



The Knights Scroll

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



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Grand Knight's Message



I would first like to start off congratulating ten brothers who took their second degree earlier this month. John Adams, Maynard Belongia, Don Byrne, Robert Dileo, Hugh Foley, Tim Holt, Mike Kremmer, Jim Nettles, Mike Whitt, and Stan Waskiewicz all completed the second stage on their way to Knighthood in our order. I was proud to be a part of that special night for them and I look forward to seeing them though on their way to full knighthood in the order. There will be a third degree on Sunday December 1st at council 395 in Short Pump. If you are a second-degree member, you will be called to take advantage of this opportunity to become a full knight. We will have a car pool that day for anyone interested in attending.

We have two events this month that everyone should consider attending. On December 14th we will have our annual Christmas party. Please come and share a wonderful holiday evening with fellow brothers, their wives, and fellow parishioners. On December 21st we will have a spaghetti dinner with Santa. This is an excellent family event put on by our council. Bob and Eric will go into more details in their reports. Please read about the details and make your best efforts to attend these events.

Our December meeting will be a holiday celebration. We will have a very short meeting with a dinner to follow. The directors and officers will be cooking dishes to share. This will be a small gesture to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to our council. Come and break bread with us at the Verdi Lodge on Monday December 2nd and let us thank you for making us one of the best councils in the jurisdiction of Virginia.

My best wishes to all brothers for a happy and holy Christmas. Please share the blessings of the season with friends and relatives by sending them our "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards.

Jeff

Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Brothers:



I would like to thank all those who assisted in painting the rectory.

I would like to thank all who assisted with the pancake breakfast benefiting the Human Concerns committee for the Church of the Redeemer.

Keep Christ in Christmas this holiday season by supporting our card sales program. Buy a box and support our efforts. Call Lin Diacont for details.

On December 8, 2002 the council is participating in the Mechanicsville Christmas Parade. We will need help putting together the float. On December 4th and December 5th we will be meeting at Ray Santucci's home between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm. On December 7th we will be meeting at Ray Santucci's home between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. We also need 2x4 lumber and plywood to build the float. If you can donate anything, drop it off at your convenience at Ray's house. If you have any questions, call Ray 730-2340.

On December 14, 2002 is the Council Christmas party. Tickets are \$25 a couple, \$15 a single. Mike Martin needs assistance with this event.

On December 21, 2002 we will be hosting Spaghetti with Santa in Genesis Hall. I need assistance with food preparation and serving. If you can assist, give me a call.

On January 11, 2003 at 8:30 AM we will be having our annual retreat at the Home of Ray Santucci. Father Mike Renninger will be our guest speaker. The title of the retreat is going to be: "Opening your heart to God's loving forgiveness" We will have a mass at 11:20 or so... Please plan to attend this fine event.

Mark your calendars, save your money. On February 22, 2002, Council 11042 will sponsor a bus trip to Atlantic City. We will be leaving Mechanicsville at 6:00 am by luxury motor coach, arriving at an Atlantic City Casino at approximately 12:00 Noon. After a day at the shore the bus leaves Atlantic City at 8:00 PM and returns to Mechanicsville at 2:00 AM. The cost for this fine trip is \$45.00 per person. The Casino will return to each player \$10.00 to \$15.00. Refreshments will be provided on the bus.

I wish all of your families a safe and holy holiday season.

Fraternally Yours,

Bob Birmingham
Deputy Grand Knight

Church

Brothers,

Thanks to the brothers who gave freely of their time to paint the Church Rectory. The Rectory building had not been painted in quite some time which made the task quite difficult and time consuming. Father Jim was most appreciative and publicly thanked the Knights during the masses on November 17. The Church's Human Resource coordinator has expressed her thanks to the Knights for their support of the USDA food distribution to assist the needy at Hanover Friends Church on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month. This program is one of our efforts supporting the Church's outreach program.

Please consider supporting our "Keep Christ in Christmas" program by purchasing Christmas Cards at our December meeting. This is a program we participate in each year as part of our commitment to keeping our brothers and other members of our community of our support for preserving the true meaning of Christmas.

In support of the Church's Human Concerns program, the council voted to contribute to the support of a Peace Corps project initiated by the daughter of one of our parishioners during our November meeting.

Ed Soniat

Fund Raising

Fund raising for our Council * Big savings for you and your family**

The 2002/2003 entertainment books are in. Some nice changes from last year but still big savings on restaurants, Sporting events, movies, dry cleaning, hotels and more.

Books sell for \$30.00 and your council makes \$6.00 on each book for the many good works that we do as a Council.

Books can also be ordered for other cities around the country to use as Christmas gifts or for places that you may visit on a regular basis.

Call Paul at 746-1245 to order a book or come to our next general meeting on December 2nd.

Artwork by Debbie Pompano

Two very special pieces by Debbie are being sold by our council as a fund raiser. They are "Our Hope Is In You" a picture of Debbie's thoughts after the 9-11-01 attacks on our country and "Mother of Mercy" a beautiful picture Of the Blessed Mother holding baby Jesus.

"Our Hope Is In You" is available in 15x20 at \$25.00 or 20x26 signed & numbered at \$50.00. "Mother of Mercy" comes only in the 15x20 size at \$25.00

Please call Paul at 746-1245 if you would like to see these. They would make wonderful Christmas gifts.

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BIRTHDAYS

Scott Henry	12-2
Joe Drust	12-8
Chris Kinsler	12-9
Jim Nettles	12-9
Jim Perry	12-9
John Stajduhar	12-11
Mike Kremer	12-19
Lee Vietmeier	12-29
Bob Seifert	12-30

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Barbara Mc Neice	12-1-59
Chris & Ann Bevan	12-2-89
Pat & Catherine Reilly	12-11-92
Pat & June Quisenberry	12-30-60
Ed & Anne Soniat	12-30-67

**Please pray for the sick in our council as well as the sick that would like us to pray for them.
Take a few minutes each day to pray for these people.**

Maynard Belongia Ed Ceol Dana Nelson Dewey Pourciau
Laura Condon Lynne Worland

The Fathers Of Jeff Decker Hugh Foley Jack Murray Al Polson
And Mike Roberts

The Mothers Of Pete Booker George Kraynak And Joe Quetsch

The Mothers In Law Of Bob Birmingham And Ray Santucci

The Father In Law Of Tom Schnurman The Brother Of Dave Wallo
The Sister Of Mike And Ken Ritz The Uncle Of Lin Diacont
And A Young Man In Our Extended Family Luke Beard

We also have a death that we want to mention. Brother knight Dave Allen
Lost his aunt Beryle Saunders, the woman who raised Dave. Please keep Dave
And his family in your prayers.

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COUNCIL CALENDAR

DECEMBER, 2002

2	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
2	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting
3	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
11	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
14	7:00 PM	Genesis Hall	Christmas Party
16	7:00 PM	McClure's	Director's Meeting
21	7:00 PM	Genesis Hall	Spaghetti with Santa

JANUARY, 2003

6	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy 6
7:00 PM		Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting – 1 st Degree
7	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
8	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
11	9:00 AM	St. Edwards	State Meeting
11	8:30 AM	Santucci's	Council Retreat
12			Council Free Throw Contest
19	7:00 AM	Genesis Hall	Pancake Breakfast
20	7:00 PM	Santucci's	Director's Meeting
22	TBD	DC	March for Life
26	5:00 PM	Bonelli's	Super Bowl Party

FEBRUARY, 2003

3	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy 3
7:00 PM		Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting
4	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
9	7:00 AM	Genesis Hall	Pancake Breakfast
12	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
15	7:00 PM	Times Dispatch	10 th Anniversary Dinner
17	7:00 PM	TBD	Director's Meeting
22	5:30 AM	Atlantic City Casino	Bus Trip to Atlantic City, NJ

MARCH, 2003

3	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy 3
7:00 PM		Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting - 1 st Degree
4	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
8	9:00 AM	Newport News	State Meeting
12	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
16	7:00 AM	Genesis Hall	Pancake Breakfast
17	7:00 PM	TBD	Director's Meeting
22	TBD	TBD	State Free Throw Championship
29			Founder's Day

APRIL, 2003

5-6		Norfolk	State Bowling Tournament
7	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
7	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting
8	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
9	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
12	11:30 AM	Genesis Hall	Easter Egg Hunt
21	7:00 PM	TBD	Director's Meeting
24-27		Mechanicsville	KOVAR DRIVE WEEKEND

MAY, 2003			
1-4	TBD	Fairfax	State Convention
5	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
5	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting - 1 st Degree
6	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
10	TBD	Food Lion	KOVAR Drive
11	7:00 AM	Genesis Hall	Pancake Breakfast
14	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
19	7:00 PM	TBD	Director's Meeting
JUNE, 2003			
1	TBD	TBD	Fishing Trip
2	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
2	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting
3	9:00 AM	Church	Church Outreach Food Distribution for the needy
11	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
15	7:00 AM	Genesis Hall	Pancake Breakfast
16	7:00 PM	TBD	Director's Meeting
28	4:00 PM	Genesis Hall	CARITAS
JULY, 2003			
7	7:00 PM	Verdi Lodge	Council Meeting – 1 st Degree
9	7:00 PM	Hanover Health	Bingo
20	2:00 PM	Genesis Hall	Installation of Officers
21	7:00 PM	TBD	Director's Meeting
AUGUST, 2003			
10	3:00 PM	Genesis Hall	Past Grand Knights Dinner

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONOGRAMMED CLOTHING

Knights - You can now purchase just about any type of clothing with our Knights emblem embroidered on it right here in Mechanicsville at

LOGO ADVANTAGE

They are located in the Hollywood Video building which is in front of the Wall-Mart Super store.

Phone Number is 730-2794.
Store hours are Mon to Fri 9 to 7
Saturday 10 to 2

Mention Rick, the owner's name and get at least 10% off.

If you have any questions call John Pohida at 730-2794

The “W” in Christmas

Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations - extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then.

Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise. So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor.

Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song. Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment - songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row-center stage! - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W." The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W."

Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

“CHRISTWAS LOVE”

And, I believe, He still is.