



## DISTRICT #11 TALKING POINTS

Fredericksburg Council 4034  
Battlefield Council 10246

Holy Trinity Council 7812  
Bishop Keating Council 12434

Fr. Widmer Council 7877  
St. Jude Council 13599

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### Opening Comments



Worthy Brothers, All: As the first month of the fraternal year comes to a close, I am awed by the level of activities we sustained at both the Council and Assembly level. We attended parades, participated in the installation of newly elected officers at all six councils, conducted two First Degrees, attended the State Organizational Meeting where we witnessed the installation of State Officers and District Deputies, and paid our last respects to two departed Brother Knights aside from our normal business, leadership, and social meetings while pursuing our charitable works.

I wish to commend each and every one of you for your cooperation, patience and for the outstanding manner in which you performed the myriad of tasks associated with the activities I mentioned above. I am truly proud of you and, along with my Worthy District Warden and Staff, look forward toward working closely with you in an effort to help you achieve your goals – which you must set – for the fraternal year and beyond. As I mentioned during the installation ceremonies, please convey our gratitude to your spouses, significant others and loved ones for their unwavering support and sacrifices on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. Also, please continue to pray for our brothers and families who are experiencing health issues and ask our Blessed Mother, Queen of the Knights, to wrap her healing mantle around them as she intercedes for us with her Divine Son.

Remember to honor our founder, the Venerable Michael McGivney, during Family Week this month.

### District 11 Organizational Meeting

A District #11 Organizational Meeting will take place at the Fredericksburg Council Hall on Harrison Road starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, 13 August 2011. I am looking for our District Staff, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Program Directors, Membership Directors with their Recruitment and Retention Teams from each council to be present or have a representative in place in case the primary can't make it for whatever reason. In fact, all council officers are invited to participate and give us the benefit of their inputs. I will send you an agenda, prepare handouts, and will have the District Membership Director and our Field Agent deliver a presentation. I want this meeting to be a two-way forum with open round table discussions.

Refreshments will be served. To assist with the planning, PLEASE let me know if you will attend and, if you can't, tell me who will represent you no later than 10 August 2011. I also need a volunteer to be the Recorder for this meeting.

## **Fr. McGivney Guild**



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except

July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, go to the [fathermcgivneyguild.org](http://fathermcgivneyguild.org) site and click on "Join the Guild." You will see this text and can sign up on line - membership is FREE! Have your spouse, family and friends sign up as well. In fact, anyone can join even non-Catholics.

## **Upcoming District #11 Degree Dates**

### **First Degree:**

Aug 9 – At Battlefield Council #10246, 9149 Ely's Ford Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Aug 25 - At Bishop Keating Council #12434, 8200 Robert E. Lee Dr, Spotsylvania, VA 22553  
Aug 27 – At St. Jude's Council #13599, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 (Council 4034 Hall)  
Sep 13 – At St. Jude's Council #13599, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 (Council 4034 Hall)  
Sep 17 – At Fredericksburg Council #4034, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404  
Sep 20 – At Holy Trinity Council #7812, 10299 Milbank Road, King George, VA 22485

### **Second Degree:**

Aug 20 – At Fredericksburg Council #4034, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404  
Oct 29 - At Fredericksburg Council #4034, 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22404

### **Third Degree**

Sep 17 – At Council #4632 in Virginia Beach  
Sep 24 - At Council #5998 in Alexandria (tentative)  
Oct 15 – At Council #7369 in Chantilly

As I mentioned in previous months, I am asking you to do your very best and strongly encourage your members to advance through the degrees toward full Knighthood and to ultimately join the Fourth Degree of our Order. Divide up your membership roster and have each Council officer and Activity Director/Chairman call or otherwise contact a number of members to motivate them to advance to the next higher degree. Do this about a week or two before each degree date. ***You need to invite them in person - an email or phone call leaving a message on the answering machine may not be enough!***

Be sure to prepare a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Certificate for every new member after he is exemplified to the First Degree.

## **Important Reminders**

- **Council Checks - Required Signatures**

Remember that all council checks must have two authorized signatures. In addition, the Council name and Council Number should be either printed or hand written on all Council checks and the purpose (e.g., KOVAR, Per Capita Payment, etc.) annotated in the memo portion.

- **What do you Mean by "Practical Catholic?"**

A practical (meaning, practicing) Catholic is in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant wishing to join our Order accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

- **Council Audits**

Please do NOT put this off until the last minute. The Council Audit for the period 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011 is due to Supreme no later than 15 August 2011. Be sure I get a copy for my file. As of this writing, only one council has given me a copy.

- **Per Capita Assessments**

As I (or my DW) handed you your copy of the State Per Capita Assessment, I asked that you reproduce and forward a copy to me once you get home. Unless you've done so, PLEASE do so today; I need it for my files.

- **Per Capita Bills**

When you pay and mail your Per Capita check, be sure to send me the Check Number, the Amount, and Date Mailed. Also, let me know if your payment is for the 1<sup>st</sup> Half only or both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Half.

- **Addressing E-mails**

When writing e-mails, we are asked to refrain from sending "BCC" (buried copies) to recipients. Use only the "TO" line to send your e-mail to ACTION addressees, and the "CC" line to send an INFORMATION copy to recipients. Let us be transparent in all we do and underscore our trust in one another.

- **Council Chaplain**

Remember, your Council Chaplain is asked to render a "Chaplain's Reflection" and NOT a Chaplain's "Report". Be sure to change your script in the Grand Knight's "The Method of Conducting a Council Meeting" script.

- **Membership Goal**

Remember – the Membership Goal is to gain a new member per Council per Month! Spread out your effort by a little each month to avoid the tsunami approach toward recruitment at the end of the fraternal year.

- **Membership Suspension Process**

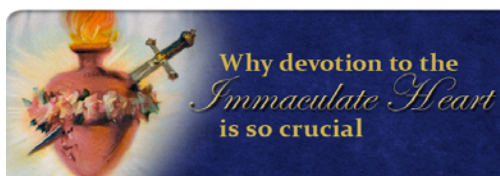
PLEASE do not surprise me. I need to be involved in the suspension process early and ask you not to forward any suspensions to State or Supreme without having first involved me. You – the GK and FS – need to advise me of your intentions and provide the contact information for each Knight you are considering for suspension. More discussion on this at our District Organizational Meeting.

### **Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Competition and Substance Abuse Poster Contest Participation**

I strongly encourage every council to consider participating in the Soccer Challenge, the Free Throw Competition, and the Substance Abuse Poster Contest this year. Should you decide to do so, order your Soccer Challenge Kit ( Number SC-KIT) online and do the same for the Free Throw Kit (Number FT-KIT). The Substance Abuse Poster Contest Kit can be ordered in the same way.

Please let me know if you plan to participate in any of the three programs so I can schedule a District Competition for the winners who can then move on to the State Competition on 15 October (with rain date 23 October) in Virginia Beach. You should have received an e-mail from the General Programs Director outlining this in more detail.

### **Devotion to the Immaculate Heart**



Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is at the very core of the Fatima message. The Blessed Mother presented it as the solution to the problems of the world and to save souls from going to Hell.

#### **Jesus Wants Devotion to the Immaculate Heart**

At the third apparition, in July 1917, after the terrible vision of Hell,

Our Lady presented devotion to her Immaculate Heart, together with the Communion of Reparation of the First Five Saturdays and the consecration of Russia, as the means to avoid the perdition of souls, the chastisement of a new world war and the expansion of communism.

At an earlier apparition in June, Our Lady had told Lucia, "Jesus . . . wants to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. To those who accept it, I promise salvation and those souls will be loved by God as flowers I have placed to embellish His Throne.

### **Devotion of Reparation**

As recommended by the Blessed Mother, this devotion is intended to make reparation for the ongoing offenses suffered by the Immaculate Heart. At the June 1917 apparition, Our Lady opened her hands, which gave off an intense light: "In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a heart surrounded with thorns that appeared to be piercing it. We understood it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, insulted by the sins of humanity, which wanted reparation."

What is the meaning of this devotion? Why should we venerate the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

### **A Symbol of Our Lady's Love**

From time immemorial the heart has symbolized love, the most noble of all sentiments. In relation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, it represents the Savior's redeeming love to the point of delivering Himself for us and the co-redeeming love of Mary Most Holy that is united intimately with her Divine Son's sacrifice.

Thus, the object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is His merciful love. This is why Pope Pius XII affirmed the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—it is fundamental. Based on his argument, theologians say the same about the Immaculate Heart of Mary: it is well understood and it is the essence of all devotion to the Blessed Mother.

## **Our Principles**

We often talk about the “principles” of our Order, namely *Charity*, *Unity*, *Fraternity*, and *Patriotism* by which we strive to live. What do these words really mean to us? Here is what I found on the Supreme website to help me better understand and appreciate the meaning of these principles:

“All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

**Charity** - Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

**Fraternity** – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

**Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.”

### **A New Recruitment Idea – It Works!**

I invite your attention to the contents of an e-mail (repeated below) transmitted by SK Dave Crew, District Deputy #18 regarding a recruiting idea the leadership of Our Lady of Hope Council came up with and implemented with much success. I strongly encourage each Council within District #11 to consider this or a similar type of effort to grow our Order. My thanks to District Deputy Dave Crew for sharing the details of their successful program with us. Our Worthy State Membership Director, Steve Raschke supports this effort and encourages all councils to emulate it. We will discuss this further at our District #11 Organizational Meeting.

Start Quote

*Earlier this Spring, Our Lady of Hope Council leadership had a brain-storming session looking for ways to re-establish our historical new member growth rate. Brother Kevin Bonnette suggested that we should focus efforts on the "Son's of Knights" who were 18-22 years old and attending College.*

*Worthy Grand Knight Andy Altman seized upon the idea and worked with the Council Brothers to identify eligible "Sons of Knights".*

*I am pleased to report that this evening Our Lady of Hope Council (#12791) hosted a "Sons of Knights" 1st Degree. A total of (9) candidates were in attendance--including 8 Sons and one Father.*

*I plan to introduce this membership idea to the other Councils in District#18. Ideally, we could have a 2nd Degree when the new Brothers are home for Christmas Break. We also plan to determine if a College Council exist for the Colleges they attend.*

*Please join me in congratulating Worthy Grand Knight Andy Altman and Brother Kevin Bonnette on their creativity in driving Council membership growth.*

*Fraternally,*

*Dave*

*Dave Crew  
District #18  
District Deputy, PGK, PFN  
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End Quote

### **Upcoming Activities**

As always, please note the District Deputy and District Warden scheduled visits to your council. Also note the dates of upcoming report submission deadlines.

## August 2011

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Aug 1	Mon	NA	Service Program Personnel for the Term (Form 365) Due	
Aug 1	Mon	NA	Columbian Squires Officers and Counselors Report (#468) Due	
Aug 2	Tue	7:30 pm	Holy Trinity Business Meeting (DD Visit)	King George
Aug	Sat/Sun	All Masses	KofC and Squires Membership Blitz before & after all Masses	
Aug 7	Sun	8:30 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Corporate Communion St. Mary's & Breakfast	Golden Corral
Aug 9	Tue	7:30 pm	Battlefield Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Fredericksburg
Aug 9	Tue	7:30 pm	St. Jude Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Fredericksburg
Aug 10	Wed	7:30 pm	4034 Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Council Hall
Aug 10	Wed	7:30 pm	Fr. Widmer Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Stafford
Aug 11	Thu	7:30 pm	Bishop Keating Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Spotsylvania
Aug 12	Fri	NA	158 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Birth of Fr. McGivney (12 Aug 1852)	
Aug 14	Sun	NA	120 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death of Fr. McGivney (14 Aug 1890)	
Aug 14	Sun	TBD	Arrival of Silver Rose in Virginia	TBD
Aug 15	Mon	NA	Assumption Day	
Aug 15	Mon	NA	Council Semiannual Audit Report (Form 1295) Due	
Aug 15	Mon	NA	Submit FOM and KOM Selections	
Aug 16	Tue	AM	DD Knee Replacement Surgery	
Aug 17	Tue	NA	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Installation of Officers – Council 4034 Host	Council 4034
Aug 20	Sat	NA	Mail State Per Capita w/discount 1 <sup>st</sup> Half	
Aug 21	Sun	TBD	Silver Rose at District #11 through 27 August – Council Schedule will be disseminated via e-mail	

## September 2011

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sep 1	Thu	NA	Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator Due (Fm 2629)	
Sep 1	Thu	NA	Essay Contest Competition due (4 <sup>th</sup> Degree)	
Sep 1	Thu	NA	Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Kit Order Form (SA-Kit)	
Sep 4	Sun	6:30 pm	Memorial Mass for Fr. Vincent Capodanno	National Shrine
Sep 5	Mon	NA	Labor Day	
Sep 6	Tue	7:30 pm	Holy Trinity Business Meeting (DD Visit)	King George
Sep 8	Thu	7:30 pm	Bishop Keating Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Spotsylvania
Sep 11	Sun	NA	Patriot Day	
Sep 13	Tue	7:30 pm	Battlefield Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Fredericksburg
Sep 13	Tue	7:30 pm	St. Jude business Meeting (DW Visit)	Fredericksburg
Sep 14	Wed	7:30 pm	Fr. Widmer Business Meeting (DW Visit)	Stafford
Sep 14	Wed	7:30 pm	4034 Business Meeting (DD Visit)	Council Hall
Sep 15	Thu	NA	Submit FOM and KOM Selections	
Sep 17	Sat	11:15 am	Third Degree at Council 4632	Virginia Beach
Sep 21	Wed	6:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Past Faithful Navigator Dinner	Ristorante Renato
Sep 24	Sat	11:15 am	Third Degree at Council 5998	Alexandria

### **What the District #11 Leaders and Grand Knights Are Saying**

In order to give you a sampling of what your District #11 Leaders and Brother Grand Knights are doing and thinking about, I am publishing your comments under this heading each month or as needed. To that end, I solicit your inputs and ask that you forward them to me along with a picture of yourself no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you are particularly proud of an activity you conducted, include that along with a picture to me as well.

### **From Your District #11 Membership Director**



Some councils have a hard time recruiting new members during the months of August and September. A lack of recruitment activity does tend to occur during the late summer and early fall months. One way to combat this is to submit a short article or press release along with a photo to local and diocesan newspapers.

Councils conduct some very worthwhile and excellent charitable programs within their communities. However, all too often these programs and good that they accomplish go unrecognized for the mere fact that councils don't publicize the programs or the results in local and diocesan newspapers.

From a recruitment stand point, you'll be amazed by the amount of people in your community that read the local newspaper and the diocesan paper as well.

Don't be afraid to submit an article to your local newspaper after every one of your council's activities. You never know what type of activity that you report will spark a reader who is an eligible prospect to contact you and want to join your active Knights of Columbus council.

Fraternally,

Andrew Taylor, District #11 Membership Director

### **Fredericksburg Council #4034**



My Brothers,

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13

July is our time to step back, catch our breath and take time to reflect on the past year. We have accomplished a lot of the work that the Lord has set before us as a council. I know that we will continue to pick up our cross and carry on until all of the work is accomplished. Enjoy this break and take time with your family.

Thanks to all of the Knights that help make our Council Hall look great. It was hot and the sweaty on Saturday, but everything looks GREAT and we are ready to start collecting for the Yard Sale in September. The evening of Saturday, July 23, we had our Officer Installation. Thank you to all of the Brothers who came out and showed their support for the incoming officers.

We had a first degree this month and I was remiss for not sending out an email announcing it. It was my fault for the low turnout at the degree. We all need to do our best to welcome our new Brothers into the Council. I know it is hard to carve out 2 hours of our precious weekends, but it is well worth the effort. I know for me, personally, I gain something every time I am at a degree as I reflect on the lesson taught, so when I announce the next degree ceremony, please join me to welcome new members to our Brotherhood.

Fraternally,

Warren Kimmerly  
Grand Knight

### **Holy Trinity Council #7812**



The new fraternal year has been kicked off for the Holy Trinity Council. The first Business meeting has come and gone. Even before the first business meeting on July 5th, the Council was down at St Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church setting up their only major fund raiser for the year.

On July 2nd Knights were working with the local food bank and Food Lion, King George, made deliveries for food to Colonial Beach and St Elizabeth. Feed The Families being the goal.

The St Elizabeth of Hungary Annual Bazaar was held on Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Set up started on Sunday evening, Knights were there to set up tents, tables, starting early on Monday, and our Knights were there to complete set up. From 10 AM to 3 PM the Knights were grilling Polish Sausages, Hot Dog; and making Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Tear down clean up was completed by 6 PM ... it was a full day and good time.

The Installation of Officers was held on 19 July, it was a very nice ceremony and I want to thank Worthy District Deputy Loui Stevens, Rosalia Stevens, and Worthy District Warden Bob Jankovits for a very dignified Ceremony.

Saturday 23 July the Knights will be out supporting the SHARE Program at St Anthony of Padua Mission, in King George, VA.

Holy Trinity Council is active in the Catholic Tri-Parishes (St Elizabeth of Hungary, St Anthony of Padua Mission, and Sacred Heart).

God, Country, Family First.

Vivat Jesu,

Rusty Hopp, GK # 7812

### **Fr. Widmer Council #7877**



Brothers,

Father Widmer Council held its Officers Installation Ceremony on July 24, 2011. We held a First Degree Exemplification on July 27<sup>th</sup>, welcoming Bob Greczek into our Order. During August, our council members continue their hard work in painting St William of York Catholic School offices and classrooms to have them ready for the upcoming school year.

We also continue to prepare for this year's International Fall Festival at St. William of York Church to be held Sunday, September 11, 2011. The event will feature Philippine, Irish, Italian, Hispanic and American cuisine, offer rides and games for children, music and local talents, Bingo, Texas Hold'em, beer, and a raffle with Grand Prize of \$10,000. Father Widmer Knights will be handling the parking, beer tent, bingo tent, and serve Bar-B-Que. In September, we will also participate in the parish Ministry Fair in which our parish groups and organizations gather to showcase what they do, hold a membership blitz, begin hosting our monthly Pancake Breakfast and finish the month up with a First Degree Ceremony on 28 September.

Fraternally,

Al Lowder, Grand Knight

### **Battlefield Council #10246**



Brothers,

I enjoyed meeting some of my fellow Grand Knights at the Organizational Meeting in Newport News. It's comforting to chat about the common challenges we face. One thing that stuck out in all the talks during the weekend, for me, was something I had not thought about much. Did you know that every single day, at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT, Mass is offered for the souls of departed Knights? Think about how awesome of a gift that truly is. It's a blessing that I certainly don't want let pass by unclaimed! After our death, a Mass offered for the repose of our soul! **Everyday!**

I strongly believe that there is no better way for a man to grow in his faith than by spending time with like-minded men who also value their faith. So, by participating in the Knights, one grows in his Faith while here on earth, and also earns petitions for his eternal soul after his death. **That** is something we must share with other Catholic men. As we go about our recruiting efforts, those are the great gifts I intend to point out to prospective Knights.

In the coming weeks Battlefield Council will hold our annual family picnic on August 7 and the Past Grand Knights dinner on August 13. We are also planning a trip to a ball game on August 8. Our first 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification of the fraternal year is scheduled for August 9.

Fraternally,

David Turley, GK #10246

### **Bishop Keating Council #12434**



Dear Brothers,

As we complete our first month of the new Fraternal year I want to thank the WDD (Loui Stevens) and the WDW (Robert Jankovits) for participating and coordinating our installation of new officers on July 7<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank our Past Grand Knight Romeo DeLossantoscoy for his leadership and direction during the past fraternal year.

By the time you receive this Talking Points document, Council 12434 will have completed the month of July on a high note.

We will be holding our first admissions committee meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> for two new candidates and will prepare them for taking their First Degree.

The council supported the Kohl's Soccer Tournament on July 23<sup>rd</sup> by selling hot dogs and hamburgers.

The Stars and Stripes event July 2<sup>nd</sup>, where we operated two tents was a big success and we received repeated thanks from the Parks and Recreation dept. for being so professional about whom we are.

We will be awarding our FOM selectees for April, May, June and the Knight of the Quarter from April through June, 2011.

During the month of August we will be holding our blood drive on August 28<sup>th</sup>. All brothers are welcomed to join us and support this important cause. Hours are from 9am to 2pm in the St Matthew Parish Center.

We will be supporting the distribution and collection of Food Bags for the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Bank.

We will be coordinating and distributing food boxes through the SHARE program.

Our brother knights will be participating in the First Friday Adoration on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

As the new WGK, I am proud of the support I have received during the first month of my tenure and based on the work we have completed to date, we have accumulated over 400 man hours over the 6 Service Programs. Our council is dedicated to working as a team when any event or request is put forth for volunteers. I never have to ask twice of my brothers to help me and our council to show why we are Catholic men.

Fraternally,

Joseph Liposky, GK #12434

### **St. Jude Council #13599**



Brothers,

The supreme Knight has accepted the resignation of our Worthy financial Secretary, Brother David Beachboard with regrets and the process is in motion to approve the appointment of Brother Mike Tierney to take his place.

The installation of officers will take place after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, 30 July. We will have an Honor Guard presence and will serve light refreshments in the Activity Center after the installation. A Corporate Communion will also take place at this Mass.

Other activities: I attended the State Organizational Meeting at Newport News; council members assisted in the installation of a donated organ in the choir area of the church; and St. Jude Council will join the Fredericksburg Council #4034 in selling Christmas trees. We obtained authorization from the Parish Administrator to sell Christmas trees at the church location provided we do not take up limited parking space.

Roman Marciniak, GK #13599



## *Honor America Corps*



The Honor America Corps sailed past Independence Day with three successful parades -- Lake of the Woods, Dale City, and Culpeper. We were awarded the second place trophy for marching units at LOW. Our photo made the front page (above the fold) in the Culpeper Times. In addition to our sound truck and our banner, we carried 32 flags in the Culpeper parade -- a great turnout.

One event left in these dog days of summer is the Brandy Station parade on 28 July 2011. Our numbers will be small because of the day of the week and the time of day, but the quality of our unit's performance will not be diminished.

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As we begin a new fraternal year the HAC is in urgent need of two Knights to fill vacancies that exist in our leadership. A deputy commander and director for operations positions have been unfilled for a long time. This past month with three parades in the same weekend is a good example why these offices need to be filled. If you are a member of the HAC please consider stepping up to hold an office. You will find that this function will be most rewarding in helping to carry out the mission of our Corps.

For further information on the HAC please contact the Commander, Frank Connors at 540 786-3177 or [fsconors@aol.com](mailto:fsconors@aol.com)

### **Honor America Corps Performs at Brandy Station**



Brother Knights,

Thank you to the following Knights who participated in the annual Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department parade on Thursday 28 July 2011:

1. Pete Needham, 2. Loui Stevens, 3. George Johnson, 4. Rich LaRoche, 5. Terry Lehman,
6. Jim Tetor, 7. Anthony Palladino, 8. John Buccigrossi, 9. John Haas, 10. Marcel Dionne , 11. Frank Connors,
12. Andy Taylor, 13. Jim Driscoll, 14. Scott Klose, 15. Tony Spehar, 16. Phil Ferlazzo, 17. John Schichl,
18. Philip Carr, 19. Joe Murray, 20. John Brown, 21. Pat Deighan

The Honor America Corps was number two in the parade right behind the U. S. Army Drum and Fife unit. The temperature and humidity was in the upper 90's. The heat index felt like 110 and thankfully the parade was short. In spite of the weather we proudly carried the service flags, the POW flag, and 13 of the official U. S. flags. From my vantage point our Corps looked exceptionally good. Our flags waved in a little breeze as we got moving, the flags remained straight, our intervals were good, and we were in step. We looked great as we passed the reviewing stand and our organization was well recognized.

We may have had a record turnout for this parade. Thanks once again for being there and making it all happen. A special thanks to George Johnson for his logistic support in picking up the flags, issuing them, retrieving them, and returning them to storage.

Fraternally and best regards,

Frank Connors, HAC Commander

### **Assembly #1613 Color Corps Commander**



#### **We had a Busy Month**

After a relatively quiet few months of Color Corps Activities, July was the opposite. During the month, we provided Honor Guards for four Council Officer Installations, one Council Corporate Communion, one visitation for Sir Knight Richard Marks, Jr., and funeral Masses for Sir Knight Richard Marks, Jr. and Sir Knight Paul Skolaski. My sincere thanks for professional performances by all of these Sir Knights: Bishop Keating Council Officer Installation- Ron Drew, Peter Needham, Paul Barnette, Jack Grey, and David Corey; Battlefield Council Officer Installation-Angelo Laviano, David Corey, David Chichester, Claude St. Dennis, Bob Wheatley, Rich LaRoche, and John Purificato; Fredericksburg Council Officer Installation-Ray Beaver, Rich LaRoche, Joe McEuen, and Mark Sewell; Sir Knight Richard Marks, Jr. Visitation-Rich LaRoche, Wayne Cushing, John Trammell, Mark Janda, Jack Grey, Bob Jankovits, Warren Kimmerly, Jack Rosner, and Loui Stevens. Those supporting the Marks and Skolaski Funeral Masses will be listed in our next issue.

In addition, Sir Knight Joe McEuen completed the Color Corps Certification, and Sir Knight Loui Stevens completed both the Color Corps Certification and the Color Corps Commanders Certification. More on certifications below.

## Upcoming Events

Currently, we have two events on our calendar for August- an Honor Guard for the Assembly's Corporate Communion at the 8:30 Mass on August 7, and the Assembly's Officer Installation on August 17. Please note the Virginia's District Master Isaias "Cy" Alba will conduct the installation.

## Confirmations

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Oct 1, 2011	11:00 AM	Confirmation with Bishop Loverde	St. Matthews Church
Oct 13, 2011	07:30 PM	Confirmation with Bishop Loverde	St. Patrick Church
Oct 14, 2011	07:30 PM	Confirmation with Bishop Loverde	St. Patrick Church
Oct 22, 2011	10:00 AM	Confirmation with Bishop Loverde	St. Patrick Church
Oct 22, 2011	01:30 PM	Confirmation with Bishop Loverde	St. Patrick Church
Nov 5, 2011	02:00 PM	Confirmation with Archbishop Broglio	St. Jude Church

## Color Certifications

Certification in Color Corps procedures, practices, and uniform is being encouraged for all Sir Knights who participate, or those who plan to participate in the various Color Corps activities, including Honor Guards, Color Guards, parades, and others. One of District Master Alba's thrusts is for Virginia to continue to have outstanding Color Corps. To achieve this, consistency in appearance, and performance of activities is stressed. We all know that a new Color Corps Drill Manual was issued in 2008. Conformance with the manual through a knowledge and understanding of its contents and of Virginia District's best practices forms a foundation for this consistency. I encourage all who participate in Color Corps events to consider taking one of these certification sessions. Currently, three are scheduled in the near future- August 6, Richmond Assembly; August 20, Father McGivney Assembly in Virginia Beach and November 19, Kelley Assembly, Woodbridge/Lake Ridge. There will likely be others scheduled in the future.

David Case, SK, Commander

## *Columbian Squires and Squire Roses*



As we start the new fraternal year, please think about starting a Squires and or a Squire Rose Circle in your Council. Over the last year or two I've had several inquiries, but no one has taken the step. Let me assure you it is a very rewarding opportunity. It is amazing to watch these young men and women mature and develop leadership skills – all while strengthening their Catholic faith. We normally meet the second Sunday of each month, come and see what we are about.

Last year our Squires Circle earned both the Corps D'Elite and the Brother Barnabas award. I'm really excited about the Brother Barnabas award as it is only awarded to 25 circles worldwide. The Squire Roses also earned several awards at our State Convention. There isn't a national program – yet, but as Squire Rose Circles increase in numbers, I think that is a real possibility.

We are starting off the fraternal year with a celebration in honor of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of all priests. There will be a Novena and Rosary Thursday, August 4 at 7:30pm in St. Mary's Church in Fredericksburg. We will then move to the Parish Life Center for some light refreshments and social time. We've invited all the Squire and Squire Rose Circles in Virginia to participate. Come join us, bring any young men and women who might be interested in learning about the Squires and Squire Roses.

Please contact me if I can answer any questions or help you start a circle.

Gregory Komp, Chief Counselor

Esto Dignus – Be Worthy



## St. John Vianney *August 4 (1786-1859)*



A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies.

His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained.

Situations calling for “impossible” deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep. (Some devils can only be cast out by prayer and fasting.)

With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day.

Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. Even the few hours he would allow himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil.

Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever-increasing strength? In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide.

**Quote:**

Recommending liturgical prayer, John Vianney would say, “Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that.”

PATRON SAINT OF: Parish Priests

**Closing Comment**

As I do each month, once again, Worthy Grand Knights, I welcome your inputs, comments and suggestions. The *District 11 Talking Points* contain a lot of information that may be suitable for inclusion in your newsletters or other means by which you disseminate information to your membership. Be sure all officers and activity directors/chairmen receive a copy.

Fraternally,

Loui Stevens  
District Deputy #11

*Pray the Rosary!*



State Deputy Ronald P. “Ron” Gorman at Council #4034 Installation of Officers – 23 Jul 2011



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