



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

January, 2016

## Upcoming Events

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

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

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

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

**1/11** 6:00 NCAA Bowl party (national championship) council home

**1/18** January social meeting

**1/24/14** 4th Degree—Renewal of Obligations; Dinner 6:30 PM; Meeting 7:30 PM

**2/7** Time TBA Super Bowl Party council Home

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## Grand Knight's Report

Well, half the year is already behind us. The shortest day of the year is history, and the days will continue to grow longer as we move into the second half of our fraternal year.

I want to start my report by congratulating both Casimir Dadak and Gary Sheehan! Both of these men became Knights in the Third Degree on Saturday, December 12th in Martinsville.

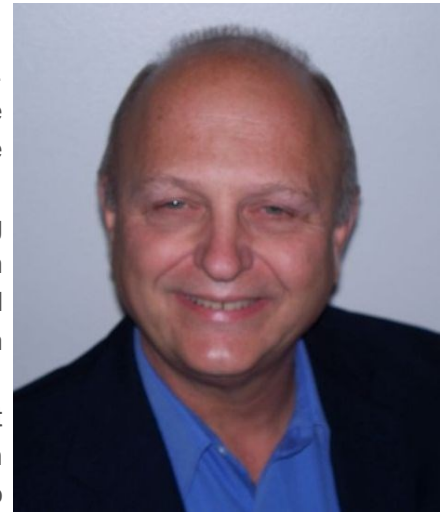
We also hosted our annual Adult Christmas Party on the same day. Though the weather was marvelous...perhaps too warm for some...participation in the event was disappointing! Those who were there enjoyed great food...poached salmon, hot sliced Italian seasoned beef, pull pork barbeque, meatballs, Steve Wirth's wonderful Buffalo chicken dip (thanks Steve), appetizers, chips, dips and Christmas cookies and desserts! Thanks to Tom Huck and Stuart Stovall for handling the bar and Steve Wirth, John Michaels and Frank Otto for preparing the food!

Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas card sales were again successful! Money from the cards our Council sold will be used to fund the annual grants we give to two seminarians. The money we receive from the State Council as our Council's fee for managing the card sales in all of the other councils in the state, will again be used to fund the scholarships we give out in the spring. I want to thank our brothers who helped sell the cards, with special thanks to Chuck Hatcher, Rich Whitney and Jim Donckers for heading up the sales at St. Andrew, Our Lady of Nazareth and St. Elias, respectively.

We also began a "Baby Bottle Campaign" to raise money for the Blue Ridge Women's Center at Our Lady of Nazareth after this newsletter "went to press." A similar event is planned at St. Elias when dates can be arranged. (St. Andrew already conducts its own drive.)

January and February are months normally without many activities...mainly due to the fear of bad weather. The exception has been our annual Superbowl Party, which will be on the first Sunday of February this year.

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John Krumpas, Grand Knight

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In addition to the Superbowl Party, this year we will also be hosting parties for the college championship playoffs on New Year Eve and the national championship game on Monday, January 11th, to help earn a little money for our Corporation. All three of these events should be fun evenings!

The Valentine Dance that we were co-hosting with the Salem Council and was scheduled for Saturday, February 13th has been canceled. [The Salem Council had taken responsibility for the dinner and the band, but their cook now has surgery scheduled and will not be able to prepare the dinner.]

It is with great thanksgiving and gratitude that I announce that Chuck Hatcher is Knight of the Month for January. Chuck was instrumental in making our Keep Christ in Christmas program a success!

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

## Chaplain's Corner

Q: How do we know that the Magi were all men?

A: They spent two years searching for baby Jesus before finally asking directions.



Their search was hard, long, and dangerous. They had to travel a long hard road from Persia or perhaps Babylon trusting only in a star that they believed they understood. We know none of the details but we can guess that there were moments when doubt at least touched them: are we sure this is the right way?

Our journey may be equally long, but it is measured in time and growth, not miles. Jesus is not a long way off, but right in our midst. We have His word in the Bible (if we don't let it gather dust on a shelf); His body and blood in the Eucharist (which is celebrated in at least one of the Roanoke Valley churches every day); His brothers and sisters in our neighborhoods, our shopping centers, our workplaces, our schools.

We can find Jesus every day in hospitals, nursing homes, jails, and rehab centers. We can build Him a house, feed Him a meal, or welcome Him to America. It's very hard not to find Jesus unless we carefully turn our eyes away from all the joy and suffering that we as

humans share. We can do it—but it means deliberately turning our eyes away from the star and down to the pit of darkness.

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

## Insurance Agent's Report

### *Protecting Your Family... Business?*

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come. Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
  - Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business
- If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

Call me with any questions you may have to schedule an appointment

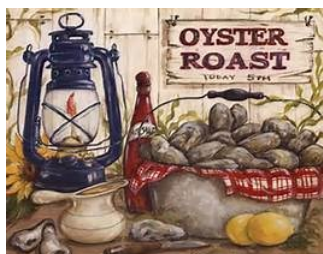
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## Volunteers Needed for Fundraising Events

Exciting new activities are being planned to promote fraternity and help supplement funds to support the Roanoke Knights of Columbus Corporation. More Committee Volunteers and a Chairman are needed for the Oktoberfest, 2016 planning committee. Oktoberfest is scheduled for Sept/October 2016. If interested contact Joe Colosimo, 989-7969

Volunteers are also needed for Planning Committee for Oyster Roast, scheduled for later in 2016. If interested contact Clyde Moak, 797-7594.



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## December Business Meeting Highlights

- Grand Knight John Krumpas reminded members of the upcoming 2nd/3rd degrees and the Council Christmas Party on December 12.
- A donation of \$100 to Roanoke Catholic Tuition fund was approved.
- A donation for guest house for retired clergy died on the floor.
- A motion to transfer funds of \$350 to Roanoke Knights of Columbus, Inc. to cover two months of phone bills was approved.
- A 4th Degree was announced for April 9, 2016 in Roanoke. We will be asking for support.
- A prime rib dinner is being planned for April to support the Roanoke Knights of Columbus, Inc.
- Under the Good of the Order, the recent passing of Mary Bommarito was announced. Mary served numerous Knights of Columbus functions over the years, and was a long-time parishioner at OLN. Please remember Mary and her family in our prayers.
- Members were reminded to read a recent article in the Catholic Virginian re KCIC.

## Baby Bottles for Blue Ridge Women's Center

As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. "Right to life" means much more than campaigning against abortion. The Blue Ridge Women's Center provides care for expectant mothers who have elected to carry their babies to full term.



The Virginia Knights of Columbus has provided generous support for this worthy cause over the past several years with the baby bottle campaign. Please support this excellent cause that reflects our Catholic values in any way you can. For more information, go to [www.supportblueridg.org](http://www.supportblueridg.org).

# Council Officers

Grand Knight	John Krumpas	960-1825
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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:**

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John Krumpas  
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# Committees

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<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
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	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
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	Jim Sullivan	774-7034
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	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
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<b>St. Andrew</b>	P.J.Lyons	562-8332
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<b>OLN</b>	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
<b>St. Elias</b>	Jim Donckers	345-3902
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<b>Roanoke Knights of Columbus Inc.</b>		
<b>Corp. President</b>	Bobby Ellis	366-5102
<b>Pool Chairman</b>	Jim Donckers	345-3902
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# Special Grand Knight's Message

Our newsletter is now being sent to the State Council to be put on its website. As a result, our newsletter editor suggested that I include the following as an addendum, which will not be sent to the State. The reason will be obvious after you read this.

When we belong to any organization, be it the Church, the Kiwanis, or the Knights of Columbus, our memberships comes with certain expectations regarding participation. If you never went to Mass or any other church functions, you would not really be a member of that church, would you?

On Saturday, December 12th we had our annual Christmas party, which is one of our few social functions that our Ladies are invited to. We had three new members, including one of their wives, participate...helping three of our other members in the kitchen and behind the bar. We had **THREE** couples show up. The **THIRTEEN** of us enjoyed an abundance of excellent food...from poached salmon, to Italian seasoned beef, to pulled pork and Steve Wirth's wonderful Buffalo Chicken dip and all of the other snack food.

At a meeting a couple of months ago the question was asked why we didn't have more new members involved in our meetings, as if the attending meetings was what a Knight was all about. From my observations from 29 years of membership, as Grand Knight of four different councils, as Faithful Navigator of an Assembly and as a District Deputy in two different states, I can say without fear of contradiction that Knighthood is **NOT** about attending meetings. Knighthood **IS** about being active in your Council's event. Only three of the Knights present at that earlier meeting attended the Christmas party! So, what conclusion should our three new members draw from their experience at the party?

The excuses for not attending the party are several...'already had plans,' 'don't like going out at night,' 'didn't know about it,' or simply 'forgot.' Anyone who really wanted to attend would have been there...the date of the Christmas party was set and published in the September newsletter...well before most other plans were made; those who attend the Council meeting and third Monday socials are used to going out at night; those who 'didn't know about it' neither attended the November or December Council meetings nor read the Council's November or December newsletters; those not receiving our electronic newsletter were offered a printed version if they would simply pay the postage. So, which excuse was more important to you than participating in your Council's activity?

The Supreme Knight has an important message in the December Columbia magazine entitled, "Our Mission to Build the Domestic Church and Strengthen Parish Life." In the last third of his letter, he discusses how home associations once played an important function by hosting receptions and parties...in the past...which no longer is true. He also lays out what some may consider radical ideas on how we must change going forward. He stresses that a home association (our clubhouse) requires resources (money and manpower) to survive that dilute the integrity of the mission of our Council. By now, every member of our Council should concede his last point as we struggle to assist the Roanoke Knights of Columbus Inc. to pay its bills...this fraternal year (July 1 to present) our Council has transferred over \$8,000 to the Corporation...so that two dozen Knights can continue to meet once or twice a month in the Council Home. There are a lot of needed charities that could have benefitted from that \$8,000.

While I and the majority of our members want to see our Corporation continue to provide us a beautiful building to meet in, one must wonder why bother? When only TEN Knights wanted to attend the Christmas party. Let's do better during the second half of the fraternal year!

Fraternally,  
John Krumpas, Grand Knight

# 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 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 - Italian grown wheat flour crust and Don Pepino's pizza sauce, gluten free canned in NJ USA and Italian 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.

## Upcoming Degree Exemplifications

- **February 1st/2nd Degrees (Roanoke) - date and details TBA**
- **March 2nd/3rd Degrees (Radford) date and details TBA (coat and tie required).**
- **4th Degree (Roanoke) - April 9, 2016. Contact any 4th Degree member or Faithful Navigator Dave Wible for additional details (tuxedo required)**



# Roanoke Knights of Columbus, Inc.

Please! **Your help is desperately needed!** The Roanoke Knights of Columbus, Inc. is in financial distress. Part of our problem is that so few of our Council members have family pool memberships. If you are not a pool member, now is the time to join. Anyone contributing at least as much as the cost of this year's membership (\$155 for a family of two, \$175 for three, etc.) will not only help us survive until the spring, but will also have a family membership for the pool for 2016! Make your check out to Roanoke Knights of Columbus, Inc., and mail it to:

Roanoke Knights of Columbus, Inc.  
P.O. Box 20974  
Roanoke, VA 24018

A Tremendous thank you, from the Roanoke Knights of Columbus, Inc. Board of Directors, to all that already sent your checks. And a tremendous thank you in advance to all members planning to mail a check.

## Casino Night Plans

We are looking forward to our 3rd Annual Casino Night coming this May. This is our biggest fund raiser and it takes a lot of work and people to make sure that it goes off without a hitch. Anyone who would like to help that night or before getting everything together please let John Krumpas know.

Also, we are starting to collect items for our silent auction and donations for table sponsors from businesses. If you have something that you don't want from Christmas but think it would work well at our auction please let us know. If your work donates money to help charities and might sponsor a table once again let us know. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



# Senior Luncheon—December 17

Despite the rain there was a good turnout for the December Retiree's Luncheon. A great meal starting with a great Spinach salad with Raspberries and Candied Walnuts, then on to a main course of Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes Au Gratin and Roasted Green Beans and Tomatoes and finished up with a dessert of Apple Cheese Cream Bundt Cakes was enjoyed by all. Everyone had a great time visiting and eating. If you missed out, you missed out on a great lunch. Our next Retiree's luncheon will be on February 18th; please plan to come and join us for another great meal then. You don't need to be a Knight or retired, just come and bring your friends. We are thinking about a baked pasta as a main course at that time. Many thanks to Mike Lazzuri and Glen Waldis for their hard work in providing these great luncheons!



Glen hard at work preparing the luncheon



Mike preparing to serve the salad



Spinach salad with raspberries & candied walnuts



The main course: roast turkey with all the trimmings

## Catholic Men's' Conference—January 16

To Catholic men in the Roanoke Valley: join us as we travel to Richmond to attend the Catholic Men's Conference: "Lions to Lambs." The conference takes place Saturday, Jan. 16, and costs \$45, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Our group will leave St. Andrew's on Friday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m. in time to check into our hotel and enjoy dinner together. We have a block of rooms reserved at Hampton Inn & Suites Richmond/Glenside. The cost is \$62/person for a shared 2-bed room or \$123.50/person for a 1-bed room. Rate includes all taxes and breakfast. The rooms and special rate are good until Jan. 7.

For more information and to reserve a room, contact Michael Hemphill at [mhemphill@roanokecatholic.com](mailto:mhemphill@roanokecatholic.com), 540.556.2879.

# Basketball Free-Throw Championship

## FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



Our annual basketball free throw contest for youth is coming up soon: March 5, 2016 at Roanoke Catholic, with a possible additional date and venue. We have the location and the balls - we need help pulling it off.

Please let us know if you can give 2-3 hours on a Saturday morning to help us pull this off. Call Clyde Moak for more information at 540-797-7594 or at [clyde.moak@kofc.org](mailto:clyde.moak@kofc.org)

# Keep Christ in Christmas

We have completed another successful year in our local "Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign." As most members know, this program started right here in Roanoke in 1989, and now reaches most US states and several foreign countries. Let us maintain a special sense of pride for the tremendous success of this program that has its roots right here in Roanoke.

A special word of thanks for all the volunteers:

- State KCIC: Bob Canfield, Karl Kleinhenz, Brian Smith, Randy Gatzke
- St. Andrews: Chuck Hatcher (chrn), Mike Herron, Shawn Marshall, Paul Yengst, Joe Abbatello, Clyde Moak, Eric Reichardt, PJ Lyons and Dale Hall
- OLN: Rich Whitney (chrn), Dave Chopski, Joe Davis, John Krumpas, Stephen Ratliff, Karl Kleinhenz, Glenn Hall, George Cuadrado
- St. Elias: Jim Donkers (chrn)



# Knights of Columbus Scholarships



## Supreme

There are a multitude of scholarships that Supreme either funds or is operating in trust. One of the key requirements of all of these scholarships is you must be about to start a catholic college or university. They are normally awarded to incoming freshmen and are renewed for a total of 4 years. Applications are available at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) after Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Clyde Moak if you have any problem finding these.

## State

The Virginia Council of the Knights of Columbus has a scholarship called the Father Bader Scholarship. The program offers need-based scholarships for Knights, their wives and widows of Knights who reside in Virginia at death. It also offers scholarship aid to graduating high school seniors who are children of Virginia Knights in good standing. Information can be found at <http://www.vakofc.org/scholastic-programs.html> and applications are accepted from Jan 1 – March 31.

## Council

Our own Roanoke 562 Council has the Albert H. Canfield College Scholarship. An applicant, to be considered, **must be a member of Council 562, the wife of a member, or the legally recognized child of a member** provided that the member is in good standing, or if deceased, was in good standing at the time of death.

Applications 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 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.

Applications can be found at <http://www.kofc562.org/canfield/>