



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

January, 2017

## Upcoming Events

- 1/3 (Tuesday) January business meeting 7:30 PM (Food served 6:30 PM)
- 1/12 (Thursday) Casino Night kickoff meeting Council Home 7:00 PM
- 1/16 (Monday) First Degree Ceremonial - Roanoke Council Home 7:30 PM. Candidates arrive by 7:00
- 1/21 (Saturday) Free Throw Competition—Roanoke Catholic (see separate article)
- 1/23 (Monday) Assembly 1167 monthly meeting. Rosary 6:00; dinner 6:30; meeting 7:30
- 2/5 (Sunday) Super Bowl Party Roanoke Council Home 5:30
- 2/6 (Monday) February business meeting 7:30 PM (Food served 6:30)

## January Meeting Date

Please note that since Monday, January 2 is an official holiday, our January business meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 3**. Please plan to attend the first meeting of the New Year.

# 2017

## Happy New Year

## Grand Knight's Report

As we begin a new year, full of hope and promise, let us all give thanks for everything we have! And let us not forget that the world, our country and our city have way too many souls who are without the necessities of life. So we need to always keep before us the high ideal of charity to which each and every Knight has dedicated himself and, as we live our Christian faith in the coming year, we should ever be vigilant how we can help those less fortunate not only with monetary donations but also with our service, which is even more precious!



John Krumpos, Grand Knight

We have several items of critical importance to our Council happening in January. First, we will be restarting bingo. This time in Vinton. Please read more about that in the article. Next, we will be kicking off our third annual Casino Night with a meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, Jan. 12th at the Council home.

We also begin the new year with a youth project. This month is our Free Throw Tournament on Saturday, January 21st at Roanoke Catholic School gymnasium. Brother Bryan Ripple needs your assistance. Please read what help he needs below.

Our next Council event will be our annual Super Bowl Tailgating Party on Sunday, Feb. 5th. With kickoff scheduled for about 6:30 PM, doors will open at 5:30. Bring your favorite tailgate snacks to share and come be part of the winning crowd! We will of course have a football pool with squares selling for \$2 each.

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# December Business Meeting Highlights

The officers had several important announcements

- Fr. José Alberto Morán Arce has accepted the position of Chaplain for our council.
- Jim and Wanda Donckers have been named Supreme Family of the month
- Dues notices are in process for 2017
- Our annual Free Throw Contest will be held Saturday, January 21 at Roanoke Catholic.
- Kroger donated a gift card of \$50 toward our “Hunger is not a Game” food drive.
- Brian and Stacey Ripple were named Family of the Month for November.

In other business:

- Trustees received a request to sponsor a UVA student for a weekend conference. The request was not recommended and was not approved.
- A Formation (2nd) Degree will be held at Holy Cross Council (Lynchburg) Saturday, December 10.
- December “All Are Welcome Lunch” will be held Thursday, December 15.
- Super Bowl Party will be held at the Council Home on Sunday February 5. A motion to spend \$200 for a large-screen (projection) TV for the event was approved.
- The Catholic Historical Society will host a “Low Country Boil” on Friday, February 17 at OLN
- A resolution to reduce dues to \$40 was introduced and is published in a separate article.
- Thanks to Abuelo’s restaurant for our recent KOVAR night. A donation of \$450 was made to KOVAR.

Brother Knight Mike Poole (Council 12134 Fincastle) made a presentation regarding a revised proposal for Bingo twice a month a Valley Bingo Hall in Vinton (to be staffed by 3 local councils). Total profit of \$1000 per week could be expected. A commitment is required ASAP. Officers and Trustees will review.

Remember those sick and in distress:

- Joe Abbatello (knee surgery)
- Jim and Wanda Donckers (continuing health issues)
- Mike Whelan (recovering from stroke)
- Passing of Brother Knights George Cusson and Pete Ragone. 4th Degree provided honor guards.

## Grand Knight’s Report (cont.)

The 'Daddy Daughter Dance' mentioned in a previous newsletter is being postponed until later this spring due to business commitments of the committee chairman in January and February. We are probably looking at rescheduling it for April or May.

Brother Glen Waldis submitted a resolution to change the dues back to \$40 per year. The resolution is herein published. We will discuss and vote on it at the January Business meeting.

**John Krumpos, Grand Knight  
Roanoke Council 562**

## Chaplain’s Corner



Dear Brother & Friend in Our Lord whom will come!

How deeply and greatest is the divine mercy of the Lord Jesus, Who has allowed to meet to your person in this amazing Country, in this blessed Catholic Diocese of Richmond, in the state of Virginia.

For instance I only want to wish You a enlightened and very spiritual Merry Christmas in your soul and your expanded surroundings!

As a tiny and simply way to express my greetings to your person!

Sincerely

Fr. José Alberto Morán Arce  
Parochial vicar at Saint Gerard & Saint Andrew Parishes, Roanoke VA

## Welcome Fr. José

We are grateful to accept Fr. José Alberto Morán Arce as the Chaplain for Roanoke Council 562. We wish him success and fulfillment in his parish assignments in Roanoke and fraternal brotherhood in his position as Chaplain for our council. Welcome Fr. José!

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## Keep Christ in Christmas

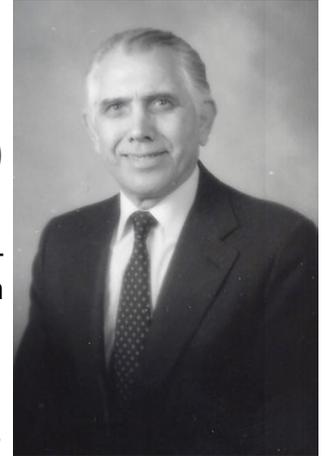
Our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" program completed another successful season. Profits are used to fund college scholarships, support seminarians, and contribute to critical right-to-life endeavors. The coordinators would like to thank all those who helped this season:

Mike Lazzuri, Shawn Marshall, Mike Herron, PJ Lyons, Paul Yengst, Joe Abbatello, Brian Ripple, Eric Reichardt, Dave and Trish Chopski, Joe Davis, Steven Ratliff, and John Krumpus.



## In Memoriam

### Peter Ragone (1922-2016)



Peter Joseph Ragone of Roanoke, Va., died peacefully at home, in his bed, in the early morning of Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

He entered this world on October 5, 1922, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the first of four children born to Italian immigrants, Michele and Anna Antonia Ragone. While serving in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, he met the love of his life, Drucilla Romine.

In 1978, Peter started Glad Rags, Inc. in Buchanan, Va. The dedicated, hard-working women and men who spent so many years at Glad Rags would attest to Peter's being the heart and soul of Glad Rags.

Peter was a devoted member of Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church and a supporter of Roanoke Catholic Schools. He was a past Faithful Navigator of the Knights of Columbus and cherished his fellow knights and the many causes and charities which they supported. His generosity and kindness of heart will not be forgotten by those who knew him or were touched by his generosity. In fact, he enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship of his brother knights at the council meeting house just the night before he died.

The family received friends during a visitation and viewing on Friday, December 2, 2016, at Oakey's South Chapel. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church.

Pete will be greatly missed by brother knights and parishioners at OLN. May he rest in peace.

## Roanoke Council 562 Officers 2016-'17

Grand Knight	John Krumpos	540-960-1825
Dep. Grand Knight	Glen Hall	540-315-5616
Chancellor	Roger Vest	540-774-8672
Warden	Mark Johnson	540-467-2495
Chaplain	(Vacant)	
Financial Secretary	Michael Lazzuri	540-774-8482
Treasurer	Joe Abbatello, Jr.	540-989-6246
Recorder	Rob Way	540-206-6898
Advocate	Dale Hall	404-626-2972
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Outside Guard	(Vacant)	
Trustee, 3 Year	P.J. Lyons	540-562-8332
Trustee, 2 Year	Bobby Ellis	540-366-5102
Trustee, 1 Year	Jim Sullivan	540-74-7034
Lecturer	Alex Nelson	540-774-5079

## Programs and Committees

Program Director	(vacant)	
Church Chairman	Pat Reidy	540-725-8206
Community Chairman	(vacant)	
Council Chairman	Glenn Hall	540-315-5616
Family Chairman	Dale Hall	404-626-2972
Pro-life	(vacant)	
Youth	Brian Ripple	540-776-8285
KOVAR	Don Feick	540-774-0187
Membership	Clyde Moak	540-797-7594
Ceremonials	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
Charity	Bobby Ellis	540-366-5102
	Jim Sullivan	540-774-7034
	Mike Lazzuri	540-774-8482
Retention	Bob Canfield	540-774-7554
	Bobby Ellis	540-366-5102
	Jim Sullivan	540-774-7034
Newsletter	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
Publicist	Bill Howard	540-989-9399
Scholarship	Bob Canfield	540-774-7554
	Karl Kleinhenz	540-397-4028
	Joe Moses	540-389-0309
	Pat Patterson	540-890-7511

KCIC, State		
Co-chairman	Bob Canfield	540-774-7554
Co-chairman	Karl Kleinhenz	540-397-4028
Treasurer	Randy Gatzke	540-774-2946
KCIC, Council		
St Andrew	Chuck Hatcher	540-314-3360
St Elias	Jim Donckers	540-345-3902
OLN	Rich Whitney	443-465-7742
Kitchen	(vacant)	
Parish Reps		
OLN	Don Feick	540-774-0187
St Andrew	PJ Lyons	540-562-8332
St Elias	Jim Donckers	540-345-3902

### Roanoke Knights of Columbus, Inc.

President	Alex Nelson	540-774-5079
Chairman	Bobby Ellis	540-366-5102
Treasure	Joe Davis	540-524-0325
Recorder	Tom Brennan	540-772-2991
House/rental	Glenn Hall	540-315-5616
Clubroom	PJ Lyons	540-562-8332

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

**Grand Knight**  
**John Krumpos 960-1825**  
**Financial Secretary**  
**Mike Lazzuri 774-8482**

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Roanoke, VA 24018

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# Upcoming Degree Exemplifications

- January, 16, 2017 (Monday) 1st Degree Roanoke
- February 18, 2017 (Saturday) 2nd/3rd Degrees Roanoke (Tentative) Alternate date is Saturday February 25
- April 1 (Saturday) 4th Degree Exemplification. Location TBA. Contact any 4th Degree member for application.



## Resolution to Reduce Dues

(Editor's note: The following resolution was presented at the December meeting, and can be considered at the January meeting):

Whereas, the dues were previously raise to covered the cost of printing and mailing the Council newsletter, and

Whereas the printing and mailing of the Council newsletter has since been discontinued in favor of electronic distribution via the internet,

Therefore, be it resolved that the dues be reduced from \$50 per year back to \$40 per year.



# Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Winner

Congratulations to Christopher Moak who won the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division of our council's Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The contest gave participants the opportunity to define the role of a Catholic citizen in many different scenarios. This year's them was **The Importance of Religious Freedom**.



Christopher's essay has been submitted to District Deputy Claude Steele, so it can be judged in the district level competition. Should Christopher win the district competition, he'll advance to the state competition. We wish him the best!

## Bingo Resuming

After more than a year looking for a new opportunity to do bingo, we will be teaming up with the Fincastle, Salem and St. Gerard Councils to staff a Saturday afternoon bingo at Valley Hall (1320 E. Washington Ave.) in Vinton on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. There is a realistic opportunity to average \$1,000 profit per bingo, split between the Councils proportional to the number of workers each Council provides.

The idea is to for members of each Council to join together and work the Saturday that best suits your schedule. So if our Council can provide 11 workers on the second and/or fourth Saturdays...Knights, ladies and children (this is a good family bonding opportunity)...per month, we could net \$12,000 per year for our charitable projects!

So if you want to help raise that much money for charity by helping on one Saturday afternoon per month, or are willing to work on a couple Saturdays a year, or be on a sub list, please call your Grand Knight (540-960-1825) and let him know which Saturday is best for you.

# Outstanding Young Man / Young Woman of the Year Awards

Each year the Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus names an Outstanding Young Man of the Year and an Outstanding Young Woman of the Year. The winners are selected from nominations submitted by the councils within Virginia.

The purpose of the program is to recognize the excellence of the young men and women of our communities and promote the recognition of their contribution within their community. Any young man or woman between the ages of 12 and 18 residing in Virginia is eligible to be nominated.

If you know of any young man or woman you feel is deserving of this honor, please nominate them for our council level competition. To nominate someone, complete and submit the [nomination form](http://vakofc.org/assets/young-man-woman-yr-nomination-form-fillablepdf.pdf) (<http://vakofc.org/assets/young-man-woman-yr-nomination-form-fillablepdf.pdf>)

(to Brian Ripple at [ripple562@aol.com](mailto:ripple562@aol.com) no later than Sunday, February 19. Our council level winners will receive \$100.

## Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Roanoke Council #562 will host its council level event on Saturday, January 21 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Roanoke Catholic School gym. Registration will open at 1:30 p.m. for participants.

We need 6 - 8 volunteers to register participants and to serve as score keepers. Volunteers should arrive no later than 1:00 p.m.

We are also in need of men's and women's regulation size basketballs.

If you can volunteer or have basketballs we can borrow, please contact Brian Ripple at 776-8285 or [ripple562@aol.com](mailto:ripple562@aol.com).



## Benefits of Pre-Need Funeral Planning

Under current Medicaid regulations, funeral and related items are allowable expenses for Medicaid purposes. This includes purchase of plot, crypt, or niche, open and closing expenses, the funeral itself, and marker and monument costs. This "business aspect" is reason enough to pre-plan.

Beyond this though, is the peace of mind that you will leave your families because your final arrangements have already been made. At your leisure now, you can decide on appropriate readings, marker inscriptions, and other funeral ceremony matters. Your family will not have to guess your wishes; you can make them known. Much in the way you will determine your wishes for your estate, pre-planning your funeral and related items will determine your final arrangements.

Contact St. Andrew's Diocesan Cemetery at 342-9180 for help in pre-need planning.



## Casino Night Kick-Off Meeting



Our third annual Casino Night will be Saturday night, April 29th at St. Elias Parish Hall. The kick-off meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday, Jan. 12th. At that meeting, we start making assignments and begin our planning.

This is NOT a closed meeting!!! EVERY Knight is asked to help with this event. If you are new...or newish...to the Council, this will be an excellent way to get to know your Brother Knights. Please come to this meeting and find out how you can help!!!

# Catholic Historical Museum

of the Roanoke Valley



Will be hosting a

## Low Country Boil

Cajun Food • Entertainment  
Beer Available

Friday, February 17, 2017

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church

2505 Electric Road (Rt. 419)

### Tickets

All tickets will be presold and  
not available for purchase at the door.

**\$25.00 per Adult**

**\$10.00 Children (15 & Under)**

**6 & Under Free**

**\$15 Senior (70+)**



Call 540 556-7240 for tickets and information