



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Grand Knight's Corner:

Brothers,

I pray you had a blessed Easter. The Triduum at St John The Beloved was particularly moving and inspirational, as always!

This month, our KofC Smoker effort will feature a new BB-approved recipe (still trying to strike that perfect balance!) and will be in support of the Stabat Mater boys summer work camp. If you've ever been to Saturday 8:15 a.m. mass, you can't miss these boys. They sit together in the back and line up in droves for confession right after communion! Their lay leaders take lifetime vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the Stabat Mater secular institute that was founded in Madrid, Spain to form youth and young adults. You can read more about Stabat Mater at the

[Catholic Herald](#) website. They have done incredible work for young Hispanic boys in Northern Virginia, and have had several vocations to the priesthood and lay consecrated life. You may remember [Fr Mauricio Pineda](#) who spent time at St John the Beloved while he was going through seminary. Fr Pineda came from this McLean, VA based house after growing up in El Salvador.

At this month's business meeting, we will show a video of last year's Stabat Mater work camp, in addition to introducing and voting on our first budget so we can better map out which charities our Smoking fundraisers will support. So don't miss the 07 April business meeting! At our May meeting, we will present the slate for next year's officers, which we will vote on at our June business meeting, the last month of the fraternal year.

At the mid-year meeting of the State council in March, St John the Beloved Council was – once again – recognized as the fastest growing council in Northern Virginia, and we received a check from Supreme for \$225 for your superb recruiting efforts.

Our main activity at St John the Beloved is our Smoker and BBQ sales. Sometimes we will cook to raise funds for charity, other times to support various parish functions, and we will generally not do more than one smoke per month. So please pitch in when and where you can, with the Smoke or any of the other activities outlined by our Chancellor in his columns.

I also ask any 1st and 2nd degree Knights to answer the call to full Knighthood. I will keep reminding you of opportunities for advancement, but you have to decide to take the plunge. I can only tell you it's worth it! If anyone has a particular skill you'd like to share or are looking for new ways to help or contribute, please contact me. And remember, everything we do eventually ties back to strengthening our families, our parish and our Church. Thanks for being a Catholic gentleman, thanks for being a St John the Beloved Knight!

I also wanted to share with you the details of our very 1st collection for KOVAR which stands for **Knowing Our Values Achieving Results**. We have raised so far roughly \$300 that is targeted for the Special Olympics! Special thanks go out to Lloyd Miller, our Council Treasurer, for his leading this effort and to Tony Gagliardo, Council Deputy Grand Knight, and his son Tony for assisting with the collections. The collections started at the McLean Hardware site on March 26 and ran from 10am to 3pm. Lloyd reported that it was a little chilly out there but they were humbled and warmed by the many kind compliments.



Pictured to the right is Tony Gagliardo of St. Johns Youth Group collecting at the McLean Hardware store. KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity started in 1971 that provides financial grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations delivering training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities. Virginia Councils also support the KOVAR *Tootsie Roll Drive* that is held in mid April (deadline) each year. This is our Council's first year collecting for KOVAR You can learn more about this organization at <http://www.kovarva.org/index.html> and see their motto "Helping God's Special People".

**Fraternally,
Mark Clemente - Grand Knight**

Deputy Grand Knight's Corner

Calling all Knights ...

Please be advised that our parish will be hosting the first date of an annual event for Corpus Christi scheduled on Sunday May 29, 2016 (Memorial day weekend). There will be a special Holy Mass scheduled for 5:00 pm and directly following Holy Mass there will be a Eucharistic procession around the parish grounds, that the Knight's Honor Guard will leading.

The parish will also sponsor a reception directly following the procession which will include Father Pollard's famous barbeque pork as well as a cash bar also hosted by the Knights. In addition we will be managing the parking facilities and coordinating the procession route.

Please sign up and let me know how you can help. The photos on the right are from our recent barbecue smoke and sale in early March.



**Vivat Jesus
Tony Gagliardo - Deputy Grand Knight**

From The Chancellor

Worthy Council 11806,

As we turn the page on Winter and look towards Spring and eventually Summer, I wanted to scribble down a few lines on "Service and Commitment" ...to the Knights of Columbus, to the Church and our Community.

Anyone who is associated with high performance organizations knows that having high caliber, active and engaged team members is essential to accelerating an organization. That said, one of the challenges inside any of these high performing organizations is empowering and sustaining the team, and the human tendency to often rely too much on the "fastest horses in the stable" for all races rather than choosing the "right" horse for the "right" race. In other words, too many times, we don't use the whole stable to achieve the mission. This has many consequences, but two that come to mind are....the others in the stable don't feel empowered, energized or have a sense partnership and team...and potentially worse...those that are continuing to pull the plow or wagon in every venture get tired, burned out, and eventually chose greener pastures. Council 11806 is no different. We are a vibrant group of Christian, Catholic men with a myriad of talent and opportunities to serve the Church and Community.

We have great opportunity to serve in First Adoration, Right to Life, Keep Christ in Christmas, BBQ, Coffee and Donuts, Special Olympics, Youth Activities, Fall Festival and so much more...every day we are asked to take on greater responsibilities in the church and community....We Need Your Help. *Webster's* defines Commitment: as an act of committing to a charge or trust: as (1) an agreement or pledge to do something in the future; especially : an engagement to assume an obligation of service. 2: something pledged; (3): the state or an instance of being obligated or emotionally impelled (commitment to a cause).

The first step to joining this high performing team (Is there any higher performing team than one that serves our Lord ;-)) was saying "yes" I want to "serve." The second step...is to say "yes" I am "committed" to serving.

As we turn the page on Winter and begin the journey of the new year, I ask all the Knights to renew their commitment to service and the Knights of Columbus, if you haven't taken that second step...its easy- its time. Strap on that yoke of commitment to the Church...its painless when we all pull in the same direction for Christ. God Bless.

Jeff Davis - Chancellor

Did You Know?

You may need an insurance check-up. Where did 2015 go? I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2015. Now, the 1st quarter of 2016 is about gone. Hopefully, you've established goals for this year. I've a great tip for resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and place it so you will see often. Writing down a goal is the first step in achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise, give more to charity, read a book or watch less television, you're likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend you have a team of experts, and I would love to be the first to sit down with you. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be a perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health may change. Did I mention the check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that can provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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KNIGHT-TIME Council Calendar of Events

01- 03 Apr – Smoker Sale (Stabat Matre Work Camp)
07 Apr – Business Meeting
17 Apr – Coffee/Donuts
21 Apr – Officer Meeting
29-Apr – 01 May – Annual State Mtg. - Herndon, VA

05 May – Bus. Mtg. Present Slate of New Officers
06-08 May – Smoker Sale
15 May – Pentecost Coffee/Donuts
19 May – Officer Meeting
29 May – Corpus Christie Procession/Reception

02 Jun – Bus. Mtg. Election of New Officers
16 Jun – Officer Meeting
19 Jun – Coffee/Donuts (Father’s Day)

07 Jul – Business Meeting
21 Jul – Officer Meeting

04 Aug – Business Meeting
15 Aug – Solemnity of the Assumption BBQ & Picnic

23-24 Sep – Fall Festival

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