



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Grand Knight's Corner:

Brothers,

Welcome to the inaugural St John Council newsletter! We will continue to communicate through email, and bulletin notices, but now you will be able view our calendar of events and keep up with your St John Council Knights through your smart phones and other e-devices as this newsletter will be posted on both the St John the Beloved and the KofC Virginia State Council websites. I'd like to take a few minutes in this first edition to talk about some directional changes in the Knights of Columbus, tweaks in focus that will bring us closer to our founder's vision.

Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th-century New England. Not just for financial and material aid of immigrants and widows, but to build up these families -- the "domestic Church" that, as Pope Paul VI explained, mirrors "the various aspects of the entire Church." Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, wants KofC councils to promote the new evangelization by strengthening our

families and parishes. In promoting each family as a domestic church, the Knights of Columbus seeks to integrate our members and their families more fully into the sacramental and social life of the parish. The Knights of Columbus has always been an organization dedicated to the well-being of the family. By building upon what we already do, we will strive to fully integrate with the sacramental and social life of St John the Beloved. By doing so, we hope to strengthen our members' families, revitalize our parish and grow the brotherhood.

As we are already a parish-focused council in close solidarity with our Chaplain and Pastor, Fr Pollard, there is no need to change our focus at St John the Beloved, though we will always be looking for new ideas, and better ways to serve our families and parish. Our council will continue to assist with parish events and festivals; most visibly through our signature "Fr Pollard's Famous BBQ," which is usually smoked with the Lord looking over our shoulder (during Adoration). See the Chancellor's message for more on our programs, and get involved in something! Most activities only require an hour or two a month, so you can find one that fits even your busy schedule. 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!

**Fraternally,
Mark Clemente - Grand Knight**

Deputy Grand Knight's Corner

New Stations of the Cross! On 04 October of last year Brother's Jeff Davis and Mike Issaco, their sons Ben and Mike Jr, and two local Boy Scouts braved foul weather and took mass casualties from evil ground hornets – but were able to repair and re-anchor the parish's outdoor Stations of the Cross, offering our school and community a place of respite and solace. Well Done!!



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.

Vivat Jesus

Tony Gagliardo - Deputy Grand Knight

From The Chancellor

Brothers - My first thoughts on a topic for our newsletter are to reflect over the last year since the reinvigoration of St John the Beloved Council 11806. What a success it's been... we've re-established our vitality in the church. We've set upon a solid path of Knights' programs that have positive impact to our church and community and provide an opportunity to serve and give back. In fact we have nearly tripled our membership in the last year.

Highlights of this year include.... The BBQ Smoker Program crushed the year preparing and selling Father Pollard's World Class BBQ. As advertised these events are clearly Council 11806's Hallmark event! Proceeds from sales went to numerous charities and projects within the community to include Stabat Mater, St John the Beloved Youth work camp, and renovating the St John the Beloved outdoor Stations of the Cross. Other Knights sold Christmas cards through our Keep Christ in Christmas program, while, Sunday after Mass Coffee and Donuts program provided further Christian and Catholic communion with our friends, family and parishioners- definitely a monthly hit!

Several Knights and Parishioners participated in monthly Adoration. This program among all is illustrative of what our Knights Council is and should be about. Adoration provides each Knight the opportunity to worship in solace and quiet, reflecting on the power and passion of our Lord, additionally it is outwardly symbolic of the role the Knights of lore played in securing and protecting the Church during times of alone-ness, darkness and vulnerability.

Finally, but of equal importance, our Pro-Life Program continues to grow. We saw great participation this year at the March for Life in our Nation's Capitol and the Committee Chair continues to make great inroads into other opportunities which the St John Knights can have impact.

Its been said before and I will echo it again....God is Great! and clearly living within our Council....that said, we have much, much more to do! I mentioned earlier we have tripled our membership this year....but it's not just about membership, it is however ALWAYS about Service! I ask all my brothers to think about their Service to the Knights and in turn the Church and Community...and ask yourselves, can I give more, would Christ give more? If you find the answer is yes...then get involved in one or more of the great programs I mentioned. If those are not exciting enough, start another, Chair one, write an article, coach a sport, usher at the Church, help the elderly, care for the sick- All of these are our Knightly duties.

I will close and say again what a great year we've had- and Thank You! Continue to be proactive and look around each Saturday or Sunday at Holy Mass and invite your Brother Catholic to be a part of our Knights of Columbus Order. Also, I am also urging each council member to consider achieving their next Degree. As you know there are four degrees within the Knights of Columbus. Each degree ceremony imparts a lesson on the Order's core virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Contact me or the Grand Knight for dates and locations of upcoming degree ceremonies.

Jeff Davis - Chancellor

Did You Know?

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance: Did you know that each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month? Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public.

Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging. A recent survey found more than 75% polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68% said their opinion of current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable. In other words, a majority were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn. If you fall in this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own.

My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed. I want to help. Another LIMRA statistic said 43 % of people did not

buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

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Gothic Architecture Revival. **A Lecture by Jim Thunder**

On 7 January our council hosted a well attended lecture by Jim Thunder. He was introduced by Father Pollard who noted Jim Thunder is a past Grand Knight and he is also a direct descendant of Augustus Pugin, the subject of the lecture. The lecture revealed how Pugin became a central force in the revival of gothic architecture in England and with global influence including the United States.

Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin was born 1 May 1812 and died 14 September 1852. He was an English architect, designer, artist and critic that greatly influenced the Gothic Revival style; his work included the interior and furnishings of the Palace of Westminster and the interior of the Lords Chamber.

Pugin also designed many cathedrals, churches, abbeys and hospitals in England, some in Ireland and also in Australia. His influence extended to structures such as Saint Patrick's in New York City and the look of many American churches.

Jim Thunder presented a wide range of gothic revival designs and numerous projects which Pugin undertook in his short life. He described Pugin's Protestant family background and his conversion Catholicism which was quite unusual at the time. Most interestingly Jim Thunder noted that the icon of London, if not all of England, is the Big Ben clock tower that was constructed based on a design created by Pugin.

Council 11806 and Grand Knight Recognized for Membership:

On January 7th the St John Council was presented with a "Double Star Award" for the 2014-2015 Fraternal year. There are 147 councils in Virginia and only six councils earned the Double Star award. This award was achieved by robust participation in numerous fraternal and charitable activities for our parish, families, community, youth and the life movement ... in addition to more than doubling our membership goals for the year. And there's been no slack as we are already tracking for "Triple Star" council for the 2015-2016 fraternal year! Well done brothers! Special thanks to our membership committee, Jeff Davis and Ed McFadden who orchestrated an excellent membership drive, to our Financial Secretary for keeping the books and records to document our activities and last but not least to Lloyd Miller our "Recruiter of the Year!"

Fraternal Activity 2015

From our very beginning charity has been the first principle of our Order. Each year the Knights of Columbus worldwide, as Councils and individual brothers, have increased their charitable donations and service hours to church, community and culture-of-life activities. In 2014 we collectively raised and donated \$173.55 million and contributed 71.5 million service hours (latest available data).

These statistics are based on an "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" that each Council is required to file in January (covering the previous year) with the Knights of Columbus Supreme Office. Based on this survey, in 2015, our St. John's Council and Brother Knights donated \$11,719 and contributed 4,281 service hours to church and community – both statistics are higher than the average for all Councils Order-wide.

We also made 261 visits to the sick and bereaved. Thanks to all Brother Knights for their help in building a stronger and more generous Parish at St. John the Beloved in McLean!

Vivat Jesus!

Charlie Heeter – Financial Secretary

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 - Ann. State Meeting Herndon, VA
 05 May - Business Meeting – Slate for New Officers
 06-08 May - Smoker Sale
 15 May - Pentecost Coffee/Donuts
 19 May - Officer Meeting
 29 May - Corpus Christie Procession
 02 Jun - Business Meeting - 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 with BBQ & Picnic – Smoker
 23-24 Sep - Fall Festival

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