



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

December, 2015

## Upcoming Events

**12/7** December business meeting 7:30 PM

**12/12** 2nd/3rd Degree Martinsville (2nd Degree starts 9:30)

**12/12** Christmas party 6:30

**12/17** Senior Luncheon 12:00

**12/25** Merry Christmas

**12/28** 4th Degree monthly meeting

**12/31** 4:00 NCAA Bowl party (national semifinals) council home

**1/1/16** Happy New Year

**1/4/14** January business meeting 7:30 PM

**1/1/16 4:00** NCAA Bowl party—council home

**12/31** 6:00 NCAA Bowl party (national championship) council home

## Grand Knight's Report

Wow! Can you believe that the year is almost at an end and the holidays are upon us? As we prepare for Christmas, let us not forget the challenge that the Holy Father presented us just two short months ago, and do whatever each of our financial situations will allow us to do to help the poor and needy amongst us!

November was another busy month! It began with a **KOVAR Benefit Night** at Abuelo's on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. Brother Feick reported that over \$300 was raised. If you weren't able to attend this benefit night, there will be another one in the spring. Your support for, and participation in it, are greatly needed and appreciated!

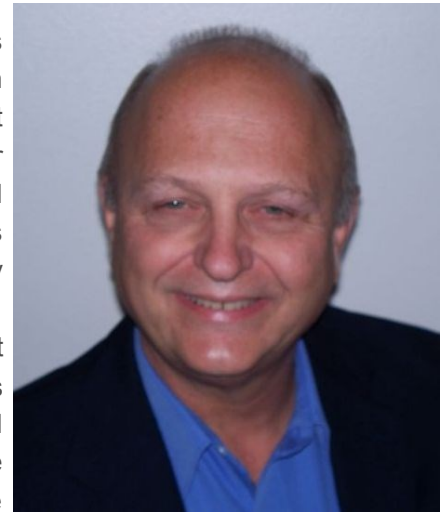
Three days later, on Friday, Nov. 6th, we honored our ladies at a **Ladies Appreciation Dinner**. It was a huge success with almost 80 in attendance to hear the humorous tales of 'life with a Knight' told by Agnes Alesky, Past President of the Ladies of Virginia, and wife of Past State Deputy Rich Alesky.

The very next morning we had our second Hunger is **Not a Game food drive** at the Tower Shopping Center Kroger. This was another success, but future drives are in doubt as Brother Joe Colosimo is having knee and back problems and will be taking some time off to rest. Continuation of this project will depend on someone offering to help manage it. Please talk to Joe (540-989-7969) about how you can help save our Hunger is Not a Game project!

Two days after that, we welcomed six new members to our ranks at our **First Degree Exemplification on Monday, Nov. 9th**; please congratulate Gary Griswold, Ted Ivanco, John Michaels, Frank Otto, Nick Ruble and Matt Skelton when you next see them! Our degree was made even more memorable by the presence of **Chuck McGivney, great-grand nephew of Fr. Michael J. McGivney**, our founder. Chuck traveled down from New Jersey to watch his son-in-law take his first degree.

A mere week later we held our annual **Memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers and Ladies**. Fr. Mark was kind enough to be our celebrant. If you were not in attendance, you were sorely missed as there was way too much food

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John Krumpas, Grand Knight



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left after the reception that followed, and you could have helped us avoid that excess!

**December** is of course the month in which we celebrate our Savior's birth. Our Council has long led the way in keeping the sacred meaning in the season through our **Keep Christ In Christmas** card sales. Although there has always been a need to remind people of the true reason for the season, that need has been increasing each year as secularism continues to undermine the spiritual underpinnings of our society. This year, the need is even greater. Each of us are called upon to do everything in our means to restore the morale basis upon which our country has grown great. One small way of doing this is to send friends who may no longer be spiritual, or never were spiritual, religious Christmas cards. Although many of us have reduced the number of Christmas cards we send, and send only to our closest family members and friends, while simply emailing a Christmas greeting to the rest, we all should consider doing just the opposite; email Christmas greetings to those closest to us...who are likely believers anyway...and mail religious Christmas cards to the rest to help raise their spiritual awareness!

We have several other activities planned/occurring in December, including the **adult Christmas party**, a **Second Degree Exemplification** and a **Retiree's Luncheon**. Read the details of each inside this newsletter.

There is always a lot of effort that goes on in planning, conducting and cleaning up after every event. While those willing to plan and execute our projects is limited, there are several Knights who are always standing by to help with the cleanup! It is with great pleasure that I announce that Glenn Hall is Knight of the Month for December. Glenn, for those who don't know about all that goes on behind the scenes, is always available to help us with KOVAR, with our Hunger is Not a Game Food Drive, our other projects and to do the cleanup in the kitchen after our events. He also does many of the repairs needed around the Council home! Congratulations Glenn!

John Krumpos, Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus Roanoke Council #562

## Chaplain's Corner



Like most people, I know the words to the first verse of practically every Christmas Carol. I'm pretty good on second verses. After that, it's catch as catch can.

*Good King Wenceslaus* is a great example. It's easy to remember the part about the King seeing a poor man gathering sticks

to build a fire and taking pity on him. On the other hand, we don't always recall that he ordered his page boy to help him deliver relief supplies. A good part of the story is told from the lad's point of view as he struggles with his load through the cold and snow.

I feel a little sorry for the kid. Being a page in a noble or royal court was a plum internship. It allowed a young teenager, often a middle-class commoner, to get an education and (more importantly) to network with rich and powerful men who would later help him advance in the law, the civil service, or the church. No doubt he expected to spend the Yuletide snug in the warm castle trying to impress feasting VIPs with his diligence and dexterity as he served them wine in silver goblets. Yet here he was, staggering under his burden of firewood and food, trudging through the snow for the sake of a pauper who could do nothing for his career.

In fact the King was doing his page an immense favor—introducing him to the most important person he could possibly meet during the Christmas feast. “Whatever you do for the least of my brothers,” we have been told—for the shivering, the starving, the sick, the outcast, the lonely—“you do for Me.” That frozen night the boy earned a reference more valuable than any a prince or a duke or an archbishop could have given him.

Let us listen and learn. Let no one be alone or lost this Christmas!

Fr. Mike Herbert, Chaplain  
Knights of Columbus Council #562

## Name Badges and Shirts

The name badges and shirts have been ordered. It is doubtful that either will be delivered in time for the December Council business meeting. Hopefully, you can pick them up at the January meeting.

# Holiday Decorating at the Clubhouse



To prepare for the holiday season, we will be cleaning the Club and Meeting Rooms, and putting up Christmas decorations on Saturday, December 5 noon to 5:00 PM, and, if needed on Sunday, noon to finish. As this is one of those Council events that wives and family can, and may want to help with, please mention it to you wife, even if you are not able to help! These types of activities are always a GREAT way to socialize and meet other Knights and their families. You may want to come, lend your encouragement and just visit if you are unable to help with the work.

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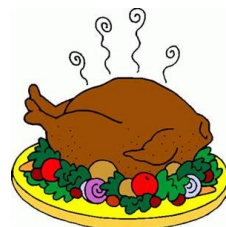
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# November Meeting Highlights

- Grand Knight John Krumpas noted that several activities chairmen are still needed. Chairman are also needed for upcoming activities.
- Applications for several new members and one transfer member were approved.
- Positions are open on the corporation board of directors. PJ Lyons was nominated to replace Dick Sparks.
- Karl Kleinhenz reported a very successful veterans rebuild project. 85 service hours were recorded. Thanks to all who participated.
- Resolutions were approved to support Brian Ripple for state office and Mike Lazzuri for delegate to the supreme convention.
- KCIC Christmas card sales are underway; please help support this important program.
- Pray for those sick or in distress:  
Fr. Mike Herbert  
Fred Ellis  
Joe Colosimo

## Senior Luncheon December 17

We know that you will be preparing for Christmas this month but take time out to socialize with friends over a very enjoyable luncheon where you do not have to do anything but enjoy yourself with people you know or may want to get to know. All you have to do is take time for lunch or stay and visit for a while, Yes, we are talking about the December senior luncheon on Thursday, December 17. It is open to everyone and being a senior is not required nor is it required that you be a member of the Knight of Columbus Family. We are starting out with a Spinach Salad with Raspberries and Candied Walnuts. The main course will be Roasted Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Au Gratin Potatoes and Roasted Italian Green Beans and Tomatoes. Dessert will be an Apple-Cream Cheese Bundt Cake. All home made and prepared for you. There is no charge for this luncheon but donation are accepted. Just come, eat and have fun.



# Council Officers

Grand Knight	John Krumpas	960-1825
▪ Dep. Grand Knight	Joe Colosimo	989-7969
Chaplain	Fr. Mike Herbert	682-5438
Chancellor	Glen Hall	315-5616
Recorder	Stephen Ratliff	774-4796
Financial Secretary	Michael Lazzuri	774-8482
Treasurer	Joe Abbatello, Jr.	989-6246
Lecturer	David Chopski	344-0901
Advocate	Alex Nelson	774-5079
Warden	Jim Donckers	345-3902
Inside Guard	Tom Huck	704-749-3018
Outside Guard	P.J. Lyons	562-8332
Trustee, 3 Year	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
Trustee, 2 Year	Jim Sullivan	774-7034
Trustee, 1 Year	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028

**In case of illness, need, or death,  
please notify one of the following:**

Grand Knight            960-1825  
John Krumpas  
Chaplain                682-5438  
Fr. Mike Herbert  
Financial Sec            774-8482  
Michael Lazzuri

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# Committees

Activity	Chairman	Phone
<b>Program Director</b>	Clyde Moak	797-7594
<b>Council</b>	Jim Sullivan (advisor)	774-7034
<b>Community</b>	Joe Colosimo	989-7969
<b>Family</b>	(vacant)	
<b>Pro-life</b>	(vacant)	
<b>KOVAR</b>	Don Feick	774-0187
<b>Youth</b>	Jan Hodnett (co-chair)	772-4125
	Bob Canfield (co-chair)	774-7554
<b>Membership</b>	Mike Herron	533-5088
	Jan Hodnett	772-4125
<b>Ceremonials</b>	Bill Howard	989-9399
	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
<b>Charity</b>	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
	Mike Lazzuri	774-8482
	Jim Sullivan	774-7034
<b>Retention</b>	Bob Canfield	774-7554
	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
	Jim Sullivan	774-7034
<b>Kitchen</b>	Steve Wirth	588-7968
	Mike Lazzuri	774-8482
<b>Parish Rep., OLN</b>	Don Feick	774-0187
<b>St. Andrew</b>	P.J.Lyons	562-8332
<b>St. Elias</b>	Jim Donckers	345-3902
<b>Publicist</b>	Bill Howard	989-9399
<b>Newsletter</b>	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
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	Karl Kleinhenz	982-8140
	Joe Moses	389-0309
	Pat Patterson	815-6105
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	Karl Kleinhenz	397-4028
<b>Treasurer</b>	Randy Gatske	774-2946
<b>Asst Treasurer</b>	Brian Smith	750-0174
<b>Council 562 KCIC</b>		
<b>St. Andrews</b>	Chuck Hatcher	314-3360
<b>OLN</b>	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
<b>St. Elias</b>	Jim Donckers	345-3902
<b>KC Ins. Field Agent</b>	Clyde Moak	797-7594
<b>Roanoke Knights of Columbus Inc.</b>		
<b>Corp. President</b>	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
<b>Pool Chairman</b>	Jim Donckers	345-3902
<b>House/Rental</b>	Glen Hall	315-5616
<b>Club Room</b>	P.J.Lyons	562-8332



## Upcoming Degree Exemplifications



- December 12 (Saturday) 2nd/3rd Degrees (Martinsville) 9:30 - coat and tie required.
- January 1st/2nd Degrees (Roanoke) - date and details TBA
- 4th Degree (Roanoke) - April 9, 2016

## Insurance Agent's Report

### *LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle*

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

**Clyde Moak**  
**(540) 797-7594**  
**clyde.moak@kofc.org**  
**Field Agent Knights of Columbus**



## Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are again selling a variety of beautiful Christmas cards that reflect our joy in Christ's birth.

It seems that every year the observance of Christmas becomes more and more secularized, and the true meaning gets lost in the process. By supporting our work to "Keep Christ in Christmas", you will help ensure this meaning is not lost. The funds we raise will support charitable programs thru the Knights of Columbus, seminarian assistance, and college scholarships.

Cards can be purchased in all the parishes after Mass through November and early December. Help is always needed after all the masses. Contact the coordinators at your parish for questions or to volunteer:

St. Andrews	Chuck Hatcher	(540)-314-3360
OLN	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
St. Elias	Jim Donkers	(540)- 345-3902



## Pancake Breakfasts

Successful Pancake breakfasts were held at OLN on October 4, St Andrews on October 25, and St. Elias on November 22. Proceeds are being donated to charities designated by the individual pastors.

Special thanks to all the volunteers that make these events successful.

**Pat Riedy**  
**Church Activities Chairman**

## Hunger Is Not a Game — Another Successful Food Collection

We appreciate everyone that volunteered to collect donations Saturday, November 11 at Towers Kroger. The Hungry children appreciate you too! Another successful snack food collection at Towers Kroger. Over \$200 cash donations were given to us and, at this time, we estimate that more than \$1500 of snacks were donated.

Last week we purchased, coats, sweat shirts, hoodies, gloves, hats, and umbrellas for 35 homeless school children, as requested by the student counselors at JBMiddle school, That is 6% of Roanoke's homeless children. The cost to Council 562 was a total of \$462, from funds collected from prior food collections.



Delivering sweatshirts for homeless kids



Hunger is not a Game — Knights collecting food donations at Towers Kroger



Hunger is not a Game — Knights collecting food donations at Towers Kroger

## Adult Christmas Party—December 12

Our Council's adult Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 12th at the Council home. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. This party is open to Knights, their families and ALL of their friends. You are encouraged to invite and bring any and all prospective members!

This is a party, and not a dinner, though there will be party-type food available. There will not be a cover charge but free-will donations will be accepted. You are encouraged to be generous! You are also encouraged to bring your favorite Christmas sweets and treats to share, and a wrapped gift or white elephant to play Dirty Santa. Gifts should be in the \$5-\$10 range only.





# First Degree Exemplification November 9th

On Monday, Nov. 9th we welcomed six new members to Roanoke Council 562 and an additional three new members to John C. Webb Council 12134 at our First Degree Exemplification. Our degree was made even more memorable by the presence of Chuck McGivney, great-grand nephew of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our founder. Chuck traveled down from New Jersey to watch his son-in-law take his first degree. Please welcome the following new first degree members:

Gary Griswold  
Ted Ivanco  
John Michaels

Frank Otto  
Matt Skelton  
Nick Ruble



Nine new members were welcomed into our order in a First Degree held November 9 at the Roanoke Council home. The degree team is shown behind the new members; Chuck McGivney is in the center of the back row.

## NCAA Football Bowl Games Parties

This year, we will be hosting Knights Out Night Owls ("KONO") parties for NCAA bowl games and the national championship. You may bring your friends and your own snacks. The club room will be open at the Roanoke KC Hall for the following NCAA Football Games:

- The NCAA semi-finals of the Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl Football Games beginning at 4PM on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The 2016 the Rose Bowl and Allstate Sugar Bowl Beginning at 4PM on New Years Day, Friday Jan 1.
- Finally the NCAA Championship Game on the evening of Monday Jan 11, 2016 beginning at 6PM.

If you wish to order food from the Knight's kitchen, we will be preparing Homemade Pizza - Italia grown wheat flour crust and Don Pepino's pizza sauce gluten free canned in NJ USA and Italia grown Romano tomatoes. Hormel Pepperoni, Mozzarella/Provolone cheeses, sweet onions, peppers, sausage, green and black olives. Hamburgers, French fries, brats, and sauerkraut will also be available. Come over to the council home, bring your friends and family and your appetite, and enjoy some exciting college football with your brother knights.