



# The Knightly News

## Roanoke Council No 562

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JUNE 2014

June 2 –  
Business Meeting  
7:30 PM  
(Election of Officers)

June 12—  
Retiree's Luncheon  
Noon

June 14 - Flag Day

June 15 – Father's Day

June 16 – Social Meeting  
6:30 PM

June 21 – Summer Begins

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NEED OR DEATH,

PLEASE NOTIFY ONE OF THE  
FOLLOWING:

Grand Knight 366-5102

Spiritual Leader 525-9408

Financial Sec 774-8482

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## Grand Knight's Report

Thanks to ALL the brother knights and their ladies for a first, very successful, Fun Night for Charity /Casino Night Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>! Chairman, Brother Alex Nelson, and his committee really did a remarkable job for charity. Volunteers and guests alike seemed to enjoy the combination of activities offered, good food, and each other's company. Final figures are being processed as we speak. Several of our brother knights put in many hours before, during and after the event, supporting the event financially, and seeking donations for our 3 prize categories. Thanks to all of you!

Brother Val Bernys was our April Knight of the Month. Val's time and dedication in getting important information and messages out on our website has been invaluable to our council's success this year! Thanks, Val.

Congratulations to Brother Don Fieck for receiving his state award for membership recruitment. Without new members, no council can maintain a healthy future. Let's reach out to potential members at church events or other appropriate affiliated social events. Good recruiting, Don!



Grand Knight, Bobby Ellis

Fast approaching is May 19<sup>th</sup> /clergy night, and then our June 2 elections for next fraternal year. We'd like to finish up these last 2 months of this fraternal year with as much faith, hope, charity, and dedication as we've shown so far this year. Thanks for each and everyone's hard work in making this a wonderfully successful year!

Your friend in Christ,

Grand Knight Bobby Ellis

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

## 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
Inside Guard	Joseph Colosimo	989-7969
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	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
	Pat Patterson	815-6105
	Joe Moses	389-0309
	Bob Canfield	774-7554
Retention Committee	Bill DeBerry	343-7849
	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
	Bob Canfield	774-7554
	Richard Sparks	563-1387
Publicist	Bill Howard	989-9399
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St. Elias Parish Rep.	Jim Donckers	345-3902
St. Andrews Parish Rep.	P.J. Lyons	562-8332
Insurance Rep.	Ken Bagnasco	888-211-9478
Pool	Jim Donckers	345-3902
	Joe Devlin	206-2622
	George Cuadrado	989-1758
	P.J. Lyons	562-8332
House	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
	Jan Hodnett	819-5456
Club Room	P.J. Lyons	562-8332

# Spiritual Leader's Message

I recently purchased a copy of Pope Francis' book "The Church of Mercy." I highly recommend it to all; it gives a wonderful insight into how our Pope sees the role of the Catholic Church in this post-modern world and what roles we should be playing in the Church.

One thing which particularly struck me in the book was our Pope's view on how one should go about being a shepherd, how to be a GOOD shepherd. Pope Francis does not believe that this important mission can be done from an office or by remote control. Our Pope believes that the role of a shepherd requires a person to roll their sleeves up and get to work. He believes that being a good shepherd means becoming immersed in the lives of those people you seek to help. In at least two places in his book, Pope Francis states that a true shepherd **"must have the odor of the sheep."** If you have ever worked on a farm or even visited a farm, you know what he is talking about. Anyone who works with sheep (or goats, cows, pigs, etc.) takes on a definite, distinctly rustic fragrance

As Knights, we are called to be shepherds; yes, everyone is called to be a shepherd, not just clergy and religious. However, we cannot shepherd the poor if we never interact with them. We cannot help people with disabilities if we shun them. We cannot comfort the sick if we avoid them. A shepherd does not stay in his own, narrow, confining "comfort zone." Saint John Paul the Great called on all of us to **"BE NOT AFRAID."** We cannot let fear confine us; instead, just like Christ, we need to dine with the Pharisees, the tax collectors, the drug addicts, the gang members, all those whom society spurns as being "undesirable." That is where the Good News of Jesus Christ most needs to be sown, brothers.

Deacon Steve O'Connell

## Retiree's Luncheon

### Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Noon

Come join us for another Retiree's Luncheon on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 11:30 AM, lunch is served at noon. This month's menu will be assorted meats and cheeses for a sandwich along with chicken salad, potato salad and broccoli salad and topped off with a dessert of strawberry shortcake.

The luncheon is open to all, Knights, wives, and friends. There is no charge but donations can be made in a basket if you wish. Feel free to stick around and socialize after the meal and play a game or two if you wish.

# Save The Date!

Commonwealth Catholic Charities' Labor of Love 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk will be September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Reserve Avenue Field in Roanoke!

This fundraiser benefits CCC's programs in Roanoke, which include adoption, refugee resettlement, St. Francis House, counseling, foster care, supervised visitation, and independence for seniors. Participants are welcome at all ages and abilities, from serious runners to people out for a stroll. Register by August 4 to pay \$20 for the 5K and \$10 for the 1 Mile. All participants receive a t-shirt and refreshments. For more information and to learn how to sign up, visit [www.cccofva.org/laboroflove.html](http://www.cccofva.org/laboroflove.html) or call (540) 342-0411. See you there!

## Roanoke Council 562 Wins State Program Award

Roanoke Council 562 was awarded the Youth Activity Program Award at the Annual State Meeting for their work in "Feed The Kids". The activity will be forwarded to the Supreme Council for the international competition this year. Our thanks to all that worked on the project and congratulations.



*"GK Bobby Ellis receiving the State Youth Activity Program Award from DD Arnie Bohanan"*

## Newsletter Work

We are looking for someone that would like to work with the newsletter. If you are interested in working with the newsletter Editor to learn how it is done and help out with it, please contact Glen Waldis (540-982-0835; [Gwaldis@aol.com](mailto:Gwaldis@aol.com)) or the Grand Knight, Bobby Ellis. This would be a great opportunity for some of the newest members to get their feet wet and get involved with the council.

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# KOVAR

## CORNER

As we wind down our KOVAR drive this year there are a couple of things that really stand out in Council #562.

The first is how many of our brothers showed up to hand out candy and accept the generous donations at Kroger and Wal-Mart stores with their wives and/or children in tow! This is in addition to those who were on the Teen Team at Kroger Tanglewood. It is great to see this activity becoming a "family" effort and we do appreciate those wives, daughters and sons who worked right alongside our brothers in raising funds for KOVAR!

And, of course, thanks to the fabulous Teen Team. They once again outperformed their Dads!! We appreciate those parents who were present on some of the shifts to help safeguard our teens! Every shift had either a Knight or a parent or grandparent keeping them safe.

Finally, what a wonderful turnout at Montano's to "Eat for KOVAR". By our count (and we could have missed a few who might have been off in a corner somewhere) there were over 70 people who showed up to socialize while dining on some of the best food in town. We owe a big **Knights Thank You** to our brother Knights, Marty and Phil Montano. They were very generous in their donation and we hope that they were pleased with the extra business we were able to bring to them.

Don Feick  
KOVAR Co-Chairman







Nate StoeHR, Maureen and Jonathan Ivanco



Parker Harnack, Keriann Kleinhenz, Grace Crowe,  
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Bill DeBerry and Grandson Aaron Worrell



# FUN NIGHT WAS FANTASTIC!

The Thunderbird Club rocked thanks to Bobby and Susan Ellis' generosity. Free food was provided by: JERSEY LILLY'S, MONTANO'S, AND MCDONALD'S. Generous prizes were provided by various merchants for the silent auction and the casino. Free music was also provided. All had a good time at the casino with six black jack tables, Roulette, and Texas Hold'em. Everyone had a wonderful time (check out the photos) and we raised several thousand dollars for Knights of Columbus charities. Thank you for your participation.





*Jean Stump was the winner of the "Basket of Cheer" that was raffled off that night."*



# Program Director's Report

June marks the end of our fraternal year. We will be electing officers for the coming year at our next Council meeting on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Following the Council meeting, the annual Corporation meeting will be held at which the several Corporation officers and the Board of Directors will be elected. As these elections are important to the continued success of both the Council and the Corporation, you really need to attend these meetings!

May was a busy month! It started with the State Convention on the first weekend, where our Council won the best community activity program award in the state of Virginia for our 'Hunger is Not a Game' food drive to help feed hungry students in Roanoke. Next, we held four KOVAR drives, as well as a Benefit Night at Montano's Restaurant. We also had our first Fun Night for Charity and ended the month with our annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner.

The KOVAR efforts were notable in part by the fact that our Squires helped make the Teen Day at the Tanglewood Kroger the most successful such fund raiser to date. Also, brother Marty Montano was so excited about the turnout for the Benefit Night at his restaurant that he wants us to have another!

The Fun Night at brother Bobby Ellis' Thunderbird Club was a lot of fun and raised much needed money for our various Council programs. Everyone involved, as well as everyone who attended, felt it was an unabashed success and should be repeated. A special thanks to all the Knights, their Ladies and friends who helped make the evening a fun time!

The Clergy Appreciation Dinner was held after this newsletter went to press, so a report on it will be in the next newsletter. Similarly, the report on last month's Easter Egg Hunt missed the May newsletter for the same reason. I can report that we had exceptional support by quite a few of our newest members who stepped forward and helped put that event on. A heart-felt thanks goes out to each of them. The weather was quite pleasant for the Easter Egg Hunt, and those who attended had a great time. Unfortunately, we had only a modest turnout, and we will need to review whether or not we continue the Easter Egg Hunt in the future.

Several events this year have had less than enthusiastic support by our membership, which begged the question whether they should be continued in the future. This should be a reminder that being a member of any organization carries with it certain responsibilities. One of these is to support the events of your organization by participating in them. Wouldn't it be a shame if an event was discontinued, as a result of insufficient attendance just because that event didn't really appeal to you, and those current and future members and their families who enjoy the event were deprived of attending it? I can assure you that the hearts of everyone, whether or not they had children young enough to hunt for Easter eggs, would have been gladdened by the site of several of the youngsters at this year's Easter Egg Hunt! That sight alone would have given you sufficient joy to make attending the hunt worthwhile for you.

On a final note, we are trying to organize the weekly showing of a video series this summer. The 8 part series of one hour videos entitled, "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" is on loan from Our Lady of Nazareth. It is both informative and highly entertaining. At this point, we are discussing showing the series on a week night, possibly starting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday nights at the clubhouse, starting mid-July. Watch for further information in the next newsletter.

John Krumpas  
Program Director



# Clergy Night

Clergy Night was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. The evening was full of fun and socializing. The dinner was good and enjoyed by all. We honored the Clergy of the area with the dinner and we were honored by the presence of our State Deputy Elect, Stephen A. Burnley and his wife Lucretia. Steve was the key-note speaker of the evening and gave us words to think about.



*Lucretia Burnley, GK Bobby Ellis and State Deputy Elect Stephen A. Burnley*



*State Deputy Elect Stephen A. Burnley*

*Everyone enjoying the meal;*



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