pleasure to invite you to join the 300,000 Sir Knights who demonstrate their patriotism and pride in our Nation by being members of the Fourth Degree. As a member of the Fourth Degree, you would be entitled to become a member of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps, the visible arm of our Order that provides honor guards at civic and religious functions.

The Fourth Degree is organized into Assemblies. In Virginia, there are currently 33 Assemblies. The Grand Knight of your Council can get you information on the Assembly in your area.

Enclosed you will find an information flyer on the Fourth Degree and a membership application (Form 4). There will be two Exemplifications of the Fourth Degree in 2008 – one on May 17th in Chantilly and one on November 8th in Richmond. To be eligible to take your Fourth Degree, you must have received your First Degree at least one year prior to taking the Fourth Degree. A six month waiver can be granted if a waiver application is filed in a timely manner. You are encouraged to contact your Grand Knight and your Council's Fourth Degree liaison as soon as possible to get more information and to process your application.

I again congratulate you on completing your Third Degree and ask that you give careful consideration to joining us in the Fourth Degree.

Fraternally,

Richard G. Head
Master of the Fourth Degree
Virginia District

Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI)



Knights of Columbus License Plate Frames

Available at the January State Council Meeting

\$5.00 each

All proceeds to benefit VKCCI

Buy extras to sell at Council meetings

Please bring your checks or cash to the meeting on January 12th

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.