



# *The Knights Scroll*

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



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## **Deputy Grand Knight's Message**



Brothers:

On October 27<sup>th</sup> we had two events that the council was invited to. First is our Halloween party at the home of the Santucci's. Costumes were optional, but highly recommended by the host. We have also been invited to the state horseshoe tournament at St. John's in Highland Springs.

We are selling Christmas cards at the Craft Bazaar, at Ukrop's, and at our business meeting. We will also sell them at mass on selected weekends. Do your best to Keep Christ in Christmas and support this cause. I would like to thank Lin for taking up this venture again. Lin you did a fantastic job last year and you have gotten off to a great start this year. Your dedication to this program has been phenomenal.

On Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a second degree at St. Anne's in Ashland. Candidates need to be in coat and tie, and arrive at the hall no later than 7:00 p.m. We will be calling all first degree Knights soon so check your calendars. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a third degree at council 395 in Short Pump. Again, shirt and tie is the recommended attire and candidates should arrive no later than 11:15 a.m. We would love to see all of our brothers become full Knights.

Fraternally yours,  
Jeff

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### BIRTHDAYS

Scott Lysinger	11-1
Phil Smethers	11-3
Mark Stevens	11-5
Mike Teegarden	11-6
Mike Smith	11-7
Tony Vitale	11-8
Mark Condon	11-9
Jimmy Suarez	11-10
Rick Gillespie	11-12
Don Hart	11-12
Joe Suarez	11-14
Craig Holl	11-15
Fitz Rogers	11-19
Joe Quetsch	11-21
Steve Sparagna	11-24
Kevin Harvey	11-25

### ANNIVERSARIES

John & Amy Swierczewski	11-2-91
Happy 10th	
George & Hannah Krayna	11-4-72
Alan & Robin Tuck	11-3-84
Dave & Terecia Vermeer	11-6-99
Bob & Sharon Seifert	11-9-68
Jim & Linda Bean	11-10-84
Joe & Diane Mcfadden	11-18-95
Ricky & Kathy Mitchell	11-27-76
Happy 25 <sup>th</sup>	
Robert & Doris Moran	11-28-46
Happy 55 <sup>th</sup>	

### **PLEASE KEEP THESE FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Ross Albert\*\*Father of Lin Diacont\*\*Walter & Clara Harris\*\*Lisa Lippa\*\* Jeff Decker's Father\*\* Clare McClure & Her Sister\*\*Bobbie Murray\*\*Dana Nelson\*\*Sister Of John Pohida\*\*Dewey Pourciau\*\*Son of Ken Ritz\*\*Eva Taylor\*\*Brother Of Dave Wallo\*\*Johnny Ward\*\*Ann Williams\*\*Dick Prezioso

Craig Holl lost his father 10-17-01 please keep him in your prayers..

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November is the special month that we remember the family, relatives and friends that have gone before us. Let us now remember the brother knights from 11042 that have died since our council began in 1993.

Larry Thomas	DIED 8-30-93	AT AGE 46
Carl Liberatore	DIED 2-20-95	AT AGE 37
Herb Brasington	DIED 1-11-97	AT AGE 79
Manny Rivera	DIED 1-28-97	AT AGE 57
Dick Lacy	DIED 6-18-97	AT AGE 83
Jim Cason	DIED 12-23-97	AT AGE 69
Al Azzi	DIED 3-1-98	AT AGE 78
James Mcmanus	DIED 6-13-98	AT AGE 76
Pat Giovine	DIED 8-5-98	AT AGE 60
Ray Emory	DIED 3-11-00	AT AGE 72

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### CHEERS AND DIAMOND

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Bill Mazeika was omitted from the list of workers for these two events. This was a terrible mistake because Bill worked Cheers 9 times and the Diamond 5 times. Thanks for your time and effort Bill.

Final dollar figure for the Diamond was \$5180.08. Thanks to all who helped at the Diamond. With this event we were able to meet our major fund raising goal.

## Chancellor Report



Brothers:

I would like to thank the council for supporting the Pancake Breakfast in October, benefiting BSA Venture Crew 503, which is sponsored by The Church of the Redeemer. I especially want to thank our kitchen and serving crew and all of the brothers who assisted in any way. We raised over \$300.00 for the Venture Crew. This fundraiser would not have been successful without the assistance of the council.

Please remember that if you contribute to the United Way drive, you can direct your contribution to KOVAR. Our council gets credit towards our annual KOVAR fundraising goal for each contribution given through the United Way. I will need a copy of your contribution form to get the credit for our council.

If you choose not to contribute to United Way, but want to make a contribution to KOVAR, let me know and I will assist you with that generous endeavor

On November 11, 2001 from 8:30 until 12:00 noon we will have a Pancake Breakfast to benefit KOVAR. The cost will be \$3.00 per person and \$10.00 per family. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Remember to pray for vocations. A vocation is a gift of God freely given and freely received. It is God's expression of love for us, and his invitation to have a close, personal relationship with Him. If any of your family members express an interest in vocations, support them, with prayers, works and deeds. Remember, Vocations are everybody's business.

The Council Calendar on the web has been updated with all of the events planned to date. If you have any other events to add to the calendar, please forward them to me, and I will take care of it.

Fraternally Yours,

Bob Birmingham  
Chancellor

## Keep CHRIST In CHRISTMAS

Lin Diacont, Chairman, and Mike Chudoba, Co-Chairman, of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" committee, report that they kicked off Christmas card sales the weekend of October 27/28. and card sales went reasonably well.

They are, however, running slightly behind last year, and therefore, Lin and Mike needs your help. Brother Knights have been supportive in signing up to sell cards after masses the weekend of December 1-2 and at the craft bazaar and Ukrops on November 17. We still need more volunteers to help sell at the Craft Bazaar and at Ukrops (both Glen Allen and Mechanicsville). Lin also will need help the evening of Friday, Nov. 16, to assist in setup at the Craft Bazaar in tradeoff for our getting a free booth. Anyone interested in helping in any way, please contact Lin at 730-9047 (home), 550-3486 (office) or 837-6501 (cell) or Mike Chudoba, 840-9606 (cell). Thanks go out to Tad Stillwell, Jeff Soniat, Ed Soniat, Bill Roberts, Mike Martin, Mike Roberts and Kathy Diacont, who helped sell cards the weekend of Oct. 27/28. I encourage you to get with us to sign up to help in promoting "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Order forms for anyone wishing to purchase cards will be available at church in the commons on the green kiosk. Feel free to take one and return it to the green kiosk with your check. We will call you when your order is ready. Orders can also be placed by e-mail to Lin at LLS1974@erols.com . I challenge each and every Brother Knight to purchase a minimum of one box of cards to make this campaign the most successful one yet.

Cards will continue to be available for ordering or purchase at each Knights' meeting between now and Christmas. Please help your Brother Knights by supporting this campaign. Many Knights have purchased cards. If you have not yet done so, please plan to purchase some at the November meeting. You are also encouraged to take some order forms and sell to your family and friends. Thanks for all of your support. May God bless each and every one of you.

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### Old Business Issue

At the last business meeting a motion was made to donate \$250 to the Venture Group. This is the first publication of this issue. Discussion will be entertained in November for a vote in December.

## November 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls	3
4	5 Business Meeting First Degree	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day	12	13 2nd Degree @ St Ann's Ashland	14 Bingo @ Hanover Health	15	16	17 4th Degree in Richmond
18	19 Directors Meeting	20	21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	22 Newsletter Deadline Thanksgiving	23	24
25 Christ The King	26	27	28	29	30	

## December 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 First Sunday of Advent	3	4	5	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception
9 Second Sunday of Advent	10 Hanukkah	11	12 Bingo Hanover Health	13	14	15
16 Third Sunday Of Advent	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22
23 Forth Sunday of Advent	24	25 The Nativity of the Lord	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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As the soot and dirt and ash rained down,  
 We became one color.  
 As we carried each other down the stairs of the  
 burning building,  
 We became one class.  
 As we lit candles of waiting and hope,  
 We became one generation.  
 As the firefighters and police officers fought their  
 way into the inferno,  
 We became one gender.  
 As we fell to our knees in prayer for strength,  
 We became one  
 faith.  
 As we whispered or  
 shouted words of  
 encourage  
 ment,  
 We spoke one  
 language.  
 As we gave our  
 blood in lines a mile  
 long,  
 We became one  
 body.  
 As we mourned  
 together the great  
 loss,  
 We became one  
 family.  
 As we cried tears of  
 grief and loss,  
 We became one  
 soul.  
 As we retell with  
 pride of the sacrifice of heroes,  
 We become one people.



We are:  
 One color  
 One class  
 One generation  
 One gender  
 One faith  
 One language  
 One body  
 One family  
 One soul  
 One people  
 We are The Power of One.  
 We are United.  
 We are America.

**President Bush our leader**

This was the same man who came within a hair's breadth of losing an election in November, who withstood the political chicanery of the Florida Democratic machine to fix the vote count.

This was the same man who admitted to having a drinking problem in younger years, and whose happy-go-lucky lifestyle led him to mediocre grades in college and an ill-fated oil venture.

This was the same man who mangled syntax even more than his father, and whose speaking missteps became known as "Bushisms."

And on Friday, this was the man who bore the weight of the world and the responsibilities of a generation with dignity, class, confidence, appropriate solemnity,

and even much-needed wit.

One thing struck me during the campaign, that difficult, roller-coaster campaign that now seems years ago. It was that George W. Bush never seemed to get ruffled. Whether the theft of a campaign debate video or the sudden (some would say, vicious) release of a DUI arrest two decades ago at a key moment, "W" did not lose his cool. At times, his staff seemed overconfident, as did many of us. A 350-electoral-vote win, they quietly implied . . . and we optimistically believed. Then they counted the votes, miscounted others, and re-counted still others. At the end, he was still there. Whereas Al Gore almost frantically huffed and puffed, trying to gin up something out of nothing, Bush quietly but confidently waited at his ranch. He didn't do nothing; that is the mistake people have constantly made with this man, confusing lack of bluster for absence of action. No, his team of attorneys and the iron-willed James Baker were carrying out his orders, but W stayed in the background, confident and faithful.

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## My Brother Knights...

As a young boy, I lived outside of Charlotte, North Carolina. Behind my house were acres of woods. My friends and I would get up on Saturday mornings and head into those woods for hours. Our parents never worried. The worst that could happen is we'd get snakebit. or pick up ticks. In all the years that my buddies and I roamed those woods, we never saw a copperhead. We just picked the ticks off our heads and legs.

Deep in those woods was a huge, old oak tree. It had thick limbs and lots of shade. We decided to build a tree fort in the limbs and to camp out in it one Friday night. We found some old plywood and two-by-fours at my friend's house. One of the other guys got nails and hammers. The oldest of us, John, said he was the only one skilled enough to use the saw.

We started construction on Saturday morning and finished Sunday afternoon. That week after school, we would tear down to our fort to admire the job we had done, to plan our big camp-out, and to clear the land around our tree fort. We even made a fire pit.

The Friday night of all Friday nights came. We packed our backpacks full of snacks. We got our sleeping bags, ponchos, and flashlights. My friend's father came to light a campfire. Man, we were living the good life. Later, the fire began to die down and we decided to get into our tree cots and sleep. The fire went out and suddenly, we begin hearing bats swooshing around us. Flashlights clicked on. Ten minutes later, batteries died and lights went out. Twenty minutes later, five scared little boys were hunched together at the base of the tree...even John. Then, we retreated. At dawn's light, five boys were sleeping in their bags at the back door of my house. Yes, the bats had scared us out of the woods...but we were going to hang tough, and stay out all night.

I think that prior to the September 11<sup>th</sup>, we were much like those brave little boys who were full of energy and determination. But the Towers fell, the Pentagon was hit, a jet went down in Pennsylvania and now anthrax-small pox- and God knows what else threatens our sense of security. It's like bats swooshing all around us. But just as those boys huddled together to feel secure, we Knights huddle around that old tree, the cross. There we know we will find security, hope, and peace.

This November, the Church will recite necrologies to remember those who have died. Many names will be read from fresh memories and, the readings will stir up more pain. But we celebrate Thanksgiving in November as well. We remember the lives, the saints, who lived among us and we thank our God for having sent them to us and for taking them to live eternally with Him.

My Brothers, if you have been afraid of the uncertainties in your life, if you mourn the losses you may have experienced, and if you have felt alone, then grab hold of one another. Let's gather around that cross upon which the essence and nature of life are clearly seen, and let us celebrate how wonderful God's blessings have been to us...for we truly have each other to huddle with. And, from that cross we have Jesus' arms stretched out over us. Together, we will conquer every fear, every memory, and find loneliness only a fleeting moment.

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The unity of heart and mind  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes,  
Our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

( John Fawcett, 1740-1817, *LBW* )

Hey Nan, is it time to eat yet?!!  
Happy Thanksgiving!  
Tad Stilwell

You see, it is this faith business that confounded everyone. We have had such actors and liars in

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public office that we have looked skeptically whenever anyone used the term faith. But this was the same man who was the first politician ever in recent memory to name Jesus Christ as the lord of his life on public TV. Not an oblique reference to being “born-again” or having a “life change.” He said the un-PC-like phrase, “Jesus Christ,” to which his handlers and advisors, no doubt, off stage, were also saying, “Jesus Christ” in a much different tone.

God has a way of honoring those who honor Him. David learned that while he was on the run from Saul’s armies. Job learned that after his time of horrible tribulation. The Messiah said so Himself, many times.

So this was the man who actually put faith into practice. He actually loves those who hate him. It is a staggering concept, so foreign in daily occurrence that few thought it anything but grandstanding. Even one of W’s biggest supporters chided the President for adhering to his “new tone.” Yet there he was, again and again, thanking the Democrats. Appointing his enemies to high places in his government. Inviting his former foes and their wives to private movie screenings, and (I know, this is hard to stomach) even treating them with dignity. See, this was the man who learned early on how faith worked: by praying for his enemies, you “heap burning coals upon their heads.”

This was the man who named the absolute top people in national security and defense, then caught barbs from the politically righteous that this one didn’t have the right views on abortion or that one didn’t have the right position on guns.

And on September 11, at mid-morning, this was the man thrust into a position only known by Roosevelt, Churchill, Lincoln, and Washington. The weight of the world was on his shoulders, and the responsibility of a generation was on his soul. So this same man—the one that the media repeatedly attempted to tarnish with charges of “illegitimacy,” and the one whose political opponents desperately sought to stonewall until mid-term elections—walked to his seat at the front of the National Cathedral just three days after the two most impressive symbols of American capitalism and prosperity virtually evaporated, along with, perhaps, thousands of Americans.

As he sat down next to his wife, immediately I knew that even if his faith ever faltered, hers didn’t. I have never seen a more peaceful face than Laura Bush, whose eyes seemed as though they were already gazing at the final outcome . . . not just of this conflict, but of her reward in Heaven itself. In this marriage, you indeed got two for the price of one.

Then came the defining moment of our generation. Some people fondly recall their Woodstock days. Others mark with grim sadness November 22, 1963, as the day America lost her innocence. But I firmly believe when the history of this time is written, it will be acknowledged by friend and foe alike that President George W. Bush came of age in that cathedral and lifted a nation off its knees. It wasn’t so much his words, though read a decade later, they will indeed be as stirring as any. This conflict would end, he noted, “. . . at a time of our choosing.” It certainly wasn’t his emotion. What had to have been one of the most stunning exhibitions of self-control in presidential history, W was able to deliver his remarks without losing either his resolve or his focus, or, more important, his confidence. It was as if God’s hand, which had guided him through that sliver-thin election, now rested fully on him.

His quiet confidence let our enemies know . . . and believe me, they know . . . that they made a grave miscalculation. Now, this same man who practiced his faith through a tough election, who steeled his convictions even more in a drawn-out Florida battle, and who never once gave in to the temptation to get in the gutter with his foes (well, ok, maybe the “Clymer” comment is an exception), this same man now lifted the weight of the world and the responsibility of a generation and put it on his modest shoulders as though it were another unpleasant duty.

As he walked back to his seat, the camera angle was appropriate. He was virtually alone in the scene, alone in that massive place of God, just him and the Lord. But that’s the way it’s always been in his life recently. In that brief time it took him to return to his seat, I believe he heard words to the effect of, “You can do this, George. I am with you always. And you can do this well, because I am going before you. And don’t worry about the weight. I’ve got it.” And I saw in his eyes a quiet acknowledgement. “I know. Thank you, Lord.”

Back at his seat, when W sat down, George H. W. Bush reached over and took his son’s hand. The elder Bush always struck me as a religious man, but not someone who shared his life on a daily basis with the Lord. George H. W. treats the Father like a respected uncle, visiting Him on appropriate holidays and knowing the relationship is real, but not constant. Anyway, I believe that in that fatherly squeeze George H. W. said, “I wish I could do this for you, son, but I can’t. You have to do this on your own.” W squeezed back and gave him that look of peace that Laura had kept throughout. It said, “I don’t have to do it alone, dad. I’ve got help.”

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What a blessing to have a professing Christian as President - one who is not ashamed to admit it! Please take a moment after you read this to pray for him - he truly does have the weight of the world on his shoulders. Pray that God will sustain him and give him wisdom and discernment in his decisions. Make no mistake about it - the decisions he makes in the coming days, weeks and months will literally define the future of our country and the free world. Pray for his protection and that of his family.

*This Speaks for its self*

