



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

Roanoke Council #562 Newsletter

January, 2019

Upcoming Events

- 1/1/2019 (Tuesday) New Years Day; Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
- 1/5 (Saturday) Mid-year Virginia State Meeting
- 1/5-6 (Sat-Sun) Baby bottle campaign to benefit Blue Ridge Women's Center—after all masses at OLN
- 1/7 (Monday) January Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30
- 1/18 (Friday) March for Life Washington, DC
- 1/21 (Monday) January Social Meeting, TBA
- 1/28 (Monday) 4th Degree monthly meeting Lexington.
- 2/2 (Saturday) Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics—Virginia Beach
- 2/3 (Sunday) Super Bowl Party, Council Home. Details TBA
- 2/4 (Monday) February Business Meeting, 7:30. Dinner served at 6:30
- 2/12 (Tuesday) Benefits dinner for KOVAR at Abuelo's Restaurant

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

This past December, a candidate for the U.S. District Court, Brian Buescher, was under review by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Several members of the committee raised questions on Mr. Buescher's fitness to serve given his membership with the Knights of Columbus. I am not going to delve too far into the questions and responses, although I do recommend reviewing the written questions and answers. Instead I would like to focus on one statement made while setting up one of the questions: "The Knights of Columbus has taken a number of extreme positions". My initial response to this was dismay, to put it mildly, however on further reflection there might be some truth to this statement, although not in the manner I suspect the Senator who raised it intended.

To be a Catholic is to want for the best and act to bring about the best for the other. This extends even to an enemy, or one who would not reciprocate. This if, of course, best observed in the example of our Lord who lowered Himself to become like us so that He might give up His life on our behalf. For all of the advances since our Lord walked amongst us, the spirit of humanity has been and continues to be in opposition to this radical notion of love. In this world where personal gratification, accumulation of personal wealth, and dehumanizing our fellow human beings are not only common place, but in fact celebrated as virtues, the very model of proper living exemplified by our Lord is an extreme response to the contrary. Likewise, the principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are extreme positions in contrast to the materialism and divisive tribalism that unfortunately plagues our public discourse.

Brothers, as we start a new year, let us continue to exemplify the extreme position of the Lord's radical notion of love to a world that so desperately needs this witness. And, in a radical, extreme departure from a spirit of ingratitude, let us give thanks to the Lord for a new year and whatever opportunities He may provide us to serve others.

Vivat Jesus,

James Valenzuela, Grand Knight

Ref:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/senators-quiz-nominee-about-membership-of-extreme-knights-of-columbus-78683>
<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Buescher%20Responses%20to%20QFRs.pdf>



December Business

Meeting Highlights

- The meeting was opened by praying a decade of the rosary.
- New membership applications were approved
- The Grand Knight announced that the new website is near completion
- The treasurer resigned. BK Joe Abbatello has agreed to fill in until year end (2018). Nominations are open for treasurer.
- Fraternal Benefits Night 12/11 (Tuesday) at OLN
- Several charity requests were received and referred to the charity committee
- Baby bottle campaign to benefit Blue Ridge Women's Center—after all masses at OLN weekend on January 5-6.
- Charitable contributions were approved as follows:
 - \$100 each to each of the parishes for holiday food baskets
 - \$250 each to RAM House, St. Francis House and Salvation Army
- First Degree ceremonial scheduled for Monday, December 17
- The annual Polar Plunge to benefit Sepcial Olympics was announced for Saturday, February 2
- A presentation was made to the Schallon Family at OLN in recognition for Family of the Month
- Jim Sullivan—Life Member recognition
- Remember those sick and in distress:
 - Pat Reidy's son extended stay in hospital
 - John Krumpos' mother-in-law deceased
 - FN Dick Cayo (Lexington) deceased

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Ultrasound Drive & Baby Bottle Campaign



The Roanoke Council is teaming up with the OLN Respect Life Committee to host a fund raising campaign on the weekend of Jan. 5th. Knights who attend Mass at OLN are asked to help after their Mass. In addition to handing out Baby Bottles to help fund the Blue Ridge Women's Center, we will also be handing out donation envelopes to those who want to help the Knights raise money for a portable ultrasound machine.



March for Life

Ben Shapiro is scheduled to speak at the March for Life 2019 in Washington DC. on Jan 18th.



St Andrew's Right to Life committee is working on the bus arrangements. The bus typically loads on the street on the side entrance to St Andrew's. Loading time is usually 6:00am. Returns about 9-10 p.m. The seats are limited so reserve yours ASAP by calling Shawn Marshall (540-721-2408). Cost is \$20 (make check out to St. Andrew Church).

The speakers are usually set up in proximity to the Washington Monument. There will be lots of young folks in attendance and KofC councils from all over the US. After the speechmaking, the crowd will march from the Washington Monument up to and past the front steps of the Supreme Court.

Of course, the actual physical March is optional depending upon your condition or perhaps other interest. Lot of sights to see in DC.

The March is a great day - very invigorating - many rosaries prayed en marche - but - it is a long day and a bit tiring so be well rested if you'd like to join in. Pack some snacks and hand warmers too - just in case. Last year the weather was mild. The KofC is the major sponsor of this event.

Upcoming Degree Exemplifications

1st Degree Roanoke Council
Home TBA

2nd/3rd Degree TBA

4th Degree Exemplification
Spring, 2019 TBA



January Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following Brother Knights with January birthdays:

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| 2-Jan | John Krumpas |
| 3-Jan | John Thibeault |
| 3-Jan | Roddy Hiduskey |
| 4-Jan | Chester Kkalinoski |
| 4-Jan | Jeffrey Stump |
| 7-Jan | Bruce Joy |
| 9-Jan | Robert Dickard |
| 9-Jan | Mark Chorba |
| 9-Jan | Karl Kleinhenz |
| 10-Jan | Fredrick Dunn |
| 12-Jan | Thomas Cadden |
| 13-Jan | Thomas Huck |
| 13-Jan | Gary Griswald |
| 14-Jan | Richard McGarry |
| 14-Jan | Michael Ochalek |
| 15-Jan | John Zacharias |
| 16-Jan | Derek Laliberte |
| 18-Jan | Harold Hall |
| 19-Jan | Thomas Clark |
| 19-Jan | Roger Vest |
| 19-Jan | Noah DeWeese |
| 20-Jan | Tim Shelton |
| 20-Jan | Brian DeWeese |
| 22-Jan | Stephen Boisvert |
| 24-Jan | Richard Barnello |
| 24-Jan | Frank Leonardo |
| 25-Jan | Glen Waldis |
| 25-Jan | Johan Lazaga |
| 29-Jan | Mark Huff |
| 29-Jan | Ralph Migliarese |
| 30-Jan | Chuma Osuoorah |

Keep Christ in Christmas



Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas card sales for 2018 have been very successful. Thanks to all Brother Knights who participated in this annual event. Profits are used to fund college scholarships, support seminarians, and contribute to critical right-to-life endeavors.

Retention Committee Report

Dues notices have gone out to all Council members. It is imperative that you send your checks ASAP; otherwise, you are likely to forget and your oversight will force our Financial Secretary (FS) to send out another billing...costing your Council about another dollar (postage plus paper and envelope, etc.)...a dollar that would be better given to one of our charities.

The rules of the Knights of Columbus require the FS to send out repeated billings on a fixed schedule, which means that any procrastination on your part will deprive a charity of multiple dollars!

If after repeated billings, the FS has not received your dues, he is required to turn your information over to the Retention Committee, whose task is to contact you and discuss your intentions regarding your dues. This is often a real challenge for the committee as so many people no longer answer phone calls from an unknown number, and too many Knights do not respond to a message left (not cool!)

What happens if you simply decide not to pay your dues? Well, in addition to the dollars already spent on sending you notices, your name remains on the Council's rooster and both the Supreme Council and the Virginia State Council assess the Council almost \$10 on your behalf...\$10 that must come out of our charity funds!

So what can you do...besides sending in your check now!? If you are having difficulties and cannot afford to pay your dues, or if for some reason you decide you are not going to pay your dues, please contact FS Mike Lazzuri (540-797-1703). Your call will be completely confidential!



Annual Super Bowl Party

The Council will once more host a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 3rd. The kick off time was not announced when this newsletter



went to press. Doors to the home will open one hour before kickoff, but no later than 5:30 PM.

As in past years, bring your favorite tailgate food to share. There will also be football pools to bet on. We need someone to step forward to head up a chili cook-off, or there won't be one this year. Call John Krumpas (540-960-1825) or James Valenzuela (301-806-3920) if you're willing to be that person.

KOVAR Night at Abuelo's

Tuesday, Feb. 12th – KOVAR Night at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant. Help raise money for the Intellectually Disabled by dining out! Bring your extended family, friends, and members of your parish.



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