



# 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

The Super Bowl party was a great success. Much better than the playing ability of the 49ers. Even with a 30 minute blackout, people still stayed to the end. Thanks to all who helped make this a great Roanoke K of C tradition. The kitchen crew did a great job, the bar team made EVERYBODY happy, kids were occupied with videos, setup and takedown were done, and a big thanks to Paul Miller and Tom McGrath for all their work with the TVs and sound system, which were so necessary for the enjoyment.

We have a lot of activities coming up. The annual basketball tournament, St. Patrick's Day dinner, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Kid's Easter Party, Annual Convention, KOVAR, and the list goes on. Lent is a time of reflecting on the blessings you have. One of those blessings in being involved with an organization that does so much good in the community. Please consider volunteering for an activity. Call the Program Chair and tell him you want to get involved.

Just a reminder that 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. I would like to make a revision and say the top 5 members in good standing who have the highest number of candidates who take their first degree and/or have the highest number of reinstatements from now through June 30, 2013 will receive prizes. 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>. In addition, there will be 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees at other councils in the area. We can find a way to accommodate anyone's schedule, so there are no excuses.

Vivat Jesus!

- - - Karl Kleinhenz, Grand Knight

A big thanks to Tim Heffron for his overseeing of the Keep Christ in Christmas card sales. Proceeds are going to the Women's Recourse Center for the purchase of an ultrasound machine. Thanks to Tim's efforts and donations from Logos Theatricus and others, we are close to the goal. We will be holding pancake breakfasts at OLN, St. Andrews and St. Elias in the upcoming months to finish that project. Tim is also instrumental in the 40 Days for Life campaign, and is coordinating a Knights Day vigil at Planned Parenthood.

## Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

Prayer, fasting (or penance), works of mercy (or charity) – this is the three-point program of this holy season of Lent. St. Peter Chrysologus tells us, *"Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ears to others, you open God's ear to yourself"* (from the Liturgy of the Hours, Office of Readings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent, Tuesday).

There is a unity in these three 'activities' of Lent. They are interconnected because they draw from each other in an upward movement lifting us to God. This is not something that will take place automatically, as if the actions themselves will produce the desired effect. It is important that our

motivation is sincere, an honest desire to open ourselves more and more to the Lord's presence and will for us.

The season of Lent is a time of *sacrifice* in the original sense of the word, from the two Latin words *sacrum*, sacred, and *facere*, to make – that is, to make holy. It is a time to allow God's Spirit to renew and transform us into the human being that is more and more an image and likeness of our loving God..

May the solemn feast of the Lord's Resurrection bring about a true rebirth in Christ for us in this Year of Faith!

Vivat Jesus!

Father René Castillo, Chaplain

**Council Officers**

Grand Knight	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
Dep. Grand Knight	John Church	769-0048
Chaplain	Fr. Rene Castillo	343-7744
Chancellor	Eric Schmucker	309-1417
Recorder	Stephen Ratliff	774-4796
Financial Sec.	Mike Lazzuri	774-8482
Treasurer	Val Bernys	989-9282
Lecturer	Alex Nelson	774-5079
Advocate	Dave Chopski	344-0901
Warden	Pat Reidy	725-8206
Inside Guard	George Cusson	977-2944
Outside Guard		
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 Krumpus	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 Krumpus	960-1825
Newsletter	Glen David Waldis	982-0835
Kitchen	Tom Engl	989-3708
	John Church	588-7968
	Mike Lazzuri	774-8482
	Steve Wirth	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
	Grand Knight	397-4028
	Bob Canfield	774-7554
	Joe Moses	389-0309
	Mike Gibson	989-4980
Retention Committee	Bill DeBerry	343-7849
	Steve Talevi	989-1302
Historian	Bill Howard	989-9399
RC School Board Rep.	Dan Zipfel	334-1326
OLN Parish Rep.	Don Feick	774-0187
St. Elias Parish Rep.	Jim Donckers	345-3902
St. Andrews Parish Rep.	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
Insurance Rep.	Ken Bagnasco	888-211-9478

**IN CASE OF ILLNESS, NEED OR DEATH,  
PLEASE NOTIFY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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

**562 COUNCIL HOME**

3136 Harris Street, Roanoke, VA 24015  
Mail: PO Box 715, Roanoke, VA 24004  
Phone: 540-774-8296

[www.kofc562.org](http://www.kofc562.org)

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

**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.

Visit [vakofc.org](http://vakofc.org) and click the Virginia State Convention link on the Welcome page to find all the convention details and event registration forms.

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

**Blue Ridge Cursillo Sponsoring Men's Weekend**

Blue Ridge Cursillo is sponsoring a Men's weekend March 7-10 2013 at Camp Bethel in Fincastle Virginia. The weekend costs \$150 dollars for 3 nights and 4 days; meals are included. Weekends start on Thursday evening and run through Sunday afternoon. A priest will be present for the weekend. Applications are now being accepted. Open your heart and follow the call to a deeper relationship with Jesus. For more information or an application, please contact [Bob Landry](mailto:Bob.Landry@kco.org) (540-772-0629) or [Michael McKNew](mailto:Michael.McKnew@kco.org) (540-815-1315).

**Nominating Committee Forming**

Brother David Chopski was appointed by Grand Knight Karl Kleinhenz to form a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is charged with selecting a slate of officers for the 2013-14 Fraternal year. Any Brother Knight who would like to volunteer to serve on this important committee should contact Brother Chopski at [dchopski@juno.com](mailto:dchopski@juno.com), or 344-0901.

**Fourth Degree**

There is an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree tentatively scheduled for Lynchburg on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a need to have a minimum of 50 candidates for the exemplification to take place in Lynchburg. The regional degree will be at a lower cost than the statewide exemplification as there will be no hospitality rooms, banquet or ladies program. It will be the conferring of the degree followed by a luncheon. Tuxedos are required with a straight collared tuxedo shirts and black shoes. There is no longer a requirement in the Order for any waiting period for a Knight to take this final step to complete Knighthood. Any Third Degree Knight is eligible to take his Fourth Degree. For additional information, please contact Mike Lazzuri at [pgk562@aol.com](mailto:pgk562@aol.com) or Ed Cass at [edmundcass@aol.com](mailto:edmundcass@aol.com)

**Happy Birthday Brother Knights!**

Brendan J. Kerger	William H. Partsch	Michael J. Schiavoni
Timothy E. Bradley	Peter N. Houhoulis	Gregory J. Jakubowski
Robert P. Van Kerckhove	Stephen Z. Bernys	David P. Osterhaus
Thomas Francis O'Meara	Dumitru Branisteanu	James LaFemina
J. Stuart Bentley	David J. Chopski	Frank A. Scherrep
William T. Stack	Phillip M. Montano	David L. Keeley
Christopher J. Sargent	Ted R. Lenesi	Russell G. Hamersly
William L. Asbell	Matthew F. Duffy	Christopher M. Nelson
Joseph E. Elligson	Roger D. Malouf	
Terry E. McCrady	Easter P. Moses	
Timothy A. Heffron	Antonio T. Donato	



## ***Canfield Scholarship Deadline Draws Near***

Applications for the 2013 Canfield Scholarship will be considered based on past academic performance, financial need, and a demonstrated dedication to service in the community or church. All applications must be received by April 15th, 2013 and must be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's most recent transcript showing classes taken and grades obtained. Transcript does not have to be an official copy. Applications received after the cut off date or applications received incomplete will not be considered. Because of limited funds only ten \$500 scholarships can be awarded thus not all applications can be granted. The decisions of the committee are unanimous and final.

Current application may be downloaded from the Council 562 website. [www.kofc562.org](http://www.kofc562.org)

## ***Prayers for the Church***

Please keep the Church and Pope Benedict XVI in your prayers during the transition the Church is undergoing due to the Pope's retirement.

Benedict XVI is the 265th pope, a position in which he serves dual roles as Sovereign of the Vatican City State and leader of the Catholic Church. His retirement is the first retirement in over 600 years.



## ***Financial Secretary Report***

On February 1, the Second Notice of pending dues was processed and mailed to 117 of our members who are responsible for paying annual dues and which had not been received that day. This cost us additional postage as well as the time to prepare and mail the Second Notice of 2013 dues. If you have not paid your dues as of this newsletter, please do so as soon as possible. If your 2013 dues are unpaid as of March 31 you are no longer a Knight in good standing with the Order.

In March the Knight Alert letter will be sent to those members who have not paid dues at the time of its mailing. Approximately a month later, a Notice of Intent to Suspend is sent to those who still have not paid. This is followed with possible suspension from the Order and loss of your and your family's benefits as a Knight of Columbus. Please respond to your dues notice to prevent these steps having to be taken.

If you have questions about your dues or are unable to pay your dues, please contact the Financial Secretary or the Grand Knight so that we may assist you to remain in good standing with the Order. If you no longer desire to be Council 562 Knight you may transfer to another council or notify the Financial Secretary in writing including your signature as to your desire to withdraw from the Knights. Please remember the Council is responsible to both the Supreme Council and the State Council for per diem and assessed fees for each member of the Council regardless if you pay your dues. We do not need these added expenses.

## ***Salem VA Hospital Report***

As you may be aware, the Order, primarily through its Fourth Degree, has the goal of assisting veterans who have sacrificed and served our country through its Armed Services. The Knights of Columbus has two representatives serving on the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services committee for the Salem VA facility, Donald Pierce and Mike Lazzuri. The VA furnishes the veteran with medical services but they do not provide for all of the needs associated with a veterans stay at its facility or receiving services from its satellite clinics. They have a needs list for 2013 which includes Monetary Donations for specific events; Sponsors for specific needs; Coffee Supplies for the reception desk; Clothing items: Personal Hygiene items, and; Miscellaneous items. For additional information as to how you can help or volunteer at the Salem VA or one of its clinics please contact Ryan Pleasants, Chief of Volunteer Services at [ryan.pleasants@va.gov](mailto:ryan.pleasants@va.gov) or to find out more about VA volunteer opportunities at [www.volunteer.va.gov](http://www.volunteer.va.gov)

The Salem VA Center is conducting a specialized program to help our veterans who are suffering from Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. Items are needed to stock a space for veterans to create process art/creative expressions as it relates to and supports their emotional and psychological work while in the 6.5 week program. Some of these items you may find in your junk drawer, basement, or garage. For a listing of items needed for this program please contact [kay.montgomery@va.gov](mailto:kay.montgomery@va.gov)

With any donation of money or items please specify that you are giving your support to our veterans as a member of Knights of Columbus Council 562. You may bring your donations to the Roanoke Council or mail them to Knights of Columbus, PO Box 715, Roanoke, VA 24004 indicating they are for the Salem VA facility.

## ***Program Chairman Report***

We had a very exciting **Super Bowl Party on Sunday** at the clubhouse. Kudos go out to not only Tom Engl and Steve Wirth for their usual, stupendous feast, but also to Chuck Hatcher, Jan Hodnett and Paul Yengst for volunteering to help prepare the food, and to Tom Huck and Alex Nelson for stepping forward and helping with the cleanup. The following are our upcoming events:



### **Annual Basketball Tournament** - first two weekends of March Roanoke Catholic Gymnasium.

This is an **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** event for us as we raise most of the funds that the Council uses for its Youth Program during the rest of the year from it! Your help... scoring, selling concessions, et als...will make a huge difference in our success. If you can help, call Paul Yengst (772-0196).

If you are called to help, pleased be generous with your time.

*[Note to those who have children and grandchildren participating in the tournament, each winning team will be presented their awards after their last game instead of at the very end of the tournament.]*



### **St. Patrick's Day Party - Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** at Clubhouse. Social hour 5:30 PM Co-hosting with the Hibernians. \$15 per person. Corned beef.

Bring your friends. RSVP by March 14<sup>th</sup>. Call 989-1985 (leave message).

***Will also need help cleaning up after. Call.***

*[If you have any items that you wish to donate for the silent auction, bring those along.]*

### **Easter Egg Hunt for the children**

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Clubhouse.

Bring your children, grandchildren or neighbors,  
but please RSVP the number of children.

Call 989-1985 (leave message).

Simple lunch provided (free will donation).



### **Pancake Breakfasts** at St. Andrews, St. Elias and Our Lady of Nazareth - March, April and May. Sundays TBD.

All money raised from these breakfasts will be applied toward the \$3,000 still needed to buy the ultrasound machine for the Blueridge Women's Center.

All Knights, their wives and their families are asked to help staff these breakfasts.

Please help when called!

**State Convention** – April 25 and 26 in Roanoke. Contact Grand Knight to make reservations.

**KOVAR** – Weekends of May.

## ***Knights Council 562 to sponsor a day during the 40 Days for Life campaign!***

For those who don't know, 40 Days for Life is an international campaign that has been extremely successful in changing hearts and minds, saving lives, converting abortion workers, and restoring hope and joy to women and men who choose life!

Knights Council 562 agreed to support 40 Days for Life by sponsoring Saturday, February 23rd. Although we expect other people may join us we would like to have the Knights carry the day by being present in good numbers. Of course we encourage you to invite your wives and family to join us!

We will be at [Planned Parenthood, 2207 Peters Creek Rd., NW, Roanoke](#) during the hours of operation (7:30 am - 1 pm). Participants spend an hour or two in front of the abortion clinic, peacefully praying and bearing witness to life.

If you can, *PLEASE* let me know the hours you can be there so I can put together a schedule to ensure our day is fully covered. And of course, if you have ANY questions, please let me know!

In addition, everyone is strongly encouraged to come by and pray at any time throughout the 40 days. The hours we will be praying and witnessing are:

M-T-W-F 9 am - 5 pm  
Th 9 am - 7 pm, and  
Sat. 7:30 am - 1 pm

Here are some facts to know since the 40 Days for Life campaign began...

- 2,210 individual campaigns have taken place in 481 cities
- More than 550,000 have joined in an historic display of unity to pray and fast for an end to abortion
- More than 15,500 church congregations have participated in the 40 Days for Life campaigns
- Reports document 6,749 lives that have been spared from abortion — that we can *confirm*
- 75 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry
- 25 abortion facilities completely shut down following local 40 Days for Life campaigns
- Hundreds of women and men have been spared the tragic effects of abortion, and a lifetime of regret
- More than 2,600 news stories have been featured in newspapers, magazines, radio shows and TV programs from coast to coast ... and overseas
- Many people with past abortion experiences have come forward to begin post-abortion healing and recovery

Thank you and God Bless!

- - - Tim Heffron, Respect Life Chairman

[timheffron59@gmail.com](mailto:timheffron59@gmail.com)

540-494-5689



# *Olympic Park Swim Club*

February, 2013

Dear Brother Knights:

Another new year is upon us and Olympic Park Swim Club is an exciting place for 2013. We are implementing many sensational changes this year. In the spring of 2013, both the main and tot pools will be resurfaced, creating a bright and vibrant setting. And permanent concrete interior steps with handrails will be constructed in the three-foot end of the main pool. We are sure everyone from children to our older members will enjoy the steps. Family Night was a great success last year. It will be offered again this year on Wednesday Nights. We are planning different entrees and fun ideas for these nights.

The pool is owned by Knights of Columbus, Incorporated, which supports your council and the works it does. It is the corporation's only source of income. Members in good standing of the Knights of Columbus receive a 50% discount off pool membership dues. That is the best value for summer entertainment in the valley. Please come join us. Return the bottom portion of this letter to the pool committee. They will contact you with pool membership dues amounts.

We are looking forward to seeing you this coming summer and hope you will be pleased with the club. If you have any questions please contact Jim Donckers at (540) 345-3902 or any pool committee person.

Sincerely,

Karl Kleinhenz  
President, Knights of Columbus, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Knights of Columbus member in good standing      Council

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Olympic Park Swim Club  
Pool Committee  
PO Box 715  
Roanoke, VA 24004

## ***Annual Polar Bear Plunge at Virginia Beach A Success!!***

On February 2nd some Knights of Columbus members from around the State gathered at Virginia Beach to participate in the annual Polar Plunge. The money raised during this event benefits the Virginia Special Olympics. It was a tremendous success as more than \$1.25 million dollars was raised overall this year. The Knights of Columbus raised more than \$45,000.00 toward the grand total. There were more than 3,300 "plungers" who braved the cold Atlantic waters to benefit this cause.

Even though the weather was cold it was a very festive event. Many state officers and members from several councils showed to participate. Here are a few pictures of the event. Maybe next February we can get a few members from Roanoke council to join in.



State Officers Participating in the Polar Plunge



Tom & Pat Harger



State Deputy Tommy Harger



Plunging



State Treasurer Steve Burnley


# Knights of Columbus



3136 Harris Street  
Roanoke, VA 24015

NON-PROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PERMIT #78  
ROANOKE, VA

**Discover a World of Good Things in the  
Knights of Columbus**

March 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Easter Sunday 					1	2 Basketball Tournament
3 Basketball Tournament	4 6:30pm Social Meeting	5	6	7	8	9 Basketball Tournament
10 Basketball Tournament	11	12	13	14	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 St. Patrick's Day Party 5:30pm 
17	18 Business Meeting 7:30pm First Degree	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday 	30 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am 