



# The Knightly News

Roanoke Council No. 562

ROANOKE COUNCIL 562: SERVING OUR PRIESTS, PARISHES AND COMMUNITY SINCE 1901

## Grand Knight's Report



Karl D. Kleinhenz, Grand Knight

Brothers:

*"People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought which they seldom use."*

— [Søren Kierkegaard](#)

Last October, the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life released a study finding that nearly 20% of Americans

identified themselves as religiously unaffiliated (responding 'None' to a question about religious preference on a survey form). Those respondents tended to be educated and under 30 years old, causing religious pundits to wonder if the end of organized religion is in sight. People who identify themselves as spiritual but not religious push back against the notion that they have no community to fall back on or impetus to help the poor. BJ Gallagher, a Huffington Post blogger who writes about spirituality, compared 'spiritual but not religious' people to people who complete 12-step programs to beat addiction. "Twelve-step people have a brilliant spiritual community that avoids all the pitfalls of organized religion. Each recovering addict has a 'God of our own understanding,' and there are no priests or intermediaries between you and your God. It's a spiritual community that works." But organized religion does have positive effects on people and fills voids that cannot be attained in any other place. Most academic research about religion and well-being, said Tanya Luhrmann, a psychological anthropologist and the Watkins University professor at Stanford University, has found that religion is good for you and provides three outlets that benefit churchgoers' well being: social support, attachment to a

loving God and the organized practice of prayer. "When you become spiritual but not religious, you are losing the first two points and most spiritual but not religious people aren't participating in the third," Luhrmann said. "It is not just a generic belief in God that works; it is specific practices that work."

Not only is our Catholic belief good for ourselves, but it is good for others. Sharing our faith and fellowship while growing our organization keeps us grounded and brings us closer to the God we trust and worship. Supreme is offering a discount on the Council's annual assessment for every new member brought into the Knights and every inactive member reinstated. I would like to turn this back to the membership with a little friendly competition. The member in good standing who has the highest number of candidates who take their first degree and/or has the highest number of reinstatements from now through June 30, 2013 will be awarded a great prize. Eligible candidates and reinstatements will be determined by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. See the GK or FS for details. Remember, we have 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees on March 18<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all who attended the Brunch with Santa and the Epiphany party. They were both great successes. Thanks also to the kitchen crew, the bar crew and the planning committees. Wonderful jobs.

Vivat Jesus!

--- Karl Kleinhenz, Grand Knight

**Council Officers**

Grand Knight	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
Dep. Grand Knight	John Church	769-0048
Chaplain	Fr. Rene Castillo	343-7744
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Advocate	Dave Chopski	344-0901
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Trustee, 3rd Year	Bob Canfield	774-7554
Trustee, 2nd Year	Mike Whelan	265-9722
Trustee, 1st Year	Dick Sparks	563-1387

**Committee Chairmen**

Program Director	John Krumpo	989-1985
Council Activities	Eric Schmucker	309-1417
Community Activities	Nick Centrone	947-5226
	John Church	769-0048
Family Activities	Vacant	
Youth Activities	Bill Partsch	772-7120
Church Activities	Pat Reidy	725-8206
Pro Life Activities	Tim Heffron	904-2746
KOVAR	Don Feick	774-0187
	John Krumpo	960-1825
Newsletter	Glen David Waldis	982-0835
Kitchen	Tom Engl	989-3708
	John Church	588-7968
	Mike Lazzuri	774-8482
	Steve Wirtz	520-2885
Basketball Tournament	Paul Yengst	556-8883
KCIC	Karl Kleinhenz	982-8140
	Joe Devlin	206-2622
Pool	Jim Donckers	345-3902
	Joe Devlin	206-2622
	Charlie Aesy	977-3364
	George Cuadrado	989-1758
Membership	Dave Chopski	344-0901
	Charles Hatcher	314-3360
	Steve Wirth	520-2885
Home Improvements	Paul Yengst	556-8883
House	Joe Colosimo	989-7969
Club Room	Jim Sullivan	774-7034
Ceremonials	Don Feick	774-0187
Canfield Scholarship	Jim Sullivan	774-7034
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PLEASE NOTIFY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Grand Knight	982-8140
Chaplain	343-7744
Financial Sec.	774-8482

**562 COUNCIL HOME**

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Business Meeting - 1st Monday of Month—7:30p.m.  
Social Meeting - 3rd Monday of Month—6:30p.m.

**Chaplain's Message**

It has only been a month since we concluded the Christmas season, and we are somehow pushed again into another high season in the year of the Church, the holy combination of Lent-Easter, with almost no time to catch our breath. Still, those are significant periods of time during the year, because they force us to keep our attention on the realities that matter in the history of salvation and in our own personal journey of faith.

And we cannot separate the season of Lent from the season of Easter; they are intimately connected to one another. In fact, we cannot stop and dwell on the sufferings of the Lord and remain there. His suffering and death were all toward one purpose: our salvation. And the victory of Jesus over suffering and death is shown in his rising from the dead.

In the meantime, while making this Lenten journey, let us take the time to ponder on God's great love for us, which is the very reason why Jesus came into this world and why Jesus died and rose again.

Vivat Jesus!

- - - Father René Castillo, Chaplain

**Degrees**

District 24 is hosting a second and third degree on Feb. 16 at St. Joseph's church in Martinsville starting at 10:00 am. If anyone would like to be a candidate for these degrees, please contact the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary as soon as possible.

**Knight of the Month**

Stephen Ratliff  
for stepping in as Treasurer

**Family of the Month**

The McGrath Family  
for inviting friends to the  
Brunch with Santa

**Happy Birthday Brother Knights!**

Eugene J. Jones, Jr.	Randal J. Gatzke	Patrick T. Reidy
J. EDorn Thomas	Gustavo Esperanza	Daniel H. Roge
Patrick M. Minahan	James M. D'Alelio	Harvey L. Largen
Kevin E. Legge	Paul T. Miller	William G. Boucher
Eugene M. Stupin	Victor V. Baranauskas	Chas L. Nelson
John E. Wizorek	William E.J. McQuillan	Timothy J. Rowe, Jr.
Daniel A. Lofaro	Jack T. Liddy	
Jamie S. Elliott	George A. Cuadrado	
Valentino J. Sartini	Christopher M. Lazzuri	



***KOVAR KORNER***

Spring is approaching and with it our KOVAR "tootsie roll drive." This year, we will try to schedule all of our weekends during May... after our State Convention. We also plan on hosting an Abuelo night at the end of May to help raise more money, and to celebrate another successful drive.

Last year, 63 Brothers, their family members and students raised over \$4300 during our drive. That is almost \$70 per individual! So, you can see how important your time is to the Intellectually Disabled whom we serve. Remember this when we call upon you to help man our drive. Be generous with your time. Help us more fully serve God's Special Children!

If you have not yet mailed in your dues (**shame on you! Do it NOW!**), and feel that you cannot help with the drive, but want to make a donation instead, remember the amount you would probably have raised manning one of our collection buckets, and be generous. But, before you make out that check, know that helping with the drive involves not only manning the buckets but also includes calling all of the Brothers to work a time slot. If you want to help, but are not able to man one of the time slots for the drive, you can help us phone our membership in April and May. Call Don Feick (774-0187) if you want to help with the calling.

***2013 State Annual Meeting/  
Convention in Roanoke***

This year the Virginia Knights of Columbus Annual State Meeting and Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Roanoke from April 26 through April 28.

The weekend begins with golf on Friday morning at the Roanoke Country Club. After the Opening Session on Friday evening, Brother Knights and their guests can dance the night away as the Down- ing Brothers Band performs popular hits from the pop/rock era. Saturday will be packed with events, such as the Awards Breakfast, Ladies Luncheon, Mass, Banquet, and election of state officers and delegates to the 2013 Supreme Convention. Hospitality suites will be open all weekend long providing great food and camaraderie.

Brother Knights and their guests are welcome to attend any and all of the events planned for the weekend. Event information, prices, and registration forms will be available online at vakofc.org at the beginning of February.

If you want more information or would like to help with event planning or registration desk or hospitality suite staffing during convention weekend, please contact Convention Chairman Brian Ripple at 776-8285 or via email at ripple562@aol.com.

***Program***

We had a very enjoyable Breakfast with Santa and an Adult Epiphany Party (instead of a pre-Christmas party).



**Our next event is the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the clubhouse, starting at 6:30PM.**

The Kitchen Committee is planning to serve 'Tom Engl's Super Bowl Special'. There will be a football pool (\$1 per square) to add even more excitement to the evening. **Remember, this event is open to your family and your friends, both Catholic and non-Catholic alike.**

**Bring them ALL!**

Speaking of friends and family. By now, you should know that our social events are meant for your enjoyment. To better insure your enjoyment, our major social events are also open to your families and to your invited guests. As the old saying goes, the more the merrier! Attendance at some of our recent events have been somewhat less than stellar! **That is a poor reflection on our members' commitment to our Order!** Just as you attend Mass not only for your own spiritual growth, but also to help grow the body of Christ, your attendance at our social functions are equally important as it helps grow our Council. After all, new members want to get to know the other members and that is difficult to do if you're not there! So, if you're physically able to come, attend our next event. If you need transportation, call me, John Krumpos, at 989-1985 and I'll try to hook you up with a Brother Knight.

***Kitchen Help Needed!***

Thanks to a fantastic crew in our kitchen consisting of Tom Engl, John Church, Steve Wirth and Mike Lazzuri we enjoy superior meals at our functions. The crew spends hours buying, preparing, cooking and serving the meals and often must spend another hour or two doing dishes and cleaning up after the events. This can burn out a crew very fast. We need some additional help in the kitchen, especially with the clean up after the events. If you are willing to help as part of the Kitchen Cleanup Crew give me (John Krumpos) a call at 989-1985 or see me at our Council meeting.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 SUPER BOWL PARTY 6:30pm	4 6:30pm Social Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 VALENTINES DAY 	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 2nd & 3rd DEGREE 10:00am St. Joseph's Church Martinsville
17	18 Business Meeting 7:30pm	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		