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**Epiphany Party -
January 4**

**Football-Social-
Meeting -**

January 6

**Regular Business
Meeting -**

January 20

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NEED OR DEATH,

PLEASE NOTIFY ONE OF THE
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Grand Knight 366-5102

Spiritual Leader 525-9408

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Grand Knight's Report

I'd like to thank SO many brother knights for our *fantastic* participation in the preparation for, and the night of, our PGK dinner/Nov. 23rd! We had our best turn out for a social event since the '90's – thanks to all the volunteers and committee member who worked so hard under Bill DeBerry's leadership with all the setting up, cooking, decorating and the many large/small last minute details entailed with Council 562 entertaining so many dignitaries (i.e., State Deputy Tony Fortunato and his wife, Pauline, Supreme Vice President/Membership Growth Gary Nolan, Roanoke Mayor David Bowers, Msgr. Tom Miller, with additional visiting clergy, Father Kevin Beaton and Father Stephen McNally; along with our own council Spiritual Leader, Deacon Steve O'Connell). Mayor Bowers came to welcome and present State Deputy Fortunato and Supreme Vice President/Membership Growth Nolan with Roanoke's "STAR" award. We enjoyed a social hour, with great food and fellowship before adjoining for a stellar meal provided by our 5-star kitchen committee. We then had a short program overseen by Bill Howard, PSD/PGK/Master of Ceremonies for the evening, honoring our immediate PGK Karl Kleinhenz. A special thanks go to Brother Jim

Donckers and his wife, Wanda, for donating the room decorations, plus their time to decorate the room (*along with Sheila Cuadrado, Sandi Krumpo and my wife, Susan*) for this special occasion.

Please note a change in our January council activities for this month only: we will be reversing our "regular business" meeting with our "social" meeting: with Jan. 6th as our "social" meeting and Jan. 20th as our regular "business" meeting.

We had a very nice December Retiree's luncheon Dec. 12th, with the food and fellowship enjoyed by all attendees. My Appreciation Award for November was to "the general", Paul Miller, for his leadership and his many personal hours already involved in the clubhouse renovations, plus his soliciting donations for the rest of the upcoming renovations. Thanks, Paul. We'll enjoy the results for years to come! Council 562 owes a big and special thanks to Brother Joe Colosimo for all of his hard work as House Chairman, during the first 6 months this fraternal year. Effective Dec. 31st, Joe will be stepping down as House Chairman to deal with personal health issues. His great leadership and hard work



Grand Knight, Bobby Ellis

has allowed us to accomplish several projects with the council home and grounds already this year. I'm revamping the house committee, but not appointing a replacement chairman. Instead, I will be taking over some of Joe's duties, and sharing the rest with the new committee members. We'll see Joe around with his Inside Guard duties and other functions/projects, so please take the time to say "thanks", and wish him well. Please keep Joe, plus brother knight, John Krumpo, in your thoughts and prayers this entire holiday season, with both facing their own serious health issues in the coming weeks.

I hope all brother knights and their families had a special and joyous Christmas, with a happy and healthy New Year ahead for 2014. Let's keep our sleeves rolled up for our last 6 months ahead.

Peace be with you all,
Grand Knight Bobby Ellis

Council Officers

Grand Knight	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
Dep. Grand Knight	Bill DeBerry	343-7849
Spiritual Leader	Stephen O'Connell	525-9408
Chancellor	Pat Reidy	725-8206
Recorder	Stephen Ratliff	774-4796
Financial Sec.	Mike Lazzuri	774-8482
Treasurer	Brian Ripple	776-8285
Lecturer	Alex Nelson	774-5079
Advocate	P.J. Lyons	562-8332
Warden	Eric Schmucker	309-1417
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Outside Guard	Steve Wirth	797-8812
Trustee, 3rd Year	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
Trustee, 2nd Year	Bob Canfield	774-7554
Trustee, 1st Year	Richard Sparks	563-1387

Committee Chairmen

Program Director	John Krumpus	989-1985
Council Activities	Bill DeBerry	343-7849
	Glen Waldis	982-0835
Community Activities	Joe Colosimo	989-7969
Family Activities	Alex Nelson	774-5079
	Tom Huck	740-749-3018
Youth Activities	Eric Schmucker	309-1417
Church Activities	Pat Reidy	725-8206
Pro Life Activities		
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	797-8812
Basketball Tournament		
KCIC	Karl Kleinhenz	982-8140
	Joe Devlin	206-2622
Membership	Dave Chopski	344-0901
	Charles Hatcher	314-3360
	Steve Wirth	520-2885
Ceremonials	Dave Chopski	344-0901
Canfield Scholarship	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
	Karl Kleinhenz	982-8140
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	Joe Moses	389-0309
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	Joe Devlin	206-2622
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Club Room	P.J. Lyons	562-8332

Spiritual Leader Message

It is a fairly thin book and even though the writer cannot be called a model Christian, it still has a good message. In fact, it is one of my favorite books. I am speaking of Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol. If the title is not immediately familiar, you likely know the main character, Ebenezer Scrooge. Ever since its publication on 17 December 1843, people have been edified by the conversion Scrooge undergoes thanks to the tutoring of the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future.

All of us need to undergo conversion, but it is highly unlikely that we will encounter three ghosts to prod us along the right path. Today many of us walk through life focusing on ourselves and not seeing the real

poverty around us; poverty of both body and spirit. As Knights, it is our duty to help people in need of food, heat, clothing, medical care, and transportation. However, we are also called to fight the demons of loneliness, ignorance, isolation, spiritual emptiness, and sin. These demons afflict both the under-

privileged and the over-privileged.

Brothers, as we go forward into 2014, let us carefully survey the world around us and do all we can to help those living in poverty and darkness. With the help of Christ and the protection of our Blessed Mother, we **CAN** make the world a more Christian place.

Deacon Steve O'Connell

Adult Christmas/Epiphany Party

Having our Adult Christmas Party after the hubbub of the pre-Christmas rush was well received last year and so we will once again have a Christmas / Epiphany Party this year. This event will be on Saturday, Jan. 4th, 2014 at the clubhouse. Social hour will begin at 6:30 and continuing until dinner is served at 7:30 PM. A fine dinner is planned; cost will be \$15 per person.

We have traditionally played 'Dirty Santa' after the dinner. Gifts were previously amassed by Brother Gene Stupin, who shopped throughout the year to find the best deals. Gene was unable to do the shopping this year, but we want to continue this tradition. Pleased bring a wrapped gift (\$5 - \$10, please) and mark it Knight or Lady if it is gender specific. Those who bring a gift will be given a ticket and will participate in the 'Dirty Santa.' Everyone is encouraged to bring a gift! [Note: re-gifting is approved and even encouraged! Also, take advantage of the after-Christmas sales.]

RSVPs are not required, but it would be helpful for those planning if you would let them know if you plan on attending. [Call John Krumpus at 540-989-1985.]

Council Basketball Tournaments Upcoming



Council 562s **44th** year of our recreation league basketball tournaments is on schedule for Feb 28 Mar 9, 2014. These tournaments bring together the best area recreation league teams in four age groups. In addition to providing a big league, family friendly competition, this is the major fundraiser for the Councils youth activities.

For these tournaments to be successful the Council needs the support of many Knights. Please be generous with your time.

Fun Breakfast with Santa !



Kitchen crew preparing a great breakfast for Breakfast with Santa



Breakfast with Santa

Roanoke Knights of Columbus Council 562 Community Activities Project

Fraternal Year 2013-2014 we are assisting in providing basic needs snack food for children of Roanoke City School's afterschool programs and some clothing. For this project year our largest donation collection event was held Saturday, November 16th at the Kroger Store located at 4404 Brambleton Ave. We collected 2800 individual snacks for the kids at an estimated value of \$1400 plus several hundred dollars of cash donations. Two pickup trucks from the Police Department picked up the food and delivered it to Breckinridge Middle School on November 22nd.

Working with our many Brother Knights and their families were the following Roanoke County and Roanoke City Police Officers: Roanoke County Ofc. R.G. Crosier II, Crime Prevention Specialist, and the following Roanoke City Police Sgt. Jennifer Boswell, Sgt. Jason Price, Ofc. Thomas Nash, Ofc. Aaron Blackford, Ofc. Richard Beagan, Ofc. Chris Hamilton, Ofc. Robert Engl, Ofc. Joel Dickinson, Ofc. Trista Wallace, and Ofc. Derek Dennis. Also, Officer Daniel Olichwier delivered snack food The Knights of Columbus purchased October 23rd which was

delivered by this officer on October 24th to Breckinridge Middle School.

And special thanks you to Roanoke County Police Chief Hall and Roanoke City Police Chief Perkins and Scott Leamon Crime Prevention Specialist/Community Outreach for their assistance and support.

Excellent community work ladies and gentlemen! We have received many thank you notes due to your hard work and generosity.

Report of the Program Director

The reports in the newsletter are submitted mid-month. Last month, we reported on several events that actually happened after this report was submitted...the Memorial Mass, the PGK dinner and the food drive for Roanoke school kids. All three were outstanding successes. Those who missed the PGK dinner missed a real treat. The dinner was outstanding!

Brunch with Santa was held on Sunday, December 15th at the clubhouse. I'll report of how that went in next month's

newsletter. Thanks to all who helped, and especially Bob Dickard for playing Santa.

Our Christmas/Epiphany Party on Jan. 4th will also be at the clubhouse. See the announcements for details.

Other events coming up include our Superbowl Party in February and a Casino Night in the spring. Watch for further announcements.

Religious Icon Service

Council 562 is hosting the religious icon service to our Holy Mother on Monday, January 6. Our Spiritual Leader, Deacon Steven O'Connell will lead a program honoring the icon at 5:30pm prior to the social evening events at the council home. All are invited to attend.

Happy Birthday To.....

*Happy
Birthday*

John D. Krumpos
Matthew J. Cinquemani
John G. Thibeault
Roddy L. Hiduskey
Arthur G. Morris
Chester t. Kalinoski
Jeffrey M. Stump
Benjamin D. Chopski
Bruce Raymond Roy
Joseph M. Pocius

Robert F. Dickard
Mark E. Chorba
Karl D. Kleinhenz
Frederick T. Dunn, Jr.
Thomas A. Cadden
Thomas J. Huck
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John J. Zacharias
Harold M. Hall, Jr.
Thomas V. Clark, Sr.

Roger E. Vest
Tim S. Shelton
Stephen R. Boisvert
Robert J. Engl
Frank J. Leonardo
Glen D. Waldis
Mark A. Huff
Ralph G. Migliarese, Jr.
Chuma I. Osuorah

December Retiree Luncheon was Great Fun!



Kilroy is checking to see if it is ready!



Tampa, Florida visitor Bev Hayes and her sister Jean Stump and Mike Lazuri

Again a delicious meal was enjoyed by everyone at our Retiree's Luncheon that was held on December 12th, 2013. Everyone enjoyed a lunch of stuffed pork loin served with a green bean casserole and mashed potatoes. Topped off with dessert of pumpkin and pecan pie.

There was a real nice turn out and word must be getting out as we had one visitor, Bev Hayes, attend from Tampa, Florida. Hope she spreads the word!

Thanks to all who helped get it served and cleaned up. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next one.



Tom and P.J. were very helpful in getting the meal served.



Everyone enjoying the afternoon and food



More of everyone enjoying the afternoon and food

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