



# *The Knights Scroll*

Monthly Newsletter of the Albert E. Chipman Council # 11042  
Knights of Columbus



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## **Council Officers**

### **Grand Knight**

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### **Chancellor**

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### **Recorder**

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### **Treasurer**

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### **Lecturer**

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### **Advocate**

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### **Warden**

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### **Inside Guards**

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Dan Baird 730-3530

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### **Trustee 3 Year**

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### **Trustee 2 Year**

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## Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brothers:

I NEED YOUR HELP! The first principal of our Order (taught to each of us when we took our First Degree) is Charity. However, to be charitable,

our Council needs to raise money. It so happens that the next four months are our busiest and largest for fund-raising. We have just finished the first phase of our KOVAR collections. The second phase will occur on Saturday May 4th at the local Food Lion stores. Starting on May 3rd and continuing throughout the summer is Friday Cheers at Brown's Island. In addition, we need help at the Richmond Raceway (RIR) May 3-4 and at the Beer Fest May 18-19. When you receive your call to help please say "YES". It's a great time for both newer and older Brothers to get to know each other while helping to raise money for charity. Bring your spouse along and meet other Brothers and their wives.

My sincere thanks for all your help and may God Bless you and your Family.

Fraternally Yours,

Marty Thomas, GK

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PGK Joe Suarez 746-4835

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### Crusade for Life

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### KOVAR

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### Recruitment

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### Membership

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### Cheers

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### Organ Donation

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### BIRTHDAYS

Tommy Sties	5-2
Mark Evans	5-3
Steve Phillips	5-4
Jack Murray	5-6
Bob Gunn	5-6
Tom Verdicchio	5-8
Wayne Saunders	5-9
Bob Kemmler	5-10
Hugh Foley	5-13
Dave Dehetre	5-19
Ed Cary	5-16
Don Kros	5-17
John Vitale	5-19
George Kraynak	5-20
Rich White	5-22
Paul Byrnes	5-27
Wes Keck	5-28
Ed Cadiuex	5-29

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Mary Vitale	5-6-54
Tom & Norma Verdicchio	5-6-88
Bob & BJ Jennings	5-6-57
Happy 45th	
Mike & Athena Chudoba	5-8-93
Mike & Jeanine Ellis	5-12-90
Ed & Lynn Cutright	5-14-77
Happy 25th	
Frank & Bonnie Eckert	5-15-65
Terry & Linda Gay	5-17-80
Rick & Denise Long	5-19-84
Marty & Freda Thomas	5-19-01
Tony & Barbaralee Vetrano	5-20-89
Ed & Kristin Widun	5-20-00
Fitz & Christi Rogers	5-23-92
Happy 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Ed & Gilda Cadieux	5-25-85
Pete & Karen Florey	5-25-96
Frank & Reagan Gerloff	5-26-83
Mike & Jeanne Roberts	5-29-82
Happy 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Don & Monica Hart	5-31-98

### 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 Pohida\*\*Dewey Pourciau\*\*Mildred Bartos \*\*Brother Of Dave Wallo\*\* Laura Condon\*\*Bob Birmingham's Mother In Law\*\* \*\* Mother Of Joe Quetsch\*\* Jean See Sister Of Mike And Ken Ritz\*\* \*\*

### NAME TAGS

Knights of Columbus name tags are available through Mike Roberts when you become a member of Council 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 Knights 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.

## Chancellor's Report

Brothers,



A recent issue of The Catholic Virginian had a special vocations awareness section. It included many interesting stories of vocations including priests, sisters, and the vocation of marriage. If you missed

reading it, please take the time to get a copy and enjoy the stories. Share these stories with your families. Please pray for vocations.

At this time I am calling on all brothers who are interested in holding committee chairmanships for the next fraternal year to let me know ASAP. The current committees are listed on page two of this newsletter. You can reach me by e-mail at [Bob\\_Birmingham@attbi.com](mailto:Bob_Birmingham@attbi.com) or by phone 804-746-9122. I will be calling all of the current committee chairmen to see if they are interested in serving another year. Committee chairmen work with the council's executive board and allow many of the activities that we enjoy to happen.

I wish to thank the following for their assistance with KOVAR collections April 18, 19, 20 at area ABC Stores and the Mechanicsville UKROPS.

Ed Ceol	Chris Witte
Scot Henry	Jerry Stack
Dan Baird	Bill Taylor
George Kraniak	Marty Thomas, GK
Jim Connelly	Frank Gerloff, PGK
Frankie Gerloff	Joe Suarez, PGK
Dave Dehetre, PGK	Dan Kane, PGK
Tommy Sties	Pat Reilly
John Bartos	Mildred Bartos
Richard Prezioso	Steve Gerloff, PGK
Joe McFadden	Rob Dilea
Ed Soniat	Ray Santucci
Ed Lucas	Bob Jennings
BJ Jennings	Paul Byrnes
Ed Cadieux	Rich Newcomb
Rick Gillespie	Dan Riley
Scott Wyatt	Robert Moran
Doris Moran	Bubba Kauffman

Rich Laughlin	Norbert Thinnis
Roy Theisen	Allan Draper
Suzie Aunspach	Nicholas Aunspach
Dan Aunspach	Tad Stillwell, PGK
Greg Austin	Chuck Toombs
Erin Teger	Lewis Smith, PGK

These 48 brothers covered 68 2-hour shifts for over 138 hours of collection time and a total of \$2990.00 Many of these brothers worked multiple shifts in order to cover the entire schedule. Thank you for being on time and not missing any shifts.

I would like to thank Dana Nelson and Bob Jennings for making the reminder phone calls. This was an important job and it was done very well.

I would also like to thank Jeff Soniat, Kirk McClure, PGK, and Rich White for taking vacation time from their jobs in order to assist me with this successful campaign. These men worked tirelessly to coordinate the locations, and make sure that each shift was filled.

I would like to thank Dave Wallo, PGK for his sage wisdom, money-counting skills, as well as for opening up his home to be the headquarters for our effort.

I would like to thank Cheryl Toombs and Steve Gerloff, PGK for assisting with the money-counting.

I would also like to thank my wife Patty, and my children Erin, Colleen, and Shannon for giving me the time to spend on this effort.

I would like to apologize if I missed anyone. It was not intentional.

Now remember, we are not done. We still have the three Food Lion Stores on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2002. I need help to fill the schedule and I will be calling you. That will be a very busy weekend for our council and we will need help fulfilling all of our commitments. We have a food stand at RIR that weekend as well as Friday Cheers, and we have KOVAR.. Please be generous with your time so we can meet our commitments.

Fraternally Yours,

Bob Birmingham

## Deputy Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

Our active summer schedule is beginning. We will need volunteers for a number of events. We will be working cheers every Friday in the month of May. Those dates are May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. We are also being asked to provide volunteers for the River City Beer Festival on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are also needed to work a concession at both NASCAR races on May the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup>. When the cheers team callers call you make every attempt to work one or more of these events. These events provide the necessary funds to help us both run our council and help the community.

Thanks to everyone, who helped make our KOVAR campaign a success. Our annual KOVAR campaign proves that we are truly a charitable organization. Many thanks to brother Bob Birmingham, our KOVAR chairman. Bob you exemplify what our organization is all about. Your leadership and drive has been tremendous this past year. You and your family have been a dynamic addition to our council.

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> our council hosted the State Bowling tournament. Thank you to Mike and Joanne Bonnelli, who organized a great tournament. Many around the state were very impressed with council 11042 and the professional job we did in putting on the tournament. Sometimes we fail to realize the amount of effort that must go into planning such a statewide event, as well as the many hours of hard work to coordinate and make sure everything goes smoothly during the event. Our heartfelt thanks for the many hours Mike, Joanne and Bob Birmingham especially put into making the event a success. Thanks also to the council members who helped by bowling where the teams were short of bowlers and to those who helped out at the alleys on Saturday and Sunday.

Finally thanks to Tad Stilwell and the rest of the kitchen crew who did a great job with the banquet on Saturday night. Although the turnout for the banquet was disappointing the meal was a huge success.

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### My Brother Knights...

Sin can happen in a split second. By the time you realize what you've said or done...it's too late. The sin is on record; there is a history. Such was the case at the last directors' meeting where, completely out of character, I said something to a Brother, which in an instant later I knew, was wrong and regrettable. But, the damage had been done. To you Brother, and to the others who heard me, I apologize. I diminished the meeting and lost respect.

We often assert ourselves and demand that our voice be heard, and that things be done "my way". We don't want to compromise, to listen to the opposition, or, to find a happy medium. How often do we lose control of our tempers? How often do we criticize each other in a negative way? How often do we gossip? All of these form the kind of attitude our Council will have, the face of the Council, if you will. Is that the kind of face we want people to see?

I need to control my temper, to be patient, to listen more and speak less. I need to highlight the positive and avoid the negative. I need to be willing to change enough, to give up enough, so that compromise is possible. Because if I don't, anger, animosity, and apathy will set in and spread through the Council like wildfire. By acting like a Catholic gentleman, I will help to form a Council who reflects the true vision of Father McGivny.

This Council is starting to feel some growing pains. An increasing number of our members are not as involved as we would hope. Others may feel alienated. Your officers and directors are beginning to discern ways to change that. The ideas and thoughts are many and varied. We all know that change and self-examination are difficult. But we will make such things less difficult, more positive, more agreeable if we remember our core value: charity. Charity begins at home and within our Council.

I vow to become more cognizant of my temper, of being too opinionated, and of failing to listen. I want to be different than the one who insulted his fellow Brother at the last directors' meeting. I want to be a Catholic gentleman in the fullest sense. I vow to be constantly aware that sin occurs in a split second. I want the face of our Council to be the face of charity that our founder envisioned. Do you?

Tad Stilwell

## Cheers \*\*\* Wednesday On the Waterfront \*\*\* RIR

Very important we need your help

May is a big month for us at #11042. We have cheers at Browns Island, River City Beer and Seafood fest at Browns Island, Wednesday On the Waterfront at the Canal Turning Basin and a refreshment stand at "RIR" for the May NASCAR races.

Here are the dates:

Friday Cheers! May 3, 17, 24, 31

Beer Fest! May 18&19

Waterfront! May 29

RIR! May 3&4

Brother Knights will be calling you to help out. They will have the details on times and directions.

Dates for the remainder of the summer will be published in the June newsletter.

Depending on how well the RIR function goes dictates if we will do the July Indy car race and the September NASCAR race. We hope that it goes very well because we are not going to make as much at cheers as we have in years past. Thanks for your help.

Paul

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### **Bingo at the Veterans Hospital**

Our next bingo that we do at this hospital is Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 call Paul at 746-1245. Thanks for your help as always.

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The Crisis Pregnancy Center will hold its 2002 Walk For Life on Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 AM. This is the only fund raiser for the center and the entire family can participate in the 2 mile walk along some of the prettiest and safest sidewalks in Richmond. There will be clowns, prizes and refreshments. Registration forms are available on the youth table.

You all continue to amaze me with your energy and enthusiasm for what you do for Redeemer and the wider community. Thanks.

Peace,

Kathy Ritz

## Church



### Brothers

Our second 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 April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Again the people of Hanover friends were very appreciative of our assistance in unloading the USDA food delivery truck and serving the 50+ needy people who came to Hanover Friends on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We plan to continue this effort each month on the first Monday and Tuesday.

We also participated in a trip to Ginter Gardens during which we pushed the elderly residents through the beautiful gardens in their wheelchairs. They do not get many opportunities to get out and are most appreciative of any help we can provide in assisting them to get out more. Our potential continuing Council outreach with the Hanover Health Community of retired elderly will be put on hold for a couple months due to the heavy workload our members will have in order to work Cheers, the Races, and the Beer Fest. We will begin our outreach program with Hanover Health in late August. This effort, once it starts will require 2 or 3 of us once a week to play games with the elderly residents and about once a month take some of them out to the shopping center. Be thinking about whether you or both you and your spouse might be interested in this as we will make a call for volunteers during July.

During May, June, July and August we will need some time from as many of brother knights as we can get. The number of hours and number of people needed to work the events mentioned above is very significant. We realize that a number of you have work and family responsibilities, however giving us just one 3 hour period on a Friday night during the

summer would be of great help in our fund raising efforts. If you are a new member, this is a good way to jump into our fund raising efforts and at the same time get to know your fellow brothers. If you do not receive a call during the next couple weeks please call Paul Byrnes as he will be more than happy to offer you the option of a number of tasks we as a council are taking on in order to provide funds for our charitable efforts.

Thanks,

Ed Soniat

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### Expectations of Kids

What do you expect from your kids? How do you communicate your expectations to them? Today, let's talk about what's reasonable and what's not.

All parents expect certain things from their children. But expectations that are too high, too low, or never clearly expressed can cause trouble. Having expectations that are too high promotes failure rather than success, and leads to an enormous amount of stress for both you and your kids.

On the other hand, expectations that are too low can lead to failure, too, because they don't help your children to stretch their capacities and develop a sense of competence and resiliency. Most important of all, I believe, is to make sure you talk to your kids about your expectations and spell them out as clearly as possible.

If you expect them to clean their room once a week, make sure they understand exactly what "clean" means and which day of the week they have to have it done by. At the same time, tailor your expectations so that they're realistic and appropriate to that particular child at that particular stage of their development.

What's right for one doesn't necessarily fit another and what was reasonable ten years ago may no longer make much sense. By the way, if you expect your kids to share certain values you cherish - such as honesty, confidence, and dependability - make sure you serve as a good role model. Even when they may not seem to be listening to what you say, you can bet they're paying close attention to what you do.

Lou Tice, The Pacific Institute

# KNIGHTS OF VIRGINIA ASSISTING RETARDED

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EFFORT

April 18-20

UKROPS AND ABC STORES

MAY 4

FOODLION STORES

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

To Participate

Call Bob Birmingham

At

746-9122

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### Lawnmower Safety

Now that warmer weather is here, people are starting to garden again. Here is some information about mowing and safety.

Did You Know?

- A lawnmower blade can travel at 200 mph. At that speed, even a dull blade will slice fingers and toes in its way.
  - The blade spins at 3,000 rotations per minute, or 50 rotations per second. The force is equivalent to a 21-pound lead weight dropped 100 feet.
  - An object-flung from a lawnmower travels with as much energy as a bullet from a .357 magnum.
    - The noise level of a push lawnmower is approximately 87 dB and up.
- Before starting to mow, the operator should:
- . Understand the proper use and operation of the mower
  - . Clear the area of sticks, stones, children's toys, and other debris
  - . Clear the area of children, adults, and animals. Make certain that children are supervised so that they can not enter the area in which you are mowing.
  - . Wear sturdy footwear such as work shoes or steel-toe boots (never mow barefoot or wear sandals or sneakers)
    - . Wear close-fitting slacks and shirts to avoid entanglement
  - . Make sure all guards, deflectors and safety devices are in place and working
    - . Check fuel before starting (do not add fuel when engine is hot)
- While mowing, the operator should:
- . Wear eye protection
  - . Pay careful attention to the operation of the mower
    - . Move slowly over rough terrain
  - . Direct the discharge chute away from cars, buildings, and people
    - . Look ahead of the mowing path for debris
    - . Look before backing
  - . Do not operate a mower on a grade steeper than 15 degrees (2.5 rise per 10 feet run).
    - . Operate walk-behind mowers across slopes
  - . Never attempt to adjust cutting height while mower is running
    - . Never operate on wet grass
  - . Never pull a mower up a grade while the engine is running (you might slip under the mower).



## **BINGO AT THE VETERANS HOSPITAL**

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Our next bingo that we do at this hospital is Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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## **CHEERS AND THE BEER AND SEAFOOD FEST**

Friday cheers starts Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>..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 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>.. 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.

## 2002 Slate of Officers Vote to be held at May Meeting

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