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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brothers:

During this Holiest of weeks, spend special time with your family and friends reflecting on your faith and

take time to pray together. Give thanks to

our Savior Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother for assuring all of us eternal life in Heaven if we will only believe and accept him.

In addition, keep the casualties of September 11th in your prayers.

Lastly, pray the Rosary as often as possible during Holy Week

and remember to join all of us at Redeemer on March 25th at

8:30pm for a KofC sponsored Rosary. My wishes for a safe and most Holy Easter holiday for you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

Marty Thomas, GK

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BIRTHDAYS

Ray Santucci	4-2
Bill Michie	4-3
Bradley Carroll	4-5
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Don & Rose Marie Berberich	4-25-64
Scott & Terri Wyatt	4-26-86
Tad & Chris Stilwell	4-28-79
Eric & Cindy Tompkins	4-30-83

PLEASE KEEP THESE KNIGHTS & FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

*** ROSS ALBERT**UNCLE & FATHER OF LIN DIACONT**WALTER & CLARA HARRIS**LISA LIPPA**
JEFF DECKER'S FATHER,** JACK & BARBARA MCNEICE*** DANA NELSON **SISTER OF JOHN
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PROUD GRANDPARENTS

Congratulations to Jim & Maureen Connolly on the birth of their first grandchild Kaitlen Petrice

NAME TAGS

Knights of Columbus name tags are available through Mike Rberts. when you become a member of Cuncil 11042 whether as a new member, transfer or reinstatement your first name tag will be provided free of charge. If you need a new one or an extra on there is a \$6.00 charge. Please wear your name tag at all Kights of Columbus functions as well as all Redeemer functions. Call Mike if you need one at 730-4121. If Mike is not available call Paul at 746-1245.

THE FOLLOWING NAME TAGS ARE WAITING TO BE PICKED UP.

GREG AUSTIN**RICK BOWLES**BILL DOUGHERTY**TIM HOLT**JOHN HURST**
MIKE PYLE**DAVE VERMEER

CALL PAUL AT 746-1245 AND WE WILL GET TOGETHER.THANKS.

Chancellor's Report



Brothers:

Please keep Vocations in your prayers!

KOVAR is coming! Mark your calendars, sign up to collect. I need help. I need volunteers. Our council's goal is to collect \$5117.00.

Please come to our next council meeting on April 1, 2002, prepared to select a date and time for your KOVAR commitment. The dates are April 18, 19 and 20 at area ABC Stores and UKROP's in Mechanicsville. May 4th is at the area Food Lion Stores. Remember, many hands make light work..

The State Bowling tournament will be held April 6th, and 7th. If you are available to assist me with data entry at the bowling alley please let me know.

I would like to thank all of our brothers who have helped with pancake breakfasts this year. Our next breakfast will be held on April 28, 2002 from 7:00 am through 12:30 pm. Please contact me if you are available to assist in this fine endeavor. This breakfast will benefit Boy Scout Troop 503.

Fraternally Yours,

Bob Birmingham

APRIL SCOUTING REPORT

Scouts of Troop 503 and Pack 503 and members of the Redeemer community got some well-deserved recognition this past Sunday, March 17th at the Religious Awards Ceremony for the Diocese of Richmond. The event was held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral and was celebrated by Bishop Walter F. Sullivan. Fr. Jim Begley assisted the Bishop during the celebration.

The Tiger and Wolf Cubs were awarded the "Light of Christ" medal. The "Light of Christ" is a program for Tiger Cubs and Wolf Scouts of the Catholic faith. This is a parish and family oriented program in which the Cub Scout works with his parents. Its purpose is to have the Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, as a real person and his friend. This type of relationship will help him to better understand and appreciate Christ's love and concern for him. Through the active assistance and participation of the Scout's parent

in this program, it is hoped that he will come to see Jesus as a real person and his friend.

The Bear and Webelo Cubs were awarded the "Parvuli Dei" medal. The "Parvuli Dei" is a program for Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts of the Catholic faith. This is a parish and family oriented program in which the Cub Scout works with his parents. Its purpose is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish, and also to develop a good positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the group or community.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 503 were awarded the "Ad Altari Dei" medal. The purpose of earning the Ad Altari Dei emblem is to equip the Scout to take his place in the world as a maturing Catholic and a maturing American. With a religious emblem counselor, the boy meets requirements in eight steps covering the sacraments of initiation and the sacraments of maturity.

All the Scouts studied and worked very hard to receive these awards. Congratulations boys.

There were also some special awards presented at the ceremony:

Both Troop 503 and Pack 503 were awarded the "Pope Paul VI Unit Award". This award is presented to outstanding Catholic Scout Units. The purpose of this program is to promote Catholic Membership, recognize the Charter Organization, motivate and improve the effectiveness of the individual unit and its adult leadership and to provide each youth with a top-quality program which encompasses the religious, vocational, and educational aspects of Scouting under Catholic auspices. Scoutmaster, Mike Bonelli and Cubmaster Dave Jackson accepted the awards from the Bishop.

Battlefield District Chair and soon to be Deacon at the Church of the Redeemer, Chris Malone was awarded the "St. George Emblem". The purpose of the St. George Emblem is to recognize an individual's outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations Chris.

The Pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Fr. Jim Begley, Scoutmaster of Troop 503, Mike Bonelli and Nancy Fonseca were presented with the "Bronze Pelican Award". The "Bronze Pelican Award" recognizes adults involved in Catholic Scouting. The Richmond Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting provides the Bronze Pelican Emblem to Scouters and others as recognition of their efforts in developing, in Catholic youth, the habitual awareness of God in all their scouting or other youth activities. Congratulations Fr. Jim, Mike and Nancy. You deserve it.

Soon to be Eagle Scout Chris Urtz, of Troop

Deputy Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

Thanks to all who participated in the fund raising event for SCAN at the "Rare Old Times" on St. Patrick's Day. The event was a big success in that we raised about \$1,500 to benefit this worthwhile cause.

Congratulations to Mike Bonelli, Chris Malone and Father Jim on their awards for their efforts in supporting our scouting program. Many thanks to the awardees and the other brothers, especially Mike Martin, Dan Aunspach, and Tad Stillwell who give so generously of their time to lead our young people in the right direction. Thanks also to the brothers who attended the Catholic Scout Award ceremony to show the Council's support of the scouting program.

We have two major events in the month of April. The first is the State Bowling tournament. Our council is hosting this event once again and once again Mike and Joanne Bonelli have done a fantastic job in preparing for the big event. If you can help in any way I am sure Mike would appreciate all the help he can get. Mike's number is 779 – 3298, if you have any questions or if you wish to volunteer your services.

Secondly, our annual KOVAR fund raising drive, will run from April 18th through the 20th. There will be an additional day of collections, at all three Food Lion stores in the Mechanicsville area on May 4th. Your family's help is needed to fill all of the open time slots that we still have. This is a very important and very worthwhile fundraiser, not only for our council, but also the State of Virginia's program to assist the retarded. The main principle of our order is charity, and this fundraiser is an exemplary way to prove that we are truly a charitable organization. This fund raising endeavor is not just for brother Knights. We are a family organization and I encourage you to share this experience with your family. We will have sign – ups at the April business meeting. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please feel free to call our worthy chancellor, brother Bob Birmingham at 746-9122 or myself at 746-9671. We will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Finally, a reminder, about the annual Multiple Sclerosis walk which takes place on April 6. Some of our members are participating in this event and could use your support. If you would like to contribute see Paul Byrnes at our April meeting.

Fraternally,

Jeff

Scouting Continued ...

503, was awarded the "Bishop Walter F. Sullivan Youth Leadership Award. Way to go Chris.

And a check for \$500.00 was presented to Bishop Sullivan from Ray Wykoff from the KofC State council to support Scouting in the Diocese.

A special thanks goes out to Dan and Suzy Aunspach. Dan and Suzy organized the Religious Award program for the Cub Scouts. Thanks to the brother Knights who helped the Cubs earn their medals by explaining the different parts of the church to them.

Thanks to Nancy Fonseca for organizing the Religious Awards Ceremony.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Martin

Knights in Action

We the members of Council 11042 dedicate this section of our newsletter to recognize those members of our council who through their example and efforts make this council the great one that it is. This section will contain articles on the special members who are dedicated family men and who display what it means to be a truly committed Knight of Columbus. In this, the second article in our series, we are truly honored to recognize the many years of tireless and dedicated service of

Michael Lawrence Bonelli.

Mike has been a member of the knights for many years and has been an inspiration to the rest of us with his dedication to service in the council as well as in the Church and in the community. If we were to try and detail the many accomplishments and activities done for others by Mike we would have to write a book. We know what we do here will never be sufficient recognition of what he has meant to the Knights of Columbus and especially to Council 11042. If this council had a dozen Mike Bonelli's we would be by far the best council in the order.

Some of the many ways Mike is involved in the Church include:

- Co-Chair of the Building Maintenance Committee
- A sponsor of new entrants into the church through the RCIA program
- A sponsor of Confirmation candidates
- A teacher/coordinator of religion to the scouts in their pursuit of knowledge of the Catholic Religion
- A major participant in the construction of a house sponsored by Redeemer for Habitat for Humanity
- A coordinator of the fire as part of the Easter Vigil Service
- A regular blood donor through the Church sponsorship

Mike is heavily involved in support of his community activities, especially scouting. Mike gives more of his time in a month to scouting than most of us give to community activities in a year. His many scouting activities include.

- Church of the Redeemer Boy Scout Troop 503-Scoutmaster
- Church of the Redeemer Boy Scout Pack 503-Committee Chairman
- Venture Crew 503-Associate Advisor
- Order of the Arrow-Brotherhood Member
- Central Virginia Vicariate Committee on Catholic Scouting-Member

In recognition of his commitment to scouting and his tireless efforts to see that members of his scout troop learn and practice scouting principles he was awarded the Bronze Pelican award by Bishop Sullivan during the recent recognition program for Catholic Scouting.

In addition to his intense time and effort commitment to scouting Mike is also the Chairman of the Trustee Committee of the Order of the Sons of Italy-Guiseppi Verdi Lodge. Also Mike is a supporter of the Mechanicsville Little league, Stonewall Jackson Middle School Orchestra, and the Arsenal Soccer League.

Mike is a member of the Richmond Assembly of the Knights as a 4th degree member. As such he is often called upon to do the many thankless tasks involved in setting up for functions and seeing that they go off smoothly. He is also an Honor Guard member and serves as needed for funerals, installations, parades and other events.

Finally, Mike's direct involvement with our Council activities, if detailed, could fill volumes. Some of his continuing efforts are mentioned below:

- Chairman of the Knights Sponsorship of Scouting Activities
- Member of the 3rd Degree Team
- Host of our Council's annual picnic
- Host of our Council's annual retreat
- Frequent host of our monthly Director's meetings
- Captain of our bowling team
- Captain, this year of the State Bowling Tournament that will be held at Hanover Lanes in Mechanicsville
- Volunteer at all our fund raising activities to benefit local charities including:
Cheers, Diamond, Knights of Virginia assisting Retarded, Christmas Card Sales, Candy Sales, Pancake Breakfast, Craft Bazaar, and any other events we as a council sponsor
- Cooking, set up and clean up for our social functions including the Christmas Dance, Installations, Parish Picnic, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.

In short, those of us who have attended many of the functions mentioned above know very well that when we arrive Mike is busy doing the behind-the-scenes work needed to make the function run smoothly. When we leave Mike is still there making sure the facility we used is cleaned up.

We, as a council, owe a great debt to Mike, and we would be remiss if we did not also recognize the support he and we receive from the efforts of his wife, Joanne. In addition to her involvement as Court Regent of the Catholic Daughters and Co-Advisor to the Junior Catholic Daughters she gives very generously of her time and energy to help set up and coordinate our council family and social events.

CHURCH

Brothers

Our first council effort in support Redeemer's outreach to provide assistance to the Hanover Friends Church in sorting and helping to distribute USDA food to needy people of Hanover County took place on March 4th and March 5th. The people of Hanover friends were very appreciative of our assistance in serving the 50+ needy people who came to Hanover Friends on March 5th. We plan to continue this effort each month on the first Monday and Tuesday.

More specifics on our potential outreach as a Council with the Hanover Health Community of retired elderly is now available. As a result of discussion with Vicki Ambrose of Hanover Health we have been informed of a need for 2 or 3 people per week to play games with residents. In addition there is a trip to a local shopping center for some of the residents once a month. During this trip 2 or 3 people are needed to push the residents around the shopping center in their wheelchairs.

If anyone is interested in either of these outreach efforts give me a call at 746-9671.

Thanks,

Ed Soniat

Please take a moment to relax your mind and humble your heart to focus on Christ. Allow God, to be the only person on your mind while you read this prayer.

Dear Lord,
I thank You for this day. I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me.

Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you. I ask now for Your forgiveness.

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty

of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You.

Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things.

Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. Let me continue to see sin through God's eyes and acknowledge it as evil. And when I sin, let me repent, and confess with my mouth my wrongdoing, and receive the forgiveness of God.

And when this world closes in on me, let me remember Jesus' example-to slip away and find a quiet place to pray. It's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will.

Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak. Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those that don't believe. But I thank you that I believe.

I believe that God changes people and God changes things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers. For each and every family member in their households. I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met.

I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees them and every mouth that confesses them willingly.

This is my prayer.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.



ANNUAL WALK
FOR
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

APRIL 6, 2002

VEPCO BUILDING
DOWNTOWN CARY STREET

WALK BEGINS AT 8:30 AM

You can walk yourself by signing up at 8 am at the above location. If you would like to sponsor a walker contact Paul Byrnes at 746-1245 or see Paul at our April 1 meeting

**KNIGHTS OF VIRGINIA
ASSISTING RETARDED**

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EFFORT

April 18-20

UKROPS AND ABC STORES

MAY 4

FOOD LION STORES

Sign up for a 2 hour shift on any of the above dates

To Participate

Call Bob Birmingham

At

746-9122

**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**

**STATE BOWLING
TOURNAMENT**

APRIL 5-7, 2002

HANOVER LANES

BELL CREEK ROAD

CONTACT MIKE BONELLI TO HELP
WITH THE TOURNAMENT OF
PARTICIPATE

PHONE 779-3298

SINCE OUR COUNCIL IS THE SPONSOR OF THIS TOURNAMENT WE WANT TO MAKE A GOOD SHOWING AND COULD USE YOUR HELP. IF YOU KNOW OF OTHERS WHO WANT TO JOIN YOU A CREATE A BOWLING TEAM TO PARTICIPATE YOU WOULD BE WELCOME TO DO SO. WE ALSO NEED INDIVIDUAL BOWLERS TO FILL IN ON OTHER TEAMS WHERE THEY MIGHT BE SHORT OF THE FULL COMPLEMENT.

Brothers...

My apologies. I incorrectly told you all that the April Men's Rally was on Saturday...in fact the Rally will be on Friday. Below in the correct information:

Friday Evening
April 26th
7:30PM
Hopewell
United Methodist
Church
(Just off Rt. 288 at the Courthouse Rd.
Interchange)
Reverend
Paul Vandercook
will bring our message.

No need to sign up...just show up. You'll be glad you did.

Visit our website
www.virginiAMENofvision.com

Your Brother in Christ...
Scott Anderson
President
Virginia Men of Vision

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Philippians 4:13

YOUR CROSS

A young man was at the end of his rope, seeing
no way out, dropped to his knees in prayer.

"Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy
of a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room.

Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told.

Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall.

"I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.
And the
Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you
just brought in."

When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

YOUR CROSS

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
There will always be sunshine after the rain.

Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall,

But God's always there to help you through it all.

April 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Business Meeting	2	3	4	5 State Bowling Tournament	6 State Bowling Tournament
7 State Bowling Tournament	8 Annunciation of the Lord	9	10 Bingo Hanover Health	11	12	13
14	15 Directors Meeting	16	17	18 KOVAR	19 KOVAR	20 KOVAR
21 Vocation Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Pancake Breakfast	29	30				

May 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Business Meeting	2	3	4
5	6 KOVAR	7	8 Bingo Hanover Health	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SCAN STOP CHILD ABUSE NOW

Thanks to all who helped at Rare Ode Times to collect for SCAN. We will be writing a check in the amount of \$1520.00 to SCAN in the near future. Be sure to say thanks to Andy Jennings for allowing us to collect there for this great cause. By the way, Rare Olde Times is a great place to go for dinner and entertainment.

BINGO AT THE VETERANS HOSPITAL

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Our next bingo that we do at this hospital is Sunday May 5th. These veterans really enjoy playing bingo and winning a few dollars. Bingo starts at 7pm and is over at 8pm. We need about 12 workers. We will car pool from church at 6pm. Anyone that can help please see Paul or Bob Kemmler at the April meeting or call Paul at 746-1245. Thanks for your help.

CHEERS AND THE BEER AND SEAFOOD FEST

Friday cheers starts Friday May 3rd..reporting time for cheers is 5:45 pm and is over by 9:30 pm. It is held at Browns Island. Callers ill be contacting you to work two weeks prior to this date. Please help. The beer and seafood fest is Saturday May 18th and Sunday May 19th.. Please try to keep one of these two dates open as we need a lot of help to ID customers as well as work on a beer truck. Thanks. Any questions concerning cheers or the beer fest call Paul at 746-1245.

The meaning of the Bible (from a child's perspective)

A father was approached by his small son who proudly said, "I know what the Bible means!"
His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you "know" what the Bible means?"
The son replied, "I do know!"
"Okay," said his father. "So, Son, what does the Bible mean?"
"That's easy, Daddy, It stands for "Basic instructions Before Leaving Earth."
Leave it to a child to figure it out!

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Outside Guards

Chuck Toombs

George Kraynak

Trustee 3 Year

Marty Thomas

Trustee 2 Year

Frank Gerloff

Trustee 1 Year

Dave Dehetre

Hanover Clean-up Day

15 Young People-Made a Difference

On Saturday, March 23, fifteen young people from our Parish joined to make a difference in Mechanicsville. They gathered at 8:00 a.m. to pray and to enjoy a pancake breakfast. Everyone must know that Bob Birmingham is the pancake KING! The pancakes were terrific! Then it was off to work!

Four homes were selected to benefit from youthful energy. There was painting to be done, leaves and brush to be hauled away, including a cut-down tree. Eight truckloads of brush had to be hauled from one home. The homeowner was so grateful that he could see out of his front window after the bushes were trimmed. Mike Roberts was a site leader. When he arrived at his site and saw the magnitude of work to be done, he ran home and brought his own equipment to use, which helped to expedite the work.



Just when everyone was getting tired, Dana Nelson and his friend, Tim Papenfuse, delivered wonderful box lunches. The cookies were excellent. No one could move after lunch, but work had to continue.

Gradually, work did get finished. Many finished at one home on Atlee Road to paint a wrought iron fence. As the painting was completed, Chris Stilwell arrived with fried chicken to cap off the day! And then, some of the kids had to go to their part-time jobs...what an amazing bunch of kids!

Special mention and thanks go to Ed Soniat who helped set up for the breakfast and who bought the coffee. Thank you also to Frances McDonald and Dave Wallo who donated cash to offset the cost of supplies. Mike Matassa donated drop cloths for the painting detail.

The site leaders were great! They drove kids to the sites and kept everyone focused on getting the work done safely and efficiently. Thank you Mike Roberts, Mike Bonelli, Tad and Chris Stilwell.

Of course all the young people have to be applauded for their hard work! The workers were: Jes and Melisa Stilwell, Christopher Bonelli, Kevin Battista, John Harvey, Mike Molnar, Michael Allen, Elizabeth Fonseca, Valerie Southard, Adam Butalewicz, Hilary Heim, Tori Whitaker, Elizabeth Koch, and Annie Worland. Thank you guys for a fantastic job!!!

There is one other fine young lady to thank. That is Katie Stilwell. She came up with the idea to do this while searching the web and found a site that encourages young people to make a difference in their communities by doing such projects. Katie found out who needed help, screened the sites to make sure she had enough workers and skilled adults to get the work done, to raise money for the supplies, and to manage the work activity. Katie, you did an exemplary job!

What a way to begin Holy Week...to see a bunch of kids and adults doing the Lord's work...being disciples in action! You kids have made four peoples' Easter very holy indeed!