

The Knightly News

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February 2
Pancake Breakfast at St.
Andrew's Church after all
Masses

February 2 - 5:30pm
Super Bowl Party

February 3 - 7:30pm
Business Meeting

February 17 - 6:30pm
Social Meeting

February 20 - Noon
Retiree's Luncheon

February 28 - March 2
Basketball Tournament

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FOLLOWING:

Grand Knight 366-5102
Spiritual Leader 525-9408
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Grand Knight's Report

Happy New Year, Brother Knights! Please allow me to comment on both December and January's events.

Our widows Christmas card program was greatly received. Thanks to PGK Karl Kleinhenz for making me aware of this program, as it was not around 25 years ago when I was last GK. I received thanks from several of the ladies in being remembered during this season, in which many feel a little bit forgotten. . It's those small projects that can have a big impact on others. Also, PGK Dick Sparks keeps and maintains the widow's mailing list. Thanks Dick, for keeping us as updated as possible. If anyone knows of a widow's move, and her newer address, please contact him.

Due to lack of response and the weather, our planned Jan. 4th Epiphany Party was cancelled. Keep in mind that without the

proper attendance support by our members, we cannot afford to put on activities and/or programs.

Church Activity Director Pat Reidy was instrumental in bringing the Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Icon to Roanoke #562 for the beautiful, January 6th Prayer Service honoring her. Even considering the bitter cold, we had a nice crowd. Brother Reidy (with his volunteers) worked out getting the Icon to Roanoke, organized the service, set up, and then worked with Deacon Steve on the service, and Brother Tom Engle (and his kitchen committee) about the meal. Brother Engle and his committee provided a good hot, comfort food meal to ward off the chills.

The next phase of the Club Room renovations is under way, thanks to Brother Paul Miller and his very hard working volunteers. Thanks guys! The room is looking fresh, updated and



Grand Knight, Bobby Ellis

will be once again be even more warm and welcoming to members and their guests. Thanks for both the work you've *already* accomplished and the *work ahead*. Paul and his committee are also pre-raising the funds for the majority of the renovations to minimize the impact on our council/corporation budgets, so we're just going to do things in stages.

I've decided to combine the House and Rental Committee into one. The members are: Glenn Hall, Scott Kuhn, Jan Hodnett, PJ Lyons, and Tom Huck. Please contact the Grand Knight until we can meet to determine the chairman.

Please be with you all,

Grand Knight Bobby Ellis

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Grand Knight	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
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Trustee, 3rd Year	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
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Program Director	John Krumpus	989-1985
Council Activities	Bill DeBerry	343-7849
	Glen Waldis	982-0835
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Family Activities	Alex Nelson	774-5079
	Tom Huck	740-749-3018
Youth Activities	Eric Schmucker	309-1417
Church Activities	Pat Reidy	725-8206
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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
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	Steve Wirth	520-2885
Ceremonials	Dave Chopski	344-0901
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Spiritual Leader Message

February is the shortest month of the year. It is a quiet month, Christmas is over, we are settled into the New Year, Lent does not begin until March 5th, and the grass is sleeping peacefully without any need for mowing. This makes it an excellent time for some spiritual reading and study. Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *EVANGELII GAUDIUM* would be an excellent place to begin; it is available as a PDF download from the Vatican Website. This document gives excellent insights into the thinking of our current Pope.

Another excellent source for information is the *Catholic News Service* sponsored by the US Catholic Bishops Conference; the website is <http://www.catholicnews.com/>. News stories there contain good information that Catholics need to stay well informed. If we are to bring the Lord to the World (as Jesus commissioned us to do) we need to understand the many issues facing the Church and the peoples of this planet.

A third source of information I recommend is the online version of the Jesuit Journal *AMERICA* (www.americamagazine.org/) This publication carries many thought provoking articles and editorials on the Church, the Faith, and the challenges of this age. *AMERICA* has been a resource for educators for generations.

There are many other sources of Catholic reading and information both on line and in print. Of course we must always be careful to understand the source of the information we find. In this age of information overload, a great deal of misinformation is spewed forth by people who are at odds with the church or are poorly informed and educated. It is especially important that we carefully review the information our children and grandchildren are receiving.

Happy reading Brothers!
Deacon Steve O'Connell

Retiree's Luncheon

Time for another Retiree's luncheon. Mark your calendars to join us on Thursday, February 20th for a wintertime luncheon. Appetizers of cheese and crackers with a hearty Beef Stew and fresh baked bread to warm you on a winter day followed with a yummy banana pudding. Serving of meal starts at Noon. All are invited, women and men. Donations are accepted but not required. Stick around and play a game of cards or dominos with others if you are so inclined. Looking forward to seeing all again on the 20th.

Pancake Breakfast at St. Andrews Church

The Knights of Columbus and Roanoke Catholic School will co-sponsor a pancake breakfast at St Andrews social hall after all masses on Sunday, February 2nd. *Proceeds will benefit the St Andrews Tuition Assistance Program*. Please come out and help us support this wonderful cause.

A Call for Donations

We have begun our home refurbishing efforts with the painting of the Clubroom. When you next attend a meeting or a social, we think you will appreciate how much brighter and cheery the bar area is.

Currently, Paul Miller, Tom Huck and other Knights are working to improve the sound system and have begun remodeling the bar. We think that the Clubroom will be incredible when it is finished. Of course, all of this takes money.

So far, several Knights and members of the Hibernians have donated a little more than \$1000, but it will take more to complete the project. We desperately need your help to achieve our goal. Please send a generous donation to: Roanoke Knights of Columbus Inc. Building Fund; P.O. Box 20974, Roanoke, VA 24018.

Report of the Program Director

The spring is a VERY active time for our Council!

The **Super Bowl** is Sunday, February 2nd. As always, we will be having our Super Bowl Party. Doors open at 5:30 PM. A football pool will be part of the festivities. Come and enjoy a party atmosphere as you enjoy the Super Bowl on our wide screen TV, and perhaps win a part of the pool!

Oh, and please bring your favorite snacks to share as some on our kitchen crew have some health issues and we are uncertain what snacks we will be serving.

The annual **Basketball Tournament** is scheduled for February 28th and March 9th. This event raises almost all of funds that our Council uses to assist the

community youth organizations, so be generous with your time when called to help work on the tournament. Just as important, come and watch the teams as they battle for the trophies!

Our **KOVAR** drive will begin in March. We will be calling you to help us by taking a turn at the Kroger Stores!

I am sad to report that the Christmas/Epiphany Party was cancelled due to a lack of interest. While we did not require RSVPs for the event, we did ask you to call so we would have a headcount for the kitchen crew. The response was poor. If you had intended to attend but didn't get around to calling, please remember to call next time.



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Financial Secretary's Report

Upon returning to the Commonwealth from a visit to family in Nova Scotia the Financial Secretary found 94 checks in the mail box from members who promptly submitted their dues for 2014. We have a total of 341 members in Council 562 of which all but 70 Honorary Life members are required to pay dues. I am sure I will get some additional dues payments before this is published but please submit your dues if you have not done it before your read this.

Your failure to promptly pay your dues results in rebilling you for those dues which is not only a use of my time but an expense for the Council. If you have problems with paying your dues, contact me or the Grand Knight to confidentially discuss the

issues and we may be able to assist you in continuing your membership in the Council and Order.

If you have decided that you no longer wish to be a member of Council 562 or transfer to another Council, I must have your resignation submitted in writing with your signature. This can be accomplished with a simple note and can be written on your dues notice and returned to me. Of course, The Grand Knight or I would like to discuss with you why you have decided to withdraw from the Order that has been called the "right hand of the Church" by Pope John Paul II.

Michael Lazzuri 774-8482.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The KCIC committee would like to thank all those who assisted in selling cards this year after Masses. Special thanks to Chuck Hatcher, Jim Sullivan, Paul Miller, Dave Chopski and Jim Donckers. Your help was greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank all those who supported the program by purchasing cards. Proceeds will go toward support for seminarians and RAM House.

Thanks,

Karl D. Kleinhenz, KCIC Chair

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SUPERBOWL XLVIII PARTY

Sunday, Feb. 2nd, the AFL Champion will play the NFL Champion for the Lombardi Trophy in New York (actually East Rutherford, NJ) during Superbowl XLVIII. Will it be another "Ice Bowl"? Bring your family and enjoy the camaraderie, friendly banter and frivolity with your friends and brother Knights as you watch on our wide screen TV, in our freshly painted Clubroom, to find out. Buy a square (or two...or ten) in our Super Bowl Pool. Munch on snacks and enjoy your favorite beverage, while staying warm while your favorite team freezes their behinds off on the field. Doors open at 5:30 for the 6:30 kickoff.

(Please note that several of our kitchen crew have recently experienced medical issues that prevent them from helping. As a result, the snacks that will be available may not be the same in past years. If you want to bring your favorite 'tailgate' snacks to share, please do.)

Basketball Tournament Starts This Month

The Council's 44th annual recreation league basketball tournaments tipoff February 28 with a different game schedule. The Midget and Senior League tournaments will be held the first weekend, February 28-March 2, and the Little and Junior Leagues will compete on the second weekend, March 7-9.

In addition to the league games, our High School One-on-One championship will take place on Sunday, March 9.

Admission to both Championship Sunday's is free for Knights with a current membership card.

